

1 Depoe Bay City Council  
2 Workshop Meeting  
3 Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - 6:00 PM  
4 Depoe Bay City Hall

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6 PRESENT: Mayor A.J. Mattila, B. Leff, S. Hoitink, S. Olsen, D. Goddard, R. Gambino

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8 ABSENT: B. Berry

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10 STAFF: City Field Supervisor B. Weidner, Recording Secretary E. LuMaye

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13 I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

14 Mayor Mattila called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:00 PM.

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16 II. WAVEDIVISION HOLDINGS, LLC – Franchise Renewal

17 Councilor Olsen said the Council is looking for questions to give to the attorney before the contract  
18 is renewed. Councilor Leff said public input was desired. Audience member Jim Hayes wants to see  
19 all the [TV] channels he pays for. He said local channels, mostly Channel 2, often go off for 30  
20 seconds to five minutes. Weidner said Wave is transitioning to a digital signal out of Woodburn by  
21 the end of this month, and those problems should go away. Cable TV is available at City Hall; it is  
22 present for emergency use but has not been used to date. The water and sewer treatment plants  
23 have DSL internet and phone service; Olsen said the plants should have cable as well. Weidner said  
24 a land line needs to be maintained at the plants for the auto-dialer alarm system. Hoitink said  
25 everybody in Stonebridge uses DirecTV or Dish and he didn't believe cable was available; Weidner  
26 will contact the Stonebridge developer to find out if that infrastructure is in place. Olsen wants  
27 everybody in the community to get a strand of fiber. Olsen preferred to see [overhead] cleanup  
28 and higher technology over higher franchise fees. There was discussion about asking for a 7%  
29 franchise fee; Olsen said CoastCom rejected that twice. Unidentified speaker #1 in the audience  
30 who lives just down the street outside City limits, referred to the Quiet Act of 1972 and said that he  
31 has had ruined speakers in two TVs due to high volume during commercials, and wants the Quiet  
32 Act enforced. Leff said that is an issue with Dish also. Weidner said having access to Channel 4  
33 would be desirable for getting information out to the public. Gambino said access to Channel 4 is  
34 guaranteed in the existing contract. Unidentified speaker #2 in audience said Channel 4 would be  
35 important to Neighbors For Kids for public access, security, and public education, and they want  
36 the kids to get full exposure to technology's evolution. Gambino said WorldMark used to instruct  
37 their staff to turn the channels in the room to Channel 4, but when Wave took over the local access  
38 programming stopped. Olsen said we don't know how to operate Channel 4, but if and when we  
39 decide to use it, it won't cost the City any money. There was brief discussion about how long  
40 franchise agreements should last. Unidentified speaker #1 was interested in seeing competition for  
41 Wave; Olsen talked about "last mile" and said there wouldn't be any competition. It was noted that  
42 the contract is non-exclusive and another company could put in a wireless infrastructure and  
43 compete against Wave.

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45 Specific questions to be passed to the attorney were:

- 46 ● When will true digital boxes be coming?
- 47 ● All franchises should be required to clean up their overhead and remove anything not being used.  
48 (This requirement exists in the current Wave agreement.)
- 49 ● All franchise fees should be consistent throughout all providers.
- 50 ● Are current franchise fees in line?
- 51 ● Ensure length of contract is consistent with CoastCom.
- 52 ● When is VoIP coming?
- 53 ● When is the transition from analog to digital?
- 54 ● Is Wave going to be involved with wireless?

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1 XIII. ADJOURN

2 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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A.J. Mattila, Mayor

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13 Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary