

MINUTES

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WERNICKE AT 6:30 P.M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor James Wernicke	x	_____
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	x	_____
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	x	_____
Council Position #3 Peter Peterson	x	_____
Council Position #4 John Truesdell	x	_____
Council Position #5 David Alexander	x	_____
City Administrator Don Flynn	x	_____

****NOTE:** If anyone wishes to address this Governing Body, please present a completed "Business from the Audience" request to the Mayor at this time. Your request will be added under the CITIZEN COMMENTS section of our agenda. Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

MAYOR AND COUNCILORS APPRECIATION AWARD - Hank Burch (A)
Mayor Wernicke recapped Mr. Burch's many accomplishments for the past 30 plus years. Mr. Burch has been a tremendous advocate for the veterans in this community. He started "the avenue of flags" in this community. The amount of hours he has volunteered to this community in memory and honor of our veterans is unsurpassed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (B)

- A. Approval of Council Minutes of 2/9 regular, 2/19 special and 2/19 executive - 2009.
- B. Review of bills paid in the amount of \$96,429.67.

MOTION-> Alexander moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Johnson. Peterson, Truesdell, Alexander, Johnson and Brennan voted "AYE". VOTE: All AYES

CITIZEN AND/OR AGENCY REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS: (C)
NORTH CURRY BIOSWALE PROJECT

WERNICKE->Elizabeth Kuljis, Executive Director of the Visitor Center, had a previous commitment this evening so she has asked Susan Brown, Jeff Davis and Bill McArdle to present this project to the council and answer any of your questions.

This would be 100% grant funds with some "in-kind" service by the Public Works Department. Elizabeth has stated that she will take the responsibility of seeing that the plants get watered and weeded.

PRESENTATION of PROJECT

Jeff Davis-Superintendent of Central Curry School District, with me is Councilor Bill McArdle from Port Orford, Susan Brown, Economic Development.

Davis referred to a Bioswale article (C-1) that was in the March Ruralite titled "Volunteers Creating Rural Rain Gardens" that gives a good recap of the Ford Family Foundation and what a Bioswale actually is. It is a rain garden-a wide depression in the ground full of grass and native plants. Built next to parking lots and buildings, rainwater runoff is directed into the depression. Pollutants in the rainwater are filtered out into the plant, letting the clean water run off into the ocean. Bioswales are good for the environment and aesthetically pleasing.

30 names were selected from Langlois, Port Orford and Gold Beach to go through the leadership training. The Gold Beach Contingency includes: Becky Ross, Elizabeth Kuljis, Alise Power, Georgia Nowlin, Harry Hoogestager, Juli Marstall, Lisel Coleman, McKenna Marstall, Jacob Duffy, Sandy Grumman, Steve Hammermeister and Susan Brown.

We spent eight weekends going through this leadership training. Part of the training is to develop a project for our communities that we think will enhance livability and will serve some kind of purpose. Bioswales (rain gardens) was chosen.

Davis detailed more on the background and benefits of a rain garden.

Bill McArdle-Port Orford City Councilor presented a slide show of the proposed selected Bioswales project at the visitor

center and how it would look after the project. We want to work with the city and make sure we follow all of the codes. Contact will be made with the fire chief to get his opinion on the ability of a fire truck continuing to have good access in that area. The project will really enhance the visitor center. Frank Burns has volunteered to maintain the project. It will not require a lot of maintenance.

We are asking for support on this project and permission for us to continue to move forward. We would work with the city administrator, public works and fire chief to make sure we follow any and all codes.

Wernicke-Would the curb have "slots" for drainage? (YES) Any criterion for plants that the deer won't eat?

McArdle-Within the 30 of us we do have plant experts that have researched what grows best but as far as the deer eating the plants, I'll have to research that and get back to you.

Johnson-Beautiful thing to do-I would be all for it.

McArdle-We've received a \$9,000 grant from the watershed council. When we attended a Bioswale conference in Eugene, we raised some money through a raffle. We've had some additional donations and the Ford Family Foundation will also help financially.

Alexander-Totally support this. Will there be "bumper posts" such as they have around electric boxes that are out in the open to prevent vehicles from running over the curb that outlines the rain garden?

McArdle-We didn't think about that but I don't think that is out of the question.

Truesdell-I also support Bioswales having maintained and installed them since somewhere around 1985-86 in different parts of the world. My only concern is the cost to the city on the in kind contribution - approximately 1,000 cubic feet of asphalt, including disposal costs. Do you have any outside idea of what those numbers would cost the city?

McArdle-Our information was it was going to eventually have to be done anyway. It was going to have to be cut, taken out and repaired by the city.

MOTION:-> Alexander moved to authorize the Ford Family Foundation Group to move forward in securing funds for the Bioswale Project (Gold Beach Rain Garden) at the visitor center, second by Johnson. Peterson, Truesdell, Alexander, Johnson and Brennan voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

PUBLIC CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PLANNING SERVICES (D)

Wernicke-Truesdell worked on this and did a good job. We have an agreement with the county for planning services. With just a few changes to that agreement, we can provide for a procedure by which to enforce our ordinances and planning rules and regulations, both in terms of "finding" and "citing violations". Also in terms of taking it to court to the extent that there would be fines collected.

Truesdell-Apologized if the council hadn't had ample time to review this. It was actually supposed to go to a committee first for input, similar to what we did with the council rules. I see everyone did receive a copy of the original contract and the proposed changes on February 18, 2009. Does everyone feel comfortable with the proposed changes? It just basically updates it as the mayor explained. In the past it gave certain responsibilities to the county and I think working in concert with the county we can do a better job. It basically puts us as the lead agency and them as the support agency. It allows any problems to be adjudicated through our muni-court. It only applies to the areas that are under our jurisdiction.

Suggested amendments by Councilor Truesdell

1. Correct the page numbering
2. III (A) (c) replace comma with semi-colon
3. Eliminate paragraph III (B) (d) in its entirety, replace with "Provide Planning staff to investigate violations of the City's land use regulations; determine if a violation has occurred; and assist the City with enforcement
4. Add paragraph to IV (A) - "5. The City shall assess and retain all fines collected from violations cited by the City and adjudicated by the City's Municipal Court."

MOTION:-> Brennan moved to approve these changes and give them to the Planning Department and ask for their recommendation for approval in amending the Agreement, second by Peterson.

Peterson, Truesdell, Alexander, Johnson and Brennan voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 619 (E)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.110.(1)(d) OF THE GOLD BEACH CODE

WERNICKE->A motion was made at the last meeting for the first and second readings of Ordinance No. 619 to be read by title only.

Based on the discussion we had at the last meeting, you have two "ordinances in your packet". #1 **ELIMINATES** "No other appointed official.....". #2 **INCLUDES** "No other appointed official.....".

The council needs to decide which one you want to approve, # 1 or # 2.

From the discussion we had at the last meeting, I got the impression that the choice would be # 1- that we wanted to keep the option open that another appointed official could be appointed to city administrator but not a member of the city council.

Brennan-In our new council rules (#11) we did include an "appointed official" as not being eligible for the appointment of city administrator. I would like to see the language in the ordinance just like it is in the council rules.

Truesdell-Clarification-You would like to leave the exclusion for appointed and elected? (YES)

Peterson-I thought Truesdell had a good point in the fact that we do have some appointed officials on different committees that would be advantages for us at different times to be able to look at them rather than just to exclude them.

Wernicke-The council rules can be amended by Resolution so that would be a relatively easy matter to take care of once the ordinance is finalized.

Alexander-The council can waive, amend, repeal, add or delete sections of an ordinance, by a majority vote of the council, either by regular procedure or in some cases, using the emergency clause. The only thing we don't have the authority

to amend, at the council level is the city charter that must be done by a vote of the people in a general election.

Johnson-I agree with Larry (Brennan) about being in conflict with the council rules but that can be easily changed. I'm not too sure that I agree that because a person has taken that extra step and done civil service for the city by being on committees that they should be penalized by not being able to apply or be appointed to a paying job or a higher job. We go hungry for a lot of people to apply for our committees. That would be my only objection but I'll go along with the majority on this one.

Alexander-I agree with Johnson. My preference would be # 1 which would eliminate the "no other appointed official" provision. So for instance someone on the promo committee could apply for a paying position.

First Reading:

MOTION: Alexander moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No 619 (choice # 1, as read by title into the record by Mayor Wernicke, second by Truesdell. Peterson, Truesdell, Alexander, Johnson and Brennan voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

RESOLUTION R0809-8 (F)

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES AND REPEALING R0405-19

WERNICKE->The city will shortly be paying of a 1992 debt that incurred for sewer service. It will be paid off by the funds that have been raised in charging each sewer unit \$1.50 per month. Thanks to the budget officer and the budget committee, that obligation will be paid off early.

Bottom line-there will be a \$1.50 reduction in each sewer unit and it will be reflected in your monthly bill. That's the good news.

The city has waited to pay that obligation off before it addressed the need to fund the continuing costs of maintaining and improving our water supply system. Those costs can be substantial. They are periodic but they can be substantial. It includes cleaning and painting our water tanks, maintaining our intake facilities on the Rogue River and replacing water supply lines when necessary. Given that our water supply needs must be met, there are two ways to go about funding these needs.

First you can wait to fund the repair until it is absolutely necessary, requiring a sudden and possibly large increase in water service billings. Or the city can begin collecting a fee in advance of actual need, investing the funds in a time deposit and then using the collected fees and interest to fund the specific project when needed.

What we have tonight is a resolution the second choice. The proposal is to raise \$1.00 per water meter this year and \$1.00 per water meter again next year. As noted earlier, those amounts are largely offset by the retirement of the 1992 debt.

The end result to the customer is a 50 cent reduction per water meter this year and a 50 cent increase per water meter next year.

Johnson said that's one good thing we've done-we've saved ahead of time in lots of different areas.

Alexander-It makes sense to plan ahead. From someone who doesn't have a high income, who has lots of bills to budget, It is much easier to budget in a small increase than to wait and have to budget a large amount like \$20 three years down the line to pay for a project.

Truesdell-I agree with everyone so far. Waiting is irresponsible. Typically, in both the public and private sector, collecting for capitol replacement is a prudent way to do things, as opposed to waiting. Had we started on this with our sewer bills 20 years ago, we wouldn't have been faced with the incredible increases we have seen in the last couple of years. So immediately we would have a 50 cent decrease and next year when the second dollar raise goes in, the net result would be a 50 cent increase net, compared today verses two years from now.

I also want to mention that for any multi motel owners that may be in the audience or watching that the increase of \$1.50 is per water meter, not per unit. So motels will see a phenomenal decrease because their sewer bills will be going down \$1.50 per sewer unit but their water bill is only going up \$1.00 per meter.

MOTION-> Johnson moved to approve Resolution R0809-8, second by Brennan. Peterson, Truesdell, Alexander, Johnson and Brennan voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

EVALUATION FORMS - Mayor Wernicke

WERNICKE->You have all received several different evaluation forms from Truesdell and myself, primarily for city administrators, from other cities to review and determine if we want to continue with the current city administrator evaluation form or if we want to adopt a new one or if we want to adopt a combination of more than one.

Most of the cities have a different evaluation form for the city administrator than they do for other employees.

DISCUSSION:

Brennan-I have reviewed both sets (nine sets) of the different evaluation forms. The ones provided by John (Truesdell) appeared to deal more with private business. I disregarded those in favor of the ones that dealt with city government. The sample from the City of Newberg seems very easy to follow- this would be the city administrator's evaluation form. It covers what I think should be reviewed and it isn't all unmanageable. That was very similar to the one from Sisters but a little easier to read.

As far as city employee evaluations, the one from City of Yachats seems to be well organized, easy to read and simple to fill out. That is the only one that I saw that had an "improvement needed" category.

Alexander-Just as a follow up to Councilor Brennan regarding the City of Yachats form-I also like the "reviewers comments" followed by "employee comments". I've worked for a lot of companies and most of them had a section where the employee could respond in writing. And in the reviewer's comments, if there are suggestions that could be made to assist an employee to improve, there is a space for those comments to be written down. I agree with Councilor Brennan's choice of the city administrator evaluation form (Newberg) and the employee evaluation form (Yachats).

Truesdell-Anything would be an incredible improvement over what we currently have. I agree with Councilor Brennan.

Johnson-I like the Newberg evaluation until I read the one from Independence and I liked it better just because of some of the questions they asked that I didn't see asked on the

Newberg one but I will go along with you guys-you all have way more experience in this type of thing than I have.

I am wondering though-we're not choosing the one department heads will use on their employees are we? Don't you think the department heads that will actually be doing the evaluations of their workers would like to have some input into what kind of an evaluation form they would like to use?

Peterson-I think as a city we could set up a standard - this is the way we want it done as a council and regardless-that is the way it is going to be.

Johnson-Yes, I suppose we could but is that wise?

Peterson-Under our situation right now we have the same that has been there. What we have here in the city right now-Jeff Denney and Shirley Walker have been here a long time. So you are saying they should have the input but they are not going to be here forever, so what do we do-change it again when someone else comes along? I think it is our responsibility, as a city council to define what we expect. There it is.

Flynn-The ones you are planning on using to evaluate the city administrator-some of those things are not necessarily relevant to some of the positions that I deal with. I would like to have the opportunity to go through the rest of them and take a look at them.

Truesdell-I would agree entirely. I fall between Councilor Johnson & Peterson in that the department heads should review whatever forms they think are best. The city administrator should review whatever forms he thinks are best. I think the important thing is that whatever recommendations come before the council, we will approve a standard form that will be used throughout. So that way, the department heads do get an opportunity to find something or mold something and certainly with the city administrator's approval, have it come before the council for final approval. So people come and people go but the form would remain the same-they would be standard.

MOTION->Alexander moved to table further discussion on the evaluation forms until but not later than our April meeting, second by Johnson. Peterson, Truesdell, Alexander, Johnson and Brennan voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

CITY WEB SITE - Mayor Wernicke

WERNICKE->I thought it would be an excellent idea to offer free (no time limit) advertisement for any business that has a city license. I haven't discussed this with Councilor Alexander, our "web person" yet to find out if there are too many to list at one time, maybe we could change the "group" every three - six months. The invitation would be open to all businesses, but it would be up to them to bring their card or slogan, or whatever to the city business office to insert onto our site. We would not be involved in individually soliciting their advertisement. The only thing we would ask is if they change their business name or close their business to notify us so we can keep our information right up to date. I would like to know what Alexander thinks.

Alexander-I have done some research on this. There are approximately 400 business within the city. Obviously that is too much to list on one page. However, I do like the idea. I believe that it would work if we used a rotation schedule. I need to do more research to get a hard and fast number of businesses per rotation but I'll certainly do that. I would recommend the rotation be on a monthly basis. That way, we can get more businesses out there faster rather than on a three or six month rotation schedule. I think it is a great idea. Some of that list can be whittled down-there may be some that are operated from private homes that don't wish to have their address advertised. I think the business community is a major player in our community and the city's web site should support the business community and this would be an excellent way to do that.

Flynn-I agree with the one-month rotation. Seasonal businesses would probably like more exposure prior to the summer months.

Alexander-We would certainly take that into consideration-we can pretty much set up the rotation however we want it.

Peterson-Do other cities advertise on their website? (unknown at this time). I think it is a good idea but I also think that maybe rather than have the advertising on our web page, we would set up links that would come off ours. Like set it up as "restaurants" with their links hooked into it.

Alexander-Basically, we could include a section for that in amongst our resources page, where we have links to other state agencies but sectioned off as business with the links to their particular web sites or their name and address and their email address. Basically three lines. I wasn't thinking a full page ad or full advertisement. I was thinking access or if they don't have a web site or even an email address, just use their name and address.

Truesdell-I hate to be a "naysayer" but as soon as I saw this in the packet, I looked up 20-30 cities to see if, not that a precedent must be set but looking for what other cities are doing-I didn't find one government agency, municipality that had anything but links to their business community. I think it is a dangerous precedent to put businesses on a government site. A government site should be strictly related to the services that we offer our citizens and residents by way of the taxes that we collect. That's what a government site is all about. We have links to special interest areas, links to business organizations, links to "whatever" but no listings of actual individual business. I don't think it is proper on a government site.

Alexander-I'm open to anything the council decides. I'm just the guy that answers "is this possible to do" - yes it is or no it isn't. I've made my statements on my thoughts about the business community and it's importance to the community and I don't back down from that. But I'm not about ready to jump up on the table and demand this. This is totally up to the council.

Wernicke-Maybe you should look into it a little bit further and then maybe we should even have a vote on it to see how the council feels-do they want to include links to advertising to local businesses or not.

Alexander-Let me see what I can pull together in terms of further information and I will copy each of you with what I come up with, then we can go from there.

Web site update: Alexander- The home page copy has been written and submitted to the web-mistress. I have requests out to department heads for a brief description for an "about us" page. I've received the one back from the office administration, it is absolutely excellent. The resources

page we just discussed. The "contact us" page is in the works. My understanding is the goal is to have everything accurate and clean, so I'd rather take a little extra time and come up with a product that is the highest quality that I and our contractor can put together, we also want it to be the most informative that we can for the web user.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Notification was received that the ODOT Grant for the radar guns has been awarded.

The patrol vehicle should be in within the next 3-4 weeks. All of the equipment is ready to go. The equipment we are providing is being shipped up there for installation. The decals are being made.

Everyone has received the monthly progress report on the Sewer Treatment Plant. Copies are available for anyone wishing to have one and it is also posted on the board in the lobby.

I received a note from Councilor Peterson regarding a "stimulus program" from the US Department of Justice. I spoke with Corey Ray and they will be putting the application for police officers on their web site. The stimulus will provide for police officers in a three year program. It will pay 100% of their pay + benefits. It doesn't appear that funds will be received for equipment, vehicle, etc. but that is an unknown at this time. After the applications are received, they have about six weeks to accept them. Hopefully, we could have someone by the middle of the summer.

We have sent in funding applications for three different stimulus programs for projects we are dealing with. A sidewalk to the library, sidewalk on sixth street + an asphalt overlay, and Grizzly Mountain Road.

Johnson-You know of course that the city does not hire employees on grants.

Flynn-Yes. If the city is unable to keep them on staff after the three year grant has expired, then the city would be responsible for unemployment costs. We would need to figure out a way to deal with that aspect of it.

I have interviews scheduled for three applicants for the police chief's position. We've had a very good response-about

20 phone calls for requests for the application have been sent out.

Johnson-Do we have like a "hiring board"?

Flynn-The Mayor and Councilor Brennan will be sitting in with me during the interviews. I asked them because of their experience in the legal system and law enforcement background.

Peterson-Back to Corey Ray-If we didn't do any more than apply for one police officer, we could maybe slip that in to where it is the chief itself. We know we would be keeping the chief so we would not have this situation coming up in three years. We would basically be paying the chief with federal dollars that isn't costing the city anything. I think that would be a "no-brainer" to set it up where that's the way we would do it if it is possible.

Flynn-I will look into that. My intent is to have the new chief on board well before this would take affect. Whether we can "back" date it or not, I don't know.

Peterson-Just because we have the opportunity for three cops, I don't think we are ready for three cops. Maybe the chief and one cop, that would be it.

Johnson-When we did it before and I don't know if this has a thing to do with it-we couldn't, we had to bring them in at the lower level-it was an economic stimulus things-we were supposed to be finding jobs for young new people. Maybe this one wouldn't have the same criteria, I don't know.

Peterson-I don't know all the details. I was given a brief outline. A totally new administration came in with total new packages. It isn't anything related to any old package. The old package you had one year.

Johnson said it was a COPS program and it was for three years-covered salary and benefits but did not cover equipment or a vehicle. The school was going to pay for ½ the expenses but didn't because of lack of funds, so the city had to take over paying 100%. He did end up getting a job in Brookings as a School Resource Officer.

Truesdell-From an economic benefit, I just wanted to clarify-Councilor Johnson, you said "we don't hire employees on grants" (Johnson said that's right, there is policy regarding

that). My comment is that three out of the five of us can set policy or more.

Johnson-It might behoove you before the three did it to look and see why the policy was made.

Truesdell-My feeling is if we are going to get a free cop with benefits for three years, attrition might take care of the problem. If we end up having to pay unemployment benefits for a year after that, we're still potentially tens of thousands of dollars ahead. Cops have to cost \$50,000 a year or more with benefits. I'm only suggesting that we keep our minds open. I'm looking at a bottom line value, not maybe what happened in the past, I'm looking at the future.

Johnson-I would ask, and I'm sure you would, look into why the policy was made. (Truesdell-yes I will, thank you)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR - JAMES WERNICKE:

Councilor Brennan and I had a meeting in Yachats, along with a couple of business people from the community. We were looking into alternative sources for revenue to help fund our sewer treatment plant. We also got information from them about a document storage procedure. All of our printed documents can be stored, correlated, cross referenced and made accessible to the public and to everyone at city hall at a minimal cost to the city. The mayor and Councilor Scott were a tremendous help. They spent a lot of time and effort in developing and they just handed it over to us without any qualms whatsoever. It was a very pleasant experience and very informative trip.

Alexander stated that an additional benefit for that is it would help keep our city web site clean and uncluttered because we could hotlink to that document storage-I think that is an exceptionally good idea. Not only for form storage but for other purposes.

We also learned the potential of starting a urban renewal district. We will be traveling to Waldport to further investigate that potential. If you've had the chance to go to Waldport lately, it has really made a difference in that community. Their downtown area is absolutely beautiful. They have their power lines underground, they have a planter in the middle of 101. It is a beautiful community and they did it by forming these districts. We'll see what is involved in that

and what we have to go through and see if it would fit in our community as well.

I also want to explain about a meeting I attended here in the council chambers on February 25th.

As many of you know, there is a considerable concern about the lack of a definitive conservation line in the area of the city between the fairgrounds and Sebastian Shores. What we have now is a line drawn with a felt tipped pen that is not to scale, there is no way to accurately locate it on the ground. The state, county, city and property owners all want a definitive line. If the issue gets before the land use board of appeals, they will also decide that there must be a definitive line. An informative meeting was held to explain, mostly the history of the area in terms of the geology, studies and the zoning recommendations over the course of time.

There were people there from the state, county, county and city planners and the property owners. There were no planning committee members or city council members present. The discussion was very informative. There were two state representatives-they were very knowledgeable and helpful. I was impressed by them-they gave us a lot of information. It was a helpful session. A lot of information was exchanged.

Now the process of developing a definitive line will begin. There will have to be hearings before the planning committee, most likely before the city council and most likely it will end up with the state land use board of appeals.

Saturday, March 14th from 10 am to 2 pm, there will be a community baby shower here at city hall. The public is invited to help support low income new moms in the Gold Beach area by donating basic infant essentials to families who cannot afford them. They are looking for new or "gently used" items.

Truesdell-Question about the February 25th meeting-were there minutes taken? (No) So it was not a public meeting? (No) It was by invite only?

Wernicke-For the discussion purposes but the public could sit in and listen.

Truesdell-So the public knew about it?

Wernicke-I don't know that they did because it was sent out by letter.

Johnson-Is that the same line we decided to leave it as it was? Are we back into that?

Wernicke-Yes, it was as I described-a felt tipped pen and it has to be more definitive-that's the state's direction. It's not clear - you've got a line but you can't go on the ground and say "this is where it is" and that's the problem.

Alexander-Just as a matter of clarification. When we made that decision, that was before the new councilors came on board. No council can bind any action by future council. Therefore, it is perfectly appropriate for the new council to review this item and take further action. When we made that decision it was more than one election ago and any council can overturn any decision made by a previous council.

Wernicke-Overturning? I think you are jumping the gun on any of this. There has to be a lot of planning and things done at the planning committee level before it ever gets here.

Truesdell-I wanted to address Councilor Johnson's comments. The one line that is a definitive line is the state's conservation line and that is actually set out there now by metes and bounds. That's a definable line but unfortunately not the city's conservation easement lines. That's the issue.

COUNCILORS:

John Truesdell-I attended a ribbon cutting for the new four-mile section of the Rogue River Walk. About 20 residents ranging from Brookings to Coos Bay braved the 40 degree weather and overcast skies. It was a delightful three-hour hike. It is Cathy Cotter's inspiration. Truesdell detailed the walk and sights.

As liaison for the Promo Committee: The Oregon State Welcome Center Conference is going on right now. Gold Beach was the host for approximately 63 tourism professionals from all over the state touring and enjoying our area. Truesdell gave a recap of the benefits of Gold Beach hosting the event.

Truesdell attended the last Curry County Homeless Coalition Meeting. They are in need volunteers from Gold Beach. It's a very worthwhile organization.

Truesdell attended Coos Curry Housing Authorities last meeting. They have an opening on their Board of Directors, which needs to be filled by a central Curry County resident-it is a county appointed position. They oversee low income and work force housing programs in both Coos and Curry County. They assist in funding and administering new community housing projects.

Notice of upcoming annual budget committee. This is probably one of the most important things your city council does. April 10 at 5:30 pm is the city budget committee meeting for 09-10 fiscal year. I encourage everyone to attend.

David Alexander-Attended some gatherings as the city's liaison.

Curry County Solid Waste Recycling Advisory Committee-the quarterly meeting was February 24, 2009. Many topics were discussed including waste watershed recovery goals. 2008 opportunity to recycle report. Household hazardous waste plan update. Recycling news-among that was the bottle bill expansion. A couple of changes to the bottle bill have occurred. Beginning January 1, 2009 two major changes are taking affect in Oregon's bottle bill. Oregon is adding bottled water to the list of containers that can be redeemed for a 5-cent deposit. (See detailed information and list attached as Exhibit G).

Alexander-attended the monthly meeting of the Oasis Shelter House. Statistics were provided that were very interesting. 320 Christmas gifts were delivered to 158 people. Provided 353 (102 were children) "bed nights" during the month of January. They attended several meetings and conducted some training sessions. They have received some grants (some are still pending) and fund raisers.

No one ever deserves to be a victim of domestic violence in our community or our county, state or world.

Johnson-The city, county and state and us personally all lost a very good friend when Bob Van Leer passed the other day. The only word I can think of to describe him is "Sterling Character". He did a lot for this city and the county.

Brennan-I spoke to Brookings Councilor Dave Gordon, board member of the Crescent City Airport for an update on the progress by the county counsel. They are still working on "language" that is agreeable to both sides. They are looking at stimulus money to help fund the new terminal. They are also checking into starting a flight to Arcata, which would pick up a north bound flight connection.

Spoke with Sheriff Bishop regarding Law Enforcement Blue Ribbon Committee and that I would possibly represent the City of Gold Beach on that committee. I have to be nominated by him and approved by the Curry County Commissioners. There will be a meeting on the 18th or 25th (undecided yet) to have a presentation by their consultant and hopefully my appointment will take place at that time. The committee is studying a countywide law enforcement district. The county will hire this consultant, who will then in turn visit all three cities and explain why a district should be formed and what the benefits would be to each particular city. It's a way to fund law enforcement after 2012 when the timber payments run out.

Spoke with Mr. Albert Harrell-county emergency services coordinator. We discussed the current emergency response plans and FEMA programs. The city will need to update some of the information in our emergency plans. I will be attending the city emergency response team meeting Thursday at 10:00 am.

Peterson-I have spoken to the Mayor about this-when people wish to address the council they will no longer have to state their address-several people have approached me about their reluctance to publicly state their address. I don't know if this takes a vote of the council or not.

Was also approached by a citizen wanting more information on the sewer project. Anyone wanting more information can call a councilor or the administrator and request to have the information mailed to them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, APRIL 13, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNED AT 8:17 p.m.:

The location of the hearing/meeting is accessible to the disabled. Advance notice is requested if special accommodations are needed. Call (541) 247-7029 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. The City of Gold

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Passed by the Gold Beach City Council on April 13, 2009.



James H. Wernicke

ATTEST:



Shirley Walker Recorder