

Depoe Bay City Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 3, 2002 - 7:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor J. Steen, S. Scorpio, P. Taunton, B. Silver, A. Brown, J. Brown,
M. Lavery

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Steen called for all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steen called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 PM. Lavery introduced the new fire chief, Ron Smith, who invited all to attend the upcoming fire board meeting on Tuesday night. They will be discussing Depoe Bay's ambulance service.

III. APPROVE MINUTES: December 13, 2001 Special Meeting/Public Hearing
December 18, 2001 Regular and Executive Meeting

Motion 1: A. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2001 Special Meeting/
Public Hearing as written. Scorpio seconded the motion.

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

Vote: Motion 1 passed.

Ayes: Scorpio, Silver, Steen, A. Brown, J. Brown, Lavery

Abstain: Taunton

Motion 2: Scorpio moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2001 Regular Meeting
as written. A. Brown seconded the motion.

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

Vote: Motion 2 passed.

Ayes: Scorpio, Taunton, Silver, Steen, A. Brown, J. Brown, Lavery

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview Applicants for City Commissions and Committees

1) Harbor Commission

a) Position #3, a four-year term (Jan 2002 - Dec 2005)

One application was received from Lars Robison (renewal), who was not present for an interview, due to illness.

b) Position #4, a four-year term (1/02 - 12/05)

One application was received from expiring member Alan Vanderford, who was present and was interviewed by the Council.

2) Parks Commission

a) Position #1, a two-year term (1/02 - 12/03)

No applications were received.

b) Position #2, a two-year term (1/02 - 12/03)

No applications were received.

c) Position #5, a two-year term (1/02 - 12/03)

No applications were received.

3) Planning Commission

a) Position #2, a four-year term (1/02 - 12/05)

Applications were received from G.K. "Bud" Romans (renewal) and Herbert Baum, who were both present and were interviewed by the Council.

b) Position #6, a four-year term (1/02 - 1/05)

Applications were received from Betty Taunton (renewal) and Herbert Baum, who were both present. Taunton was interviewed by the Council; Baum did not re-interview.

c) Position #7, a four-year term (1/02 - 12/05)

Applications were received from Richard Johnson and Herbert Baum, who were both present. Johnson was interviewed by the Council; Baum did not re-interview.

4) Salmon Enhancement Commission

a) Position #3, a four-year term (1/02 - 12/05)

One application was received from Joe Boyette (renewal), who was not present for an interview

b) Position #5, a four-year term (1/02 - 12/05)

One application was received from Gary Walls (renewal), who was present and was interviewed by the Council.

5) Traffic Safety Commission

a) Position #2, a two-year term (1/02 - 12/03)

No applications were received.

b) Position #4, a two-year term (1/02 - 12/03)

No applications were received.

6) Depoe Bay Economic Development Committee

a) Public Representative - Resident

One application was received from Rick Davilla, who was present and was interviewed by the Council.

b) Planning Commission Representative

Dick Johnson has been selected by the Planning Commission as its representative. He was present, and spoke briefly with the Council.

c) Harbor Commission Representative

Lars Robison was selected by the Harbor Commission as its representative.

d) Chamber of Commerce Representatives (2)

Peggy Leoni reported that she and Bill Spores have been appointed as the Chamber of Commerce Representatives.

e) City Council Representatives (2)

Mayor Steen appointed Scorpio & A. Brown as the City Council representatives.

B. Harbor Commission Recommendation: Restroom Lease Renewal Option
Motion 3: J. Brown moved to renew the restroom lease with the Robison brothers. Scorpio seconded the motion.

Steen said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. A. Brown asked if there was any financial change in the agreement. J. Brown responded that the lease remains the same. Silver asked if replacement of the stall dividers is included in the lease agreement. Murray said they are not, and if the City were to vacate, we would be required to leave the restrooms in "like new" condition. Silver suggested including new stall dividers in the upcoming budget.

Vote: Motion 3 passed.

Ayes: Scorpio, Taunton, Silver, Steen, A. Brown, J. Brown, Laverty

C. Ambulance Service in Depoe Bay

Laverty said PacWest has been servicing Depoe Bay for the past five years, and their contract is coming up for renewal. North Lincoln Fire has decided to bid on the contract, and in so doing, have different prospects for service for Depoe Bay. Information has been provided to the Council. The legal representative in charge of this suggests that the City insist that public hearings occur here, to keep the public informed about possible changes. If the area of service changes, Depoe Bay would be served out of Newport or Taft. Development of the new program will begin at the end of this month, and final assignment will be made in November, 2002, with service under the new contract to begin in January, 2003. This will be discussed further at the fire board meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 PM.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Alarm Systems - City Buildings

Owings requested to postpone implementing a system at this time. He is looking at different options before making a decision on how to proceed.

B. Media Comments on Text Amendments

A. Brown expressed concern about inaccurate reporting on the Text Amendments. She specifically mentioned The Beacon. She read five relevant "facts" (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Arnold of Little Whale Cove thanked the community for their help in the toy crusade. Little miracles happened because of their generosity.

Bud Romans 405 Coast, expressed positive feelings about the beginning of a new year. He is hopeful the new Economic Development Committee will be able to work toward getting the City a tax base, and improving the parking situation - two things he has been working toward for many years.

Peggy Leoni Chamber of Commerce, requested the Council pass a Resolution stating the City supports having an ambulance based within City limits.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Murray said there was one item of correspondence received from Betty Drewes (copy attached to original of these minutes). Copies were distributed to Councilors and Planning Commissioners.

VIII. LIAISON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Silver reported that the Parks Commission will meet January 8 at 5:30 PM.

A. Brown reported that the Planning Commission met December 19. Applicant Sean Lee received final approval for his building permit. VoiceStream Wireless received final approval on their conditional use permit for antennas on the Crown Pacific Inn. Chairman Dick Johnson was selected as the Planning Commission representative for the Economic Development Committee. The Planner's Report included discussion on an upcoming application for a Text Amendment hearing for limited use overlay zone specific to tourist accommodations. They will conduct a workshop meeting on January 23.

J. Brown reported that the Harbor Commission met in December. Fred Robison was voted Vice President. Lars Robison was selected as the Economic Development Committee representative. The Commission would like to provide input to Owings on the selection of the new Harbormaster. Owings said the hiring process belongs to the Superintendent, but he is open to listening to their concerns, feelings, and recommendations. It was noted that there are confidentiality issues with sharing applications and resumes. Murray will consult the City Attorney regarding what information can be shared.

Lavery reported that the Traffic Safety Commission will meet January 8 at 4 PM.

Scorpio reported there will be a Town Hall meeting on January 28 at 7 PM. The theme of the meeting will be "reaching out". There hasn't been a Town Hall meeting since October, and she felt strongly that there should be one at least every other month. She feels this town is starving for communication, and thinks Town Hall meetings are a good setting to talk about issues that affect residents, including property rights, land, animals, etc. She said City Council meetings are for business, but Town Hall meetings are for the people. She encouraged everyone to come to these meetings, saying attendance has been very poor. Anyone, with any topic, is welcome.

Taunton reported that the Salmon Enhancement Commission met last night. They received 20,000 eggs in December. Most of these have already hatched.

IX. CITY STAFF REPORT

Murray had a procedural question regarding preparing the ballots for the next meeting. She asked if all applicants should be listed, or only those who interviewed. A. Brown responded that the names of applicants who did not interview should not appear on a ballot until after they have interviewed, and they can interview at the next Council meeting.

Owings reported that 1) Seven requests for proposal (RFPs) went out for the gangways. He has already had two responses. The RFPs are due January 31, and he will bring responses to the Council on February 5 for selection. The City has grant money set aside for the four new gangways, to be located between the sea wall and the dock area. He hopes to have them in by summer. 2) The tsunami maps are here. We received about 1,000. They were done by the Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries. He reviewed the contents of the maps, which will be available at City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, the post office, and the fire department. He will acquire a CD with the map program on it, and when the maps run out, he will get quotes for cost of reprints at that time. 3) One of the two wastewater plant pumps is down. A technician from Cutler-Hammer came down to identify the problem, which turned out to be one of the starters. A replacement has to come from back east, and right now they're snowed in. 4) A wastewater operator left for other employment, and he has moved a good City employee into the vacant position. 5) The entrance to the wastewater plant is not large enough to accommodate the sludge trucks that come one-two times per year. Owings has moved the telephone pedestal into a vault, and is trying to get the power pole moved, to create sufficient space. 6) Ground-breaking for the gazebo has begun. Rick Davilla said the forms were set up today, and they're hoping to have a dry day to pour next week.

X. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion 4: Scorpio moved to approve Accounts Payable as presented. Silver seconded the motion.

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

Vote: Motion 4 passed.

Ayes: Scorpio, Taunton, Silver, Steen, A. Brown, J. Brown, Laverty

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Brown displayed a city directory from the City of Sherwood. She said such a directory could be very useful, and could include many types of information, such as mailing addresses, maps, events, Chamber of Commerce members, etc. She would like to see Depoe Bay develop something like this.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Mayor John Steen

Silver Fox, Recording Secretary