

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Regular Meeting
3 Tuesday, January 7, 2014 - 7:00 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall

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

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8 STAFF: City Superintendent B. Weidner, Recording Secretary E. LuMaye

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10 I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

11 Mayor Mattila called for all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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13 II. CALL TO ORDER

14 Mayor Mattila called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 PM. He said there was an
15 addendum to the meeting, and read his memo to the Council dated 1/7/14 (copy attached to original
16 of these minutes) into the record. Councilor Hoytink asked if he could say something. Mayor Mattila
17 said the motion should be made first.

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19 Motion 1: Olsen moved that the Council find Councilor Hoytink does not possess the qualifications
20 required by the City Charter to hold the office of City Councilor. Therefore, we ask for and expect his
21 immediate resignation. Gambino seconded the motion.

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23 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Hoytink said he didn't think
24 he had done anything wrong and he is certainly qualified to carry out his duties as a Councilman. He
25 said he is temporarily living out of town and could be back if something decent comes along in Depoe
26 Bay. He said he's gone south for the winter. He is a registered voter in Depoe Bay, has a mailing
27 address in Depoe Bay, is a Depoe Bay property owner, and his driver's license shows a Depoe Bay
28 address. He said the City Charter does not say he has to live here to carry out his duties. He said the
29 only committee he can't be on is the Budget Committee because it's a State law that you have to
30 reside in the town, but there are plenty of people in the City to run it. Leff said she knew of a place in
31 Depoe Bay; he said he would look into it. Goddard said Hoytink has and always has had a legal resi-
32 dence in Depoe Bay, and she did not believe he should be kicked off the Council. Leff clarified with
33 Hoytink that he owns a home in Depoe Bay, his driver's license has a Depoe Bay address, and most of
34 his bills get sent to Depoe Bay. She didn't see for someone who has been as committed to this commu-
35 nity as Hoytink has, that this is an appropriate action. She thought he should be given a chance to find a
36 place in town, which he tried to do before, but couldn't find one. She asked if the City Attorney had
37 been asked whether, given that legally Hoytink still has all these proofs of Depoe Bay residence, if what
38 we're doing is even legal, or if what's being suggested is legal. Mayor Mattila said the attorney was
39 supposed to come back with an opinion, and so far hasn't done that. Goddard challenged Olsen after
40 he spoke while Mayor Mattila was speaking, by asking who was running the meeting. Mayor Mattila
41 recounted the initial verbal exchanges between himself and Hoytink regarding where Hoytink is living,
42 including Hoytink's inability to locate a suitable residence in Depoe Bay, and said this is contrary to the
43 City Charter. Hoytink said he didn't see that in the City Charter. Mayor Mattila said he informed Hoytink
44 he was in violation of the City Charter if only to save him the embarrassment of going through what
45 we're going through now. Hoytink said it didn't bother him; Mayor Mattila said it did bother him and
46 makes him sick to his stomach. Leff asked Mayor Mattila if it embarrasses him so much and he thinks it

1 embarrasses Hoitink, why he didn't deal with this in an executive session, because it's a personnel
2 issue; Mayor Mattila said he read nowhere in the Charter that this has to be dealt with in executive
3 session. Leff said it would have been the gracious thing to do. She said she didn't know what was legal
4 and not legal on that point; Mayor Mattila said that was enough on that point. Mayor Mattila
5 continued his recounting of conversations with Hoitink, including a statement made by Hoitink that he
6 would submit a letter of resignation by Friday (January 3), and that letter had not been forthcoming.
7 Hoitink said he changed his mind and did not intend to sign a resignation form, and would not resign,
8 and that he told Mayor Mattila the Council would have to choose whether they wanted to get rid of
9 him or not. Mayor Mattila said that's what we're here for. He said Hoitink told him he was going to
10 stop by City Hall and give his resignation, but then thought better of it because he remembered the Jim
11 White incident. Hoitink agreed this was true. Mayor Mattila said when he didn't hear from Hoitink, he
12 called Hoitink today, and Hoitink said he was going to take it to the Council, and Hoitink has his wish.
13 Gambino said Hoitink has had exemplary performance for the City, and he (Gambino) has no history as
14 a City Councilor other than this first term; however, he was concerned about precedence and that's
15 why he seconded the motion. He was concerned about following the letter of the Charter. Mayor
16 Mattila said it was in black and white in Chapter VII Section 32 of the City Charter. Hoitink asked to
17 have this read into the record; Mayor Mattila asked LuMaye to read it: *"What Creates Vacancy. An*
18 *office shall be deemed vacant upon the incumbent's death; adjudicated incompetence; conviction of a*
19 *felony, other offense pertaining to his office, or unlawful destruction of public records; resignation;*
20 *recall from office; or ceasing to possess the qualifications for the office; upon the failure of the person*
21 *elected or appointed to the office to qualify therefore within 10 days after the time for his term of office*
22 *to commence; or in the case of a mayor or councilman, upon his absence from the city for 30 days*
23 *without the consent of the council or upon his absence from meetings of the council for 60 days without*
24 *like consent, and upon a declaration by the council of the vacancy."* Hoitink said he hadn't done any of
25 that and he wasn't going to sign a resignation form because he wasn't resigning. Mayor Mattila said
26 Hoitink was obviously being deceitful during the time he was living in Newport and from what he was
27 hearing this evening, that was Hoitink's intent. Mayor Mattila said he was going to call for the vote,
28 and since the issue was about Councilor Hoitink, he was not allowed to vote. Goddard said not having
29 been given any prior notice that this was going to happen, and without having had the opportunity to
30 read the memo and study what's going on, she could tell Mayor Mattila was in a hurry to push this
31 through, but she would ask the Council to wait until the next meeting to study this and know what it is
32 that's being acted on before the Council commits a grievous error. Mayor Mattila said all she had to do
33 was read the memorandum and the City Charter chapters. He said it made no difference that she saw
34 this five minutes before the meeting started. Goddard said it did make a difference to bring something
35 before the body of the Council with no prior notice or opportunity to study what it is that was being
36 voted on. She said she had no clue if what was being done was actually legal, or was required, and
37 asked at least another session and maybe get a decision from the City Attorney. She asked how the
38 Council acts on this when the City Attorney has been contacted for advice but has not responded. She
39 said she was not comfortable voting on something they didn't have all the facts on. Olsen said:
40 "Chapter V, Section 12 of the City Charter: The City Council shall be the final judge of the qualifications
41 and election of its own members." Goddard said she still requested more time to hear from the City
42 Attorney and to be able to look at the City Charter to make up their minds whether what they're doing
43 is the proper thing to do. She said there's no life or death situation, and no reason why they should
44 have to vote on this issue at this meeting. Mayor Mattila addressed Hoitink, saying had Hoitink advised
45 him he wasn't going to sign a resignation, it may have been a different outcome than it is this evening.
46 Based on that, and based on that alone, Mayor Mattila called for the vote.

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Vote: Motion 1 passed.
Ayes: Olsen, Mattila, Gambino, Berry
Noes: Goddard
Abstain: Leff

Hoitink left the table.

III. APPROVE MINUTES: December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion 2: Olsen moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting as submitted. Gambino seconded the motion.

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

Vote: Motion 2 passed.
Ayes: Leff, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

IV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion 3: Gambino moved to approve the Accounts Payable as submitted. Gambino seconded the motion.

Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Weidner clarified the line item for Traffic Safety Supply included delinears in addition to the caution tape.

Vote: Motion 3 passed.
Ayes: Leff, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

V. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Interview/Appoint Applicants for City Commissions and Committees

It was noted that applicants Noelie Achen and Jim Hayes had submitted written notifications of their inability to attend tonight's meeting. Leff suggested that since all applicants were renewing existing appointments, the Council could forego the interviews, with permission of those applicants who were present. There was no objection. Ballots were completed and turned in. (Copy of ballots and applications attached to original of these minutes.)

Ballots were filled out, signed, and handed in. LuMaye tallied the votes (copy of ballot attached to original of these minutes) and announced the results. The vote to appoint Lars Robison to the Harbor Commission Pos. #3 was a tie vote. The vote to appoint Noelie Achen to Harbor Commission Pos. #4 was five for and one against. Parks Commission Pos. #1 applicant Jim Hayes, Pos. #2 applicant Ken White, Pos. #5 applicant Bill Spores; Planning Commission Pos. #1 applicant Roy Hageman, Pos. #4 applicant Betty Taunton, Pos. #5 applicant Jim Hayes; and Traffic Safety Commission Pos. #2 applicant John O'Brien and Pos. #4 applicant Terry Wideman all received unanimous votes to appoint. LuMaye said a motion was needed to accept the canvass of the votes and appoint the applicants to their respective positions. The results were re-stated, and it was noted a re-vote would need to be taken to

1 break the tie vote on Mr. Robison. Goddard said the one applicant for Harbor Commission Pos. #1 has
2 been on the Harbor Commission for some time, was born and raised in Depoe Bay, has given of his
3 services unselfishly in trying to maintain and better the harbor, and she didn't understand why anyone
4 would not want him on the Harbor Commission. A second round of ballots was distributed, filled out,
5 signed, and handed in. LuMaye announced results were two for and four against. Goddard asked for a
6 call of the vote, at which time a tally error was discovered: at both counts, Councilors Leff and
7 Goddard voted to appoint Mr. Robison, and Councilors Olsen, Gambino, Berry, and Mayor Mattila
8 voted against appointing Mr. Robison. LuMaye apologized for her error in tallying the votes. Goddard
9 asked if anyone wanted to go on record as to why they didn't want Mr. Robison on the Harbor
10 Commission any more. Mayor Mattila said nobody on the Council needs to be questioned on their
11 motives. Goddard noted that because Mr. Robison was voted off the Harbor Commission, it automa-
12 tically opens the position up to other applicants. Mayor Mattila said we would re-advertise the
13 position. LuMaye said a motion still needed to be made to accept the canvass of votes and appoint the
14 applicants to their respective positions.

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16 Motion 4: Leff moved to accept the canvass of votes and appoint the applicants to their respective
17 positions. Gambino seconded the motion.

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

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21 Vote: Motion 4 passed.

22 Ayes: Leff, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

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24 VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, OR STANDING COMMITTEES

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26 Olsen said Wave Cable just sent out their digital lineup and he noticed a discrepancy when he was
27 looking at it. Six weeks ago, the City sent a list to the City Attorney, of items we would like to obtain
28 through upcoming negotiations, and one of those items was Channel 4. The Wave lineup shows the
29 Home Shopping Network has been assigned to Channel 4. Olsen asked that Murray contact the
30 attorney upon her return, and see where this is at. Gambino wanted to impress upon the Council the
31 importance of obtaining a public access channel. It was noted that a public access TV channel does not
32 have to be on Channel 4.

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34 A. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Authorize Expenses

35 ● Host League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Small Cities Region 1 Quarterly Meeting

36 February 7, 2014, 11 AM – 1 PM, Neighbors For Kids (NFK) Facility, 634 SE Hwy 101

37 Gambino reviewed the proposed budget (copy attached to the original of these minutes) for the LOC
38 meeting on February 7. Leff noted the venue requirements provided by LOC included good acoustics,
39 and that the acoustics were at Neighbors For Kids are horrible. Gambino said Mayor Mattila
40 recommended NFK and the EDC accepted the recommendation. It was noted that in November 2011
41 the Council approved an expenditure of \$250 for a Depoe Bay-hosted LOC luncheon for 25-30 people
42 at the Spouting Horn, that food for a meeting at the Community Hall had been donated, and that other
43 LOC luncheons have been no-host and attendees bought their own lunches. Mayor Mattila said that
44 wasn't initially the spirit of having the Region 1 meeting in Depoe Bay, that it was to show off our
45 hospitality, and the flavors of Depoe Bay. It was noted that most of the food items on the proposed
46 budget were either free or at reduced cost. It is not currently known how many people will be

1 attending the February 7 meeting, and the LOC has not yet been informed of where the venue is.
2 Goddard commented on the horrendous acoustics at the NFK building. The topic of conversation for
3 the meeting will be dredging, and the question was asked: why not have the venue at the Spouting
4 Horn or Harbor Lights, both of which have the facilities and both face the harbor. There wouldn't be a
5 need to rent or borrow tables, chairs, linens, plates, flatware, glasses, or napkins; but it was noted use
6 of these items might come with a charge. Leff said a commitment was made on where the luncheon
7 was to be held and she wasn't sure the Council voted on it, and legally that should have happened. She
8 said we have to pay attention to this for everything that happens in the future, and this isn't a good
9 way to do business. Mayor Mattila said if the minutes were to be researched, they would say that the
10 Council directed the EDC to take these steps and bring this together. Goddard said she didn't under-
11 stand why a commitment had already been made, and that the LOC had not yet been notified of venue
12 location. Olsen said Mr. Blessinger had been working in conjunction with Mayor Mattila on this, and
13 LOC had been informed by the Mayor of a special deal Mr. Blessinger was offering at his hotel the night
14 before the meeting, and that the venue was to be NFK. Leff said it wasn't legal but it was done, and
15 what she had a big issue with was the budget. Olsen asked Gambino if the budget could be reduced by
16 20%. He said he's never been to an LOC meeting, and doesn't want to shortchange the City as far as
17 hospitality, but asked if all the things on the list were necessary. Gambino said the EDC was charged
18 with coming up with a proposed budget for the type of an event the Mayor was considering and they
19 understood to be a show-off of Depoe Bay, but if the proposed expense is not appropriate, they can do
20 anything. Goddard said she's been to LOC meetings, and they were no-host meetings held in restau-
21 rants, where people paid for their own lunch. It's a perfectly acceptable thing that a lot of cities do. She
22 had a real problem with hosting at NFK because of the acoustics, and she had a problem with it being
23 apparently locked in without the Council having a vote and being able to give their opinions on it.
24 Referring to the proposed budget, Gambino took exception to Goddard's statement. Goddard said it
25 wasn't the budget she was objecting to, it was the venue. Olsen asked if anybody has said whether or
26 not there's going to be a charge, and suggested perhaps asking each attendee to pay \$3. Mayor Mattila
27 said the finest LOC meeting he has attended was fully hosted by the city of Tillamook. He said it
28 reflected the spirit of Tillamook, and that was primarily what he had in mind when he invited LOC to
29 Depoe Bay. He said he would hate to see it undermined, and the price was nothing compared to what
30 it will bring to the City. An unidentified speaker in the audience suggested contacting a caterer;
31 Gambino said that would have been a lot easier, but that's not what the EDC was directed to do by the
32 Mayor. The EDC had been directed to come up with a real flavor of Depoe Bay to showcase local
33 culinary foods. They were not directed to find a venue that's free, and set up a couple wooden tables
34 and chairs or to have people bring a box lunch. Goddard wanted to get something completely
35 corrected: the thing she was questioning about being locked in didn't have anything to do with the
36 proposed budget, it was the venue, and the Council didn't get to vote on the venue because they were
37 being told it's been locked in so there's no vote on it, and she has a problem with that. Gambino said
38 the only constraint was time. Olsen said he didn't say it was locked in, he said that's what the LOC was
39 informed through Mr. Blessinger and the Mayor. Goddard asked if it was locked in. Olsen said he
40 believed it had been mentioned to them. He said if nothing else, a verbal commitment had been made
41 to the LOC and NFK had been gracious enough to offer their space and rearrange their schedule to
42 make this happen, and he also thinks it's an important thing for Depoe Bay.

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44 Motion 5: Olsen moved to authorize the EDC to move forward with the purchase up to \$950 or less,
45 and that the venue be NFK. Berry seconded the motion and said he could get free ice.

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1 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Goddard asked if the
2 acoustics at NFK were going to be discussed, because that was one of the LOC meeting requirements.
3 Mayor Mattila asked about using a P.A. system; Goddard said that would make it worse. Berry asked
4 what the devastation would be to move it to the Community Center. Goddard said that wouldn't be
5 much better, and wondered why the Spouting Horn or Harbor Lights hadn't been considered. She said
6 she knew for a fact Mr. Blessinger hadn't been asked. Mayor Mattila said he discussed it with Mr.
7 Blessinger, and they came to the conclusion it was a little small for the event, and at that time Mr.
8 Blessinger asked to be put in contact with the LOC coordinator because he wanted to offer special
9 rates and/or meals before the meeting or if they wanted to stay after. Goddard said she spoke with
10 Mr. Blessinger this afternoon and he told her he had not been asked if he was interested in hosting it
11 there. She asked him how many people he could seat for a luncheon, and he said 40. Mayor Mattila
12 said that was totally different than the discussion he had with Mr. Blessinger. Leff called for the
13 question.

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15 Vote: Motion 5 passed.

16 Ayes: Olsen, Mattila, Gambino, Berry

17 Noes: Leff, Goddard

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19 VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

20 Loren Goddard 15 SW Ellingson Street, said he was sitting before a body that has caused him to be
21 stunned, amazed, dismayed, and distressed. He considered it stunning that they'd not reappoint Mr.
22 Robison to the Harbor Commission after he has spent years selflessly contributing to that body and
23 other committees, events, and meetings in this town. He is a lifelong citizen with a lifelong history of
24 civic duty. He was further dismayed by this Council's obvious disregard and disrespect to the Harbor
25 Commission in general because of the disregard of any recommendation the Harbor Commission has
26 brought to this Council since the past election. He was additionally amazed by the way the Council
27 gives away money, noting that Depoe Bay does not have a property tax base. He said the Council takes
28 on projects far beyond the scope of what the City has the resources to bear.

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30 VIII. NEW BUSINESS

31 A. Grant Funding Opportunity – Lincoln County Emergency Preparedness Matching Grant 32 Program

33 Weidner suggested the Council consider a project to install an underground drainage system for the
34 area around the bus barn for the Fire Department's storage container and the City's emergency
35 communications trailer. He said the City has a storage container at the harbor which needs to be
36 moved to a new location because it's not situated in a good location, and he'd like to have it stored at
37 the same location. Olsen noted the maximum grant was for \$5,000 and asked if the project could be
38 completed for \$10,000; Weidner responded that it could. He was interested in integrating storage
39 shelves and a pad if there was enough money. At the next Budget Committee, he wants to get funding
40 for moving the storage trailer currently in the harbor to a new location.

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42 Motion 6: Leff moved to direct Staff to put together a grant request for the Lincoln County Emergency
43 Preparedness Matching Grant Program which would cover doing the drainage and underground piping
44 and whatever's needed for under that, and if there's enough money left to actually lay the pad as well.
45 Gambino seconded the motion.

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1 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was brief discussion.

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3 Vote: Motion 6 passed.

4 Ayes: Leff, Olsen, Mattila, Goddard, Gambino, Berry

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6 IX. NEW BUSINESS

7 A. City Park South Depoe Bay Creek Bridge Project contract Amendment #1 – Quade
8 Commercial Construction

9 Weidner said the amendment would extend the completion date from January 20 to February 28. The
10 extension is necessary due to the fabricator and having the galvanizing done.

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12 Motion 7: Olsen moved to approve the extended date to Quade Construction Company, as written by
13 the architect. Gambino seconded the motion.

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15 Mayor Mattila said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. LuMaye said the motion
16 needed to include authorization for the Mayor to sign the amendment.

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18 Amendment: Olsen amended the motion to include authorization for the Mayor to sign the
19 amendment. Gambino seconded the amendment.

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

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23 Vote: Motion 7, as amended, passed.

24 Ayes: Leff, Olsen, Mattila, Gambino, Berry

25 Abstain: Goddard

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27 B. Maintenance and Project Recordkeeping

28 Olsen said this subject was discussed when Weidner was promoted to City Superintendent, and it is a
29 potential program to keep track of resources throughout the City. He said he and Weidner had been
30 working on a spreadsheet, thinking about the context of it and wanted to make everyone aware they
31 were talking about doing some recordkeeping throughout the facilities of the City. He said the log was
32 to keep track of the hours being spent on different projects throughout the City. Goddard asked if the
33 projects were like bridge building or restroom cleaning; Olsen replied perhaps restroom cleaning or
34 street sweeping. Leff expressed a desire to see the log sheet; copies were distributed (copy attached to
35 original of these minutes). Olsen said the log sheet was to utilize resources more efficiently, and
36 different things could be tracked maybe break periods or whatever ways it could be used to capitalize
37 on labor forces. Goddard said this smacks of micromanaging. She said she had a problem with Olsen
38 acting autonomously without consulting the Council for anything. Olsen asked what there was to
39 consult the Council about. Goddard asked why Olsen thought he had the authority to act autono-
40 mously with anything, and said none of the Council should be acting alone. Olsen said this was just a
41 draft. Goddard said Olsen stepped on the committee created to discuss appointing Weidner as City
42 Superintendent by going over her head and eliminating her from the discussions. She said Olsen seems
43 to be doing this a lot. She said there are things that are discussed outside of City Council amongst
44 several City Councilmen and it's obvious to everyone; not just to her, but to citizens in this town, and
45 she's getting tired of it.

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1 X. CORRESPONDENCE

2 There was one item of correspondence (copy attached to original of these minutes): a memo to City
3 Staff from Robert Gambino regarding his having reimbursed the City \$100 for the EDC donation to
4 Santa. Leff thanked Gambino for his action, saying it was very good and appropriate for Gambino to do
5 this and that recognition of the way it happened so it doesn't happen that way again was more
6 important than the dollars themselves.

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8 XI. CITY STAFF REPORT

9 Weidner reported 1) He attended the Lincoln County Solid Waste Committee meeting, where he was
10 voted Vice Chair and has another hat to wear. The City will need to identify temporary disposal sites
11 and and recognize them for the haulers. He will keep the Council updated. 2) Utilities are in at Lillian
12 Lane.

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14 XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

15 Leff said she listened to Mr. Goddard, Councilors Olsen, Gambino, and Goddard, and her own head,
16 and she felt enormously sad. She loves governance and thinks we are hurting our city because we're
17 not working as a real council. She sent a long email to family members today, which included a
18 statement that we have new folks who don't understand governance and don't appear to be
19 interested in learning how it really works, and that tonight was a wonderful example of that. She said
20 she was going to somehow make a plea to citizens of Depoe Bay to start coming together in large
21 numbers to these meetings so whoever's elected next will understand how government shouldn't
22 work, and how to work it properly. She couldn't express how sad and disappointed she felt, and said
23 she'd stop now. Mayor Mattila said that would be wise because the Rules of Order identifies making
24 lengthy commentaries and avoid personalizing or directing comments toward any individual or defined
25 group, and he thought the minutes of December 3 reflected that well. He was sorry he had to bring
26 that up.

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28 Olsen said what happened in the earlier part of the meeting tonight was a hard thing. He said he's
29 watched the City Council for about six years, and change is messy. It might not be pretty or totally
30 appropriate, and maybe there are some learning curves going on, but he knows at least for himself
31 that he does care about this town and its citizens, and sometimes having to make these decisions
32 makes him nauseous, which he was right now. He was very disappointed in tonight's meeting because
33 it was tough. On the other side was, with new ideas come new life into a mechanism or organization,
34 and he was hoping that he could help somewhat down the road with that.

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36 Goddard said she was appalled tonight. She was sick and tired of coming to City Council meetings and
37 having surprises sprung on her. She said some Councilors seem to already know what's going on, and
38 she wonders how that happens. She wondered how the majority of the City Council knows exactly
39 what's happening, and the rest don't until they come to a meeting and have it thrown at them. She
40 was perplexed by this.

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42 Gambino said there are two sides to every coin, and he was also perplexed but in the opposite way. He
43 was saddened as well. He agreed with Olsen that change isn't always necessarily bad. He said there's
44 been a new committee created, the EDC, and it was charged with bringing things to the Council as
45 recommendations for its goals. Its goals have been explained a couple of times because some people
46 didn't understand the goals or had questions about them. Twice the EDC has brought recommenda-

1 tions to the Council, and two times the Council appropriately redirected that the recommendations be
2 researched again and come up with concrete proposals for whatever those issues were. Then, as if it's
3 completely backwards, the EDC comes to the Council with the finished product – the effort it was told
4 to accomplish – and it gets thrown in their face that they did everything wrong and how could they
5 come up with this. He said he was exaggerating, but there are two ways to feel in a City Council/
6 governance. Some people are also feeling like they are trying very hard to do everything right for this
7 City and its people and its Council, and they feel like they are getting slapped in the face.

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9 Berry: said he won't be at the next meeting because he will be in Memphis for Martin Luther King Day,
10 and to have fun at the next meeting.

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12 Mayor Mattila said it was extremely generous of Councilor Gambino to lay the expense of Santa on
13 himself and he would like to contribute \$20 toward that and he wouldn't take no for an answer.

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15 XIII. ADJOURN
16 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

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A.J. Mattila, Mayor

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26 Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary