

Depoe Bay Budget Committee
April 30, 2002 - 7:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: J. Steen, P. Taunton, B. Silver, A. Brown, J. Brown, M. Laverty, P. Ellis,
L. Crom, D. Dunne, B. Spores, T. Wells, D. Johnson

ABSENT: S. Scorpio

STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Field Superintendent T. Owings, Recording
Secretary S. Fox

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Steen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and established a quorum.

II. NOMINATIONS FOR AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Motion: Laverty moved to nominate Dick Johnson as Chairperson. Spores seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed.

Ayes: Steen, Silver, Ellis, Crom, Dunne, Spores, Taunton, Wells, A. Brown,
J. Brown, Laverty

Abstain: Johnson

Johnson accepted the gavel and took control of the meeting.

III. READING OF BUDGET MESSAGE BY BUDGET OFFICER

Murray read the City of Depoe Bay Budget Message for fiscal year 2002-2003 (copy attached to original of these minutes).

IV. PRESENTATIONS: REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Copies of the various programs requesting funding are attached to the original of these minutes.

New Life Family Health and Birth Center: Lisa Morrigan said this organization is a 501(c)(3) that opened in July, 2000, serving all of Lincoln County. Their focus is on serving all stages of life, with an emphasis on nutrition. Last year the clinic performed 840 visits, 96 of which were free. They have 22-25 Depoe Bay patients. The doctor does not refuse care to anyone, and operates on a donation basis (there is no sliding scale). They requested funding in the amount of \$1,000.

Olalla Center for Children and Families: Executive Director Roger Adams said the center opened in 1978. They work with emotionally disturbed children ages 5-13, providing alternative psychiatric treatments for kids who would otherwise go into a State hospital or other more

restrictive environment. They work in partnership with Lincoln County School District. They requested funding in the amount of \$600.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program): Director Mike O'Donnell said this organization works with people aged 55 and over. They help with Medicare questions, and have a program which brings durable medical equipment into low-income homes free of charge. They have county-wide volunteers. They report volunteer hours to the Federal government, which partially funds the organization. Other funds are raised locally. They requested funding in the amount of \$700.

Lincoln County Dispute Resolution: Program Director Valerie Payne said this organization started in 1997. One of their programs is Neighbor-to-Neighbor, which provides a way for neighbors to resolve conflicts (e.g., barking dogs, loud music) before they become a problem. Three schools have implemented a peer mitigation program, where children having problems on the playground can get assistance in resolving the problem through peer review. Their Family Youth Program assists with resolving family issues, utilizing a young person as one of the mediators. Their Victim/Offender Reconciliation Program primarily works with juvenile offenders, having the offender make some form of restitution to the victim, sometimes through unusual means. The organization requests a \$20 donation from both sides of a conflict, but they don't refuse assistance to anyone. They requested funding in the amount of \$600.

Fleet of Flowers: Peggy Leoni said the first Fleet of Flowers was held in 1936. The organization is totally volunteer run. They rely on donations and one annual fundraiser, but are trying to establish permanent funding. They requested funding in the amount of \$1,000.

Samaritan House: Bridget Dicks said Samaritan House is the only shelter for homeless families in Lincoln County. They are in the process of getting a larger facility in Newport. They also have transitional housing services, teaching people how to be good tenants and providing a guarantee to this effect to landlords. They requested funding in the amount of \$600.

Senior Companions: Director Marcie Berry said this program operates in the tri-county area, helping keep seniors out of nursing facilities. Volunteers must be at least 60 years old. They requested funding in the amount of \$800.

Neighbors Against Drugs: Jack Brown said the KidZone is an after-school activity offering services ranging from babysitting to tutoring, and is open five days per week during the school year. Rowing Club activities range from boat building to teaching children CPR. They requested funding in the amount of \$500 for the Rowing Club and \$500 for KidZone.

Requests for funding were also received from Senior Meals (\$100) and Contact Services (\$2,500). Murray read a letter from the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce (received just before the meeting), who requested 2% of room tax collections.

V. STATE REVENUE SHARE FUNDING

Murray explained that the committee must discuss whether or not the City wishes to participate in the revenue sharing from the State. This funding comes from cigarette, liquor, and gasoline taxes. If the funds are to be designated to specific programs, now is the time to do so. Historically they have gone to the General Fund.

Motion: Spores moved to accept the cigarette, liquor, and gasoline tax funding. Lavery seconded the motion.

Johnson said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion passed.

Ayes: Johnson, Silver, Ellis, Crom, Dunne, Spores, Taunton, Wells, A. Brown, J. Brown, Lavery, Steen

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD/PUBLIC INPUT

Silver suggested reviewing the General Fund last, since changes to other funds will affect this fund. Johnson noted that our auditor, Signe Grimstad, said we had too many funds and asked if some should be combined or deleted. Murray described different reserve funds and how they work, saying some could be combined. After some discussion, Dunne asked Murray if she would find it easier if some of the funds combined. She had no preference, but said she would be interested to know if money could be saved during the annual audit if funds were combined. Johnson moved forward with the meeting, charging Murray with identifying those funds which might be combined, as they are discussed.

Transient Room Tax Fund (Page 4)

Murray said this fund is to record room tax revenues. All monies are budgeted to be transferred into the General Fund. The budgeted amount of Line 4 (Room Tax To Be Received) is based on the projected amount of room tax to be received this fiscal year.

Parks & Buildings Fund (Pages 5, 6, 7)

Murray said Page 5 is the revenues for this fund. This year's proposed transfer from the General Fund is \$60,000. Alice Brown asked if other sources of funding have been looked at for the Whale Park Improvements Project. Murray responded that she and Owings met with funding agencies a week ago, and that nothing is available at this time. Johnson asked if the ADA project can be completed without grant funding, and Murray responded that the project is contingent on the grant funding. Spores asked why the Park Building Lease never changes; Murray responded that the proposed budget reflects the base rent for year four of a five-year lease. Alice Brown recommended increasing the amount of transfer from the General Fund to cover possible costs of completing the Whale Park Improvements Project. It was decided to increase the amount of the transfer (Page 5, Line 13) from \$60,000 to \$68,000; also reflected on Page 6, Line 1 of Capital Outlay (Park Improvements) as an increase from \$82,000 to \$90,000. Johnson asked why the proposed budget for Buildings Maintenance (Page 7, Line 4) dropped from \$11,500 to \$7,500; Murray responded that the coming year's focus will be more on capital outlay projects than maintenance items. Spores asked about Memorial Wall Maintenance (Page 7, Line 6); Murray responded that the proposed amount of \$4,000 is to restore the wall in its current location, once the plaques are removed. Johnson asked if the

reserve funds on Pages 8 & 9 (Parks Capital Improvement and City Hall Restoration) could be folded into line items. Murray said the Parks Capital Improvement Reserve Fund should remain intact, because the fund revenues will be Parks System Development Charges (SDC), which are specifically regulated by statute. She said the City Hall Restoration Reserve Fund could be dissolved and an expense line item added to the Parks & Buildings Fund. Ellis expressed concern that if this fund was dissolved, it would be possible to lose the money to another project. In response to a question from Dunne, Murray explained the procedure for dissolving a fund.

Motion: Ellis moved to leave the City Hall Restoration Reserve Fund in place. Wells seconded the motion.

Johnson said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion passed

Ayes: Johnson, Silver, Ellis, Crom, Dunne, Spores, Taunton, Wells, A. Brown, J. Brown, Lavery, Steen

VII. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2002 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

VIII. RECESS

The meeting was recessed until the next meeting, at 8:58 PM.

John Steen, Mayor

Silver Fox, Recording Secretary