

1 Depoe Bay City Council
2 Regular Meeting
3 Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - 7:00 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall

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6 PRESENT: Mayor B. Leff, C. Bates, D. Callender, R. Gambino, J. Grant, J. Wiseman

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8 ABSENT: L. Goddard

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10 STAFF: City Recorder M. Meagher, City Superintendent B. Weidner, Recording Secretary
11 E. LuMaye

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13 I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

14 Mayor Leff called for all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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16 II. CALL TO ORDER

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

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19 III. APPROVE MINUTES: April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

20 Motion 1: Wiseman moved to approve the April 18, 2017 Regular Depoe Bay City Council Meeting
21 minutes. Grant seconded the motion.

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23 Mayor Leff said it was moved and seconded and called for discussion. There was none.

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25 Vote: Motion 1 passed.

26 Ayes: Bates, Callender, Gambino, Grant, Leff, Wiseman

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28 IV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

29 Motion 2: Gambino moved to approve Accounts Payable as presented. Grant seconded the motion.

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

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33 Vote: Motion 2 passed.

34 Ayes: Bates, Callender, Gambino, Grant, Leff, Wiseman

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36 V. SPECIAL ORDERS

37 A. Proclamations

- 38 • National Safe Boating Week

39 Mayor Leff read the proposed Proclamation (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record.

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41 Motion 3: Gambino moved that we approve May 20 through May 26, 2017 as National Safe Boating
42 Week. Bates seconded the motion.

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

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46 Vote: Motion 3 passed.

47 Ayes: Bates, Callender, Gambino, Grant, Leff, Wiseman

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49 • Pacific West Ambulance

1 Mayor Leff read the proposed Proclamation (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record.

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3 Motion 4: Gambino moved that we proclaim May 21 through 27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services
4 week in Lincoln County and Depoe Bay. Grant seconded the motion.

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

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8 Vote: Motion 4 passed.

9 Ayes: Bates, Callender, Gambino, Grant, Leff, Wiseman

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11 There was a brief photo op.

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13 • Older Americans Month

14 Mayor Leff read the proposed Proclamation (copy attached to original of these minutes) into the record.

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16 Motion 5: Callender moved to accept this Proclamation for Older Americans Month May 2017.

17 Gambino seconded the motion.

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

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21 Vote: Motion 5 passed.

22 Ayes: Bates, Callender, Gambino, Grant, Leff, Wiseman

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

25 A. August 21 Solar Eclipse Planning Committee

26 An unidentified Eclipse Committee member provided a general update on subjects the Committee is
27 addressing, focusing on what plans restaurants are making, and also stated the Committee is working on
28 a Proclamation to proclaim Depoe Bay as Eclipse Town USA. There was discussion.

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30 VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

31 There were no public comments.

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33 VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

34 A. Carson Oil – Fuel Forward

35 Weidner reported the Fuel Forward program is available for large businesses, the minimum order is for
36 two months, and the City may not qualify for the program due to the small amount of fuel we purchase.
37 There was discussion regarding how the program works. Mayor Leff directed Staff to find out how
38 much money the City is losing on fuel sales for discussion at the next Budget meeting on May 4,
39 because if the City is losing money, it should be corrected. Weidner said the last time the Council
40 adjusted the price to try to break even, they adjusted the price of gasoline but not diesel. Mayor Leff
41 asked if that meant gasoline was ok but diesel wasn't; Weidner said he didn't know and suggested
42 auditing both. Meagher said there is supplemental information in the Budget packet from the last
43 meeting that shows how much was spent on fuel, and she thought the City is losing money on both. She
44 clarified that Weidner was saying that the last time the Council increased the fuel rate to cover the City's
45 cost, the rate for regular fuel was raised, but the diesel rate was not. Grant said most harbors in Oregon
46 have a private operator and that Depoe Bay is an exception; he said it's not as convenient for the charter
47 boats, but it indemnifies the cities against losses. Mayor Leff asked if there was a problem with getting
48 the numbers by Thursday; Meagher said Staff would do their best and that a lot of the numbers were
49 already in the Budget packet.

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B. Video Recording Equipment

Weidner said Western States Electric gave him a scope of what the City would need to get a security system integrated with good quality downloadable audio and video for the Council Chambers (copy of estimate attached to original of these minutes). Mayor Leff clarified that the estimate included both Council meeting video and security recording; Weidner confirmed. He will obtain three bids. It was noted there is not specific money in the Budget for this expenditure, and that it would have to be taken out of the Public Safety line item. Weidner will report at the next meeting. Gambino asked about a warranty and service agreement.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transient Room Tax (TRT) Increase of 1% - recommended by Budget Committee

Motion 6: Grant moved that we raise the Transient Room Tax by 1%. Gambino seconded the motion.

Mayor Leff said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. Meagher said she had done research and the City is grandfathered in on what the TRT is used for now. In 2003 the law changed, and the new law is very strict on what the money can be used for; 30% can go to the General Fund, and 70% has to be used for tourism (copy of email from Wendy Johnson at League of Oregon Cities attached to original of these minutes). If the Council raises the rate 1%, that would only net around \$21,000 per year from the increase, and \$49,000 would be the 70% that would go to tourism. She said the City currently receives about \$600,000 in TRT revenue, and that goes to the General Fund for City operations. Grant asked if those dollars could be used to buy parking for tourists; Meagher said potentially, yes. There was discussion.

Amendment: Grant amended his motion to raise the TRT to 1.5%. Gambino seconded the motion.

Mayor Leff called for more discussion. There was brief discussion. It was noted that increasing the tax would require a public hearing. Mayor Leff said the motion was valid but she thought it might need to include “a proposal to hold a public hearing about raising the room tax 1 ½ %”, and she didn’t want it to get thrown out; she directed Meagher to call the City Attorney to find out what the right wording of the motion is. Grant said he believed the motion would trigger the public hearing; Meagher said it would, but to be on the safe side, the motion could state the City wants to do a 1.5% increase, to go forward with the process of a public hearing.

Grant asked if that would be a friendly amendment, Gambino seconded.

Mayor Leff called for more discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 5, as twice amended, passed.
Ayes: Bates, Callender, Gambino, Grant, Leff, Wiseman

B. Urban Renewal Grant Agreement from Attorney

This item was tabled.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

There were three items of Correspondence (copies attached to original of these minutes): 1) A letter from Larry Tyler regarding a test he performed which found radon in a Depoe Bay home. 2) A letter from Reece & Associates, requesting a street name change for Lillian Lane. Weidner said Lillian is the name of a Wisniewski, and the Wisniewskis were some of the first settlers in the area. There was

1 discussion which focused on keeping the existing name for a number of feet before changing it. Mayor
2 Leff directed Weidner to talk to Reece & Associates and tell them the Council is uncomfortable with the
3 name change, and to talk with the Wisniewskis. 3) An email from Shaun Isham regarding the
4 recommendation that he's making to have all the eclipse volunteers sign releases.

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6 XI. CITY STAFF REPORT

7 Meagher reported 1) She is working on the analysis for the Gleneden Sanitary District and Depoe Bay,
8 and is waiting on information from the City Attorney. This will be discussed at an Executive Session.

9 2) She is working with CIS insurance regarding a rider for the eclipse volunteers. She will be meeting
10 with a CIS agent within the next 30 days. The City's policy renews on June 15.

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12 Weidner reported 1) The Council needs to meet in Executive Session regarding the sinking of the
13 Siamez. That meeting will take place on Thursday. 2) He sent out emails regarding the herbicide
14 spraying, and got a response from Mr. Bass, with whom he and the Mayor met. Bass agreed they would
15 not spray in the ravine but they would continue to spray elsewhere. Weidner then received a phone call
16 from Bass on April 28, informing him that they had decided not to spray anything in the *Depoed Again*
17 area. Weidner hopes that when it's time to spray the *Trask* area next year, that a similar line of
18 communication can be opened. Mayor Leff added they were amenable to a Memo of Understanding that
19 they won't do anything the City doesn't agree to. 3) The Oregon Coast Aquarium is doing some
20 remodeling and offered the City some concrete statues, which were accepted. The City now has a whale,
21 a sea lion, a dolphin, and two turtles. He is talking to a concrete artist about rejuvenating them. Gambino
22 said to send a nice thank you letter to the aquarium when the statues are installed. Mayor Leff said
23 maybe to give them a plaque. 4) We got a 1% savings on the roofing bill by paying it today, the day it
24 was received.

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26 XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

27 Callender: reminded everyone about the Salmon Enhancement fishermen's breakfast on Saturday, May
28 13 starting at 4:00 AM. They have good raffle prizes.

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30 Gambino wondered what the raffle prizes were; Callender reviewed a few of them.

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32 Mayor Leff: Was sorry that several Councilors weren't present for the County Commissioners joint
33 meeting because it was very productive.

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35 XIII. ADJOURN

36 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.
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Barbara Leff, Mayor

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48 Emma LuMaye, Recording Secretary