

1 Depoe Bay City Council  
2 Regular Meeting  
3 Tuesday, October 15, 2013 - 7:00 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

14 Mayor Mattila called for all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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16 II. CALL TO ORDER

17 Mayor Mattila called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 PM.  
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19 III. APPROVE MINUTES: October 1, 2013 Regular Meeting  
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21 Motion 1: Goddard moved to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2013 Regular Meeting as  
22 written. Leff seconded the motion.  
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24 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion.  
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26 Vote: Motion 1 passed.

27 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino  
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29 IV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
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31 Motion 2: Hoitink moved to approve the Accounts Payable as submitted. Olsen seconded the  
32 motion.  
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34 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.  
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36 Vote: Motion 2 passed.

37 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino  
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39 V. SPECIAL ORDERS

40 There were no special orders.  
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42 VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, OR STANDING COMMITTEES

43 A. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

- 44 • Photo Sitting with Professional Santa Claus  
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46 Noelie Achen, 525 Lange, asked the City to contribute to or sponsor a "Santa photo shoot" event at  
47 the Neighbors For Kids (NFK) building. NFK will host the event, with their insurance covering  
48 volunteers. A budget of \$700 would cover food, decorations, and advertising. They have found a  
49 volunteer Santa with a costume. The event would be held from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Friday evening  
50 December 13, and 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday December 14. It was noted that "Santa events" were  
51 done by the Chamber of Commerce in years past. A Councilor said she didn't feel this was an  
52 economic development activity. Lengthy discussion followed. Mayor Mattila wanted to see local  
53 advertising for this event. Ms. Achen said last year she waited in a line with her kids for three  
54 hours, and wanted this event to provide people with a Santa that was more accessible. Councilors  
55 questioned whether there was money in the budget for this; LuMaye reviewed potential budget

1 monies from the General Fund and possibly from the Transient Room Tax fund. (Copy of Ms.  
2 Achen's memo to the Council dated 10/14/13 attached to original of these minutes.)  
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4 Motion 3: Leff moved to approve the event in principle with a budget not to exceed \$700, but not  
5 to give a specific amount until we see a specific budget. Olsen seconded the motion.  
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7 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.  
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9 Vote: Motion 3 passed.

10 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Gambino

11 Noes: Goddard  
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13 Goddard said she wasn't against Santa, but she has a problem with the idea of economic  
14 development doing events.  
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16 • Draft City Survey

17 Gambino said previous surveys had been reviewed by the committee, and a new survey was  
18 developed (copy of draft survey attached to original of these minutes). A Councilor suggested  
19 putting this item on the next agenda; another Councilor wanted the Council to complete the survey  
20 and review the results before distributing the survey. It was the consensus of the Council that  
21 Councilors complete the survey and return to Staff within a week; Staff was directed to tally the  
22 results for presentation at the next meeting.  
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24 VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

25 Jim Hayes, 30 SW Heiberg, encouraged the Council to renew its contract with the Chamber of  
26 Commerce. He noted the number of out-of-state license plates he sees around town, and said the  
27 Chamber's advertising is extremely successful.  
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29 Fred Robison, 715 Coast, spoke of his long residency in Depoe Bay, and said that the City providing  
30 money for the Chamber's services is worthwhile.  
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32 John O'Brien, 270 Bensell, spoke to the City supporting the Chamber. He said the drivers who bring  
33 busloads of people in from the valley for the Crab Feed and the Salmon Bake told him the lists get  
34 filled up within 24 hours of posting, and that a lot of those visitors shop in town while they are  
35 here. He said the Chamber brings those people in, and asked the Council to renew the contract.  
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37 Bill Spores, 362 Hwy 101, said the Chamber set up a community fund a few years ago. Proceeds  
38 from the Salmon Bakes (both local and outside Depoe Bay) go into this fund, which has been used  
39 for things like contributing to the costs of paving next to City Park, building the City Park gazebo,  
40 nature trail development, memorial benches, tables and chairs for the Community Hall, the Kids  
41 Zone, rehab for an injured local youth, and the Fleet of Flowers. He said many of these things  
42 would have had funding coming from the City had the Chamber not contributed toward them.  
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44 Peggy Leoni, 355 SW Hwy 101, said she volunteered at the Chamber when she moved here in  
45 1999, and recently resigned as Treasurer. She said the contract for advertising is a contract for  
46 advertising, and the Chamber has done a good job [of advertising]. She encouraged the Council to  
47 continue the contract. She also addressed recent "Chamber bashing", admonishing people to keep  
48 their mouth shut if they're not going to support the Chamber by joining. She said the Chamber  
49 needs more people, and fresh ideas. She encouraged participation instead of griping, and said  
50 anyone who feels the Chamber isn't doing a good job should join and make their wishes known.  
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52 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

53 A. Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce – Contract Renewal

54 Mayor Mattila asked if anyone had any conflict of interest to declare. Goddard said she had conflict,  
55 potential and real. She has recently been appointed Vice Chair of the Chamber, and also owns the

1 building the Chamber resides in. Hoitink said he volunteers at the Chamber. LuMaye read a letter  
2 from Chamber President Carol Connors (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record.  
3 A Councilor asked a question about the spreadsheet in the info packet (copy attached to original of  
4 these minutes) provided to the Council; a Councilor suggested one of the Chamber members  
5 present come up to answer questions. A Chamber member who did not identify himself came to  
6 the podium; he was not able to definitively answer the questions posed, but reviewed the "quick  
7 report" spreadsheet, noting that the contract amount covers about 50% of the Chamber's  
8 advertising expenses.

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10 Motion 4: Olsen moved to approve funding for the Chamber of Commerce advertising contract.  
11 Gambino seconded the motion.

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13 Amendment: Olsen added a caveat to the motion, that each year the Chamber present the Council  
14 with what they are doing, just like was done today. Gambino seconded the amendment.

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16 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. The Chamber  
17 representative said the caveat might involve renegotiating the contract. Mayor Mattila commented  
18 that the contract renewal wouldn't have been an issue if notice hadn't gone out that the Salmon  
19 Bake was cancelled; he was happy that it took place, and that it was very well done.

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21 Vote: Motion 4, as amended, passed.  
22 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Gambino  
23 Abstain: Goddard

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25 Goddard invited anyone to come to the Chamber office at any time. Gambino thanked the public  
26 for coming and providing their input on this matter.

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28 B. Video Recording Council Meetings  
29 Councilor Berry's report was postponed to the next meeting.

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31 IX. NEW BUSINESS

32 A. Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Fund – Grant Opportunity  
33 LuMaye reported that previous grant monies awarded have been used for harbor projects such as  
34 pedestals, pilings, and finger piers, and that the application deadline is November 1 (copy of grant  
35 opportunity notice attached to original of these minutes). Weidner reviewed Priority Improvements  
36 to Infrastructure Deficiencies (copy attached to original of these minutes) as potential projects for  
37 this grant opportunity. There was brief discussion on how projects are identified.

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39 Motion 5: Gambino moved to move ahead with Staff and Weidner (if that's necessary), or whoever  
40 needs to be involved, to write a grant application and apply for \$15,000 for the Economic  
41 Development grant. Hoitink seconded the motion.

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43 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

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45 Vote: Motion 5 passed.  
46 Ayes: Hoitink, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino  
47 Noes: Leff, Olsen

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49 X. CORRESPONDENCE

50 There was no correspondence.

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52 XI. CITY STAFF REPORT

53 Weidner reported 1) The Cliff Street water main replacement is almost installed. The job went  
54 smoothly until a contractor opened a valve which affected water quality to a portion of the city.

1 2) He got three bids on a new fleet truck. He inquired about electric trucks as directed, and found  
2 base models (15 horsepower) cost around \$28,000. Electric trucks are typically used for things like  
3 reading meters. He requested authorization to purchase the truck from low bidder Power Ford at  
4 \$18,158.

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6 Motion 6: Leff moved to authorize Staff to purchase a truck from Power Ford in Newport for an  
7 amount not to exceed \$18,158. Gambino seconded the motion.

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9 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

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11 Vote: Motion 6 passed.

12 Ayes: Leff, Hoitink, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino  
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14 Councilor Olsen directed Weidner to come up with a Rough Order of Magnitude for taking care of  
15 the sewer pressure between the Vista lift station and the manhole gravity fall. A Councilor advised  
16 that the Wastewater Master Plan contains a lot of information on this subject, and encouraged new  
17 Councilors to review it.

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19 Weidner continued his report: 3) the City received a Safety award from CIS Insurance Services;  
20 the award was presented at the League of Oregon Cities conference.

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22 XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

23 Leff 1) Congratulations to the Chamber. They provided a great report. She knows they do good  
24 work through the ups and downs. 2) She commended the EDC for a strong start, and suggested  
25 they interact with the Chamber because the Chamber has a way of doing events and there's a  
26 helpful infrastructure there.

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28 Olsen mirrored Leff's comments: 1) He was relieved and ecstatic the Chamber's thinking about  
29 things now. 2) The EDC has a good start. He reminded them we want to improve infrastructure and  
30 provision of services, and without a [property] tax base we have to be creative to get heads in  
31 beds.

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33 Mayor Mattila was impressed with the Chamber's pamphlet and wants to see their continued  
34 success in years to come.

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36 XIII. ADJOURN

37 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.  
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44 A.J. Mattila, Mayor

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48 Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary