

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Karl Popoff	X	
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	X	
Council Position #2 Don Flynn	X	
Council Position #3 Peter Peterson	X	
Council Position #4 Vacant		
Council Position #5 David Alexander	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:

- A. PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH
 Mayor Popoff read his proclamation into the record. (A)
- B. Russ Merkley & Myrna Barber announced there would be a First Annual Youth Summit at the fairgrounds on 4/24/08. Lunch will be provided. (I couldn't hear the details)

CONSENT CALENDAR: (B)

- A. Approval of Council Minutes of 3/10 & 3/18/08.
- B. Review of bills paid in the amount of \$214,129.42.

MOTION-> Alexander moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Flynn. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson & Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

CITIZEN AND/OR AGENCY REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS:

CURRY TRANSFER & RECYCLING (C)

Request for approval of 2.5% Annual CPI increase
POPOFF STATED->Although CTR has supplied documentation reflecting a CPI rate of 2.8%, they have chosen to only increase the CPI by 2.5%. On behalf of the City of Gold Beach customers, I would like to thank them once again for keeping the increase at a lower rate than they are allowed.

MOTION-> Johnson moved to approve a 2.5% CPI adjustment for Curry Transfer & Recycling with an effective date of July 1, 2008, second by Flynn. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson & Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R0708-20 (D)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE GOLD BEACH SKATE PARK FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

POPOFF STATED-> The Skate Park Association has presented documentation of their "non-profit" status. The confirmed status exempts them from paying a property tax to the City of Gold Beach. This resolution merely affirms this.

MOTION-> Alexander moved to approve Resolution R0708-20, second by Johnson. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson & Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE: 4 AYES

Alexander expressed admiration for the Skate Park Association and Brad Wood who have consistently demonstrated integrity, responsibility and professionalism throughout this process. This city will greatly benefit from the Skate Park. This is being done through the private efforts of this group with as much assistance as the city could give based on our other obligations. This will bring a quality recreational facility for our youth.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

COUNCILORS:

Sue Johnson-A wonderful thank you to the Garden Club Ladies for taking over the Pocket Park. They have done an excellent job.

David Alexander-Commended Popoff for his proclamation for alcohol awareness week. Alcohol and substance abuse is recognized as a major contributing factor to domestic violence. It is not an excuse for violence-there is never an excuse for domestic abuse in Curry County.

MAYOR POPOFF-April 26, 2008-A free Energy workshop sponsored by the state, will be held in Brookings from 9 am to 4 pm at the Best Western Beachfront Inn. Pre-registration is requested prior to April 18th. A free lunch will be provided. Call SWOC at 541-469-5017.

Chief Merkley and I spoke with Scott Baker, county emergency services coordinator regarding a warning signal in case of a catastrophic emergency event. It will be a 5-second high blast followed by a lull, 5-second low blast for 3 minutes followed by a lull, 5-second blast for 3 minutes followed a lull, 5-second blast for 3 minutes. It will be a high sound, then a low sound. It won't be the same as the fire signal or the Monday 7 PM signal. Popoff thanked Baker for his work on this.

The question of "why there is no signal after the alert" (an all clear signal) has been asked many times. It is Mr. Baker's position, and others as well, that the siren is to be used just for the alert. People will be notified by megaphone from his airplane when it is all clear. There are tsunami excavation route signs posted and they will be reviewed. We're still trying to find an evacuation center.

Johnson suggested routes should be on highway 101-not up any dead end roads.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Police Chief Merkley-29500 Daisy Lane

Unfortunately, I was away during the budget process at a chief's conference and was unable to attend the first meeting. I did request, in writing, 2 times (couldn't hear for sure on the number of times) for an additional meeting. I have not received a reply to those requests. I assume that is not going to happen. I'm not surprised, however I am very disappointed that I did not receive some kind of notification.

I have a limited amount of input in the budget it seems. Speaking to my other peers, far less than is customary in most other agencies. I asked Corporal Giovannetti to speak in my place. He was given a five-minute time limit but was allowed a little longer than that. As my representative, he didn't have all the answers to the questions that were asked, that's why I requested an additional meeting. That did not happen.

I again, would formally request, to meet with the budget committee and have the opportunity to answer some of their questions. I got a copy of the minutes of an almost 3 hour meeting, with six pages of minutes that notes the police department and myself occupied a full five pages. The remaining budgets occupied hardly any time at all. There were some notes taken and I believe there are a number of inaccuracies quoted to me. One particularly-I had made a

statement to council, either in verbal and or written form that stated that I could go to Brookings and make more money. That is true, based on the hours of work I put in at the city, about 50-55 hours per week-take that and divide it my yearly income, I make far less than a sergeant in Brookings-plus he get OT which I don't. There are any number of other things I would like to discuss with the council or with the budget committee.

The one thing I would really like to discuss is my office manager position. I have here for review (I'll put it in your boxes)-back in 06-07 budget I made a request for a change of her status and title from $\frac{3}{4}$ to full time. It was not addressed or discussed, certainly not in a favorable position. Just to let you know, also included in reprint of my 06-07 proposal is a job description of her duties. She makes less than \$20,000 a year. That is \$1.47 more than minimum wage. I could expound over the next hour telling you all the good things about my office manager. She doesn't need accolades from me or from you. She gets plenty of accolades from her fellow employees and the citizens at large. What she needs is a living wage. The duties and responsibilities that are hers, more than justify her being given a full time job. She consistently takes work home. She works often times through her lunch hour. She never leaves at 4:00, never unless I almost have to (couldn't hear).

Her dedication is a gift. I ask that the City of Gold Beach give her the raise to full time. Not a raise in pay, which is a whole side issue because an office manager of her quality and stature deserves more than what she is making an hour now. Hourly wage aside she deserves, has earned, over her 3/12 years here the right to be full time. I think it is travesty to keep tying her in with the muni court that no longer exists.

Johnson-Did you say that Gail is paid \$1.47 more than minimum wage? (YES) So she is making \$9.47 an hour? Is that her wage?

Merkley-If you were to consider..... (Johnson-no, I don't want to "if" anything-you made a statement). She is currently making \$12.55 an hour for $\frac{3}{4}$ time. (Johnson-OK, that's a little bit different than what you said-it's quite different)

Merkley-It's only different-she is trying to earn a living wage.

Johnson-\$12.55 an hour is much more than \$9.47.

Merkley-What I'm saying is she is already working 40 hours a week. So if you were to pay her the hourly rate that she is already working and giving to the city, her rate of pay would be \$9.47. (Johnson-"would be" isn't what you said) That's what I'm saying. (Johnson-thank you-that answers my question)

Peterson-Thank you Russ for bringing this to the council's attention and the public's attention. I'm in full agreement with you.

Alexander-asked for a copy of the job description. I'm with Councilor Peterson on this and I believe I went on record during the budget meeting. There should be enough work to employ her full time as an office manager. I think with a (couldn't hear) if we need to do that job description that there very well could be and should be enough work to fill the full time position, so I'm on record for it.

Popoff-Everyone up here knows the office manager does a terrific job. We all recognize the fact she is a very valuable employee of this city.

Luane Merkley-29500 Daisy Lane- Regarding emergency preparedness-I would like to encourage every body - do your own personal emergency preparedness. A lot of it, we hope we've got what we need, but "hope" does not create what we need. A couple of years ago we did have that tsunami evacuation where everybody ended up at the top of Third and Eleventh Street and it was really a nightmare-it taught us a lot. The police cars now all have cases of water for situations just for the immediate needs of whoever is up there. That's something they ran into-nobody had water. The chief's car and my personal vehicle-we have emergency kits that I have put in 5 gallon plastic buckets. You'd be surprised at how much stuff I've got in there. It's very personal on what you need in there. Food, blankets, medication, clothing, underwear, medication. PEP meets the second Thursday of the month at 2:00, here at city hall. The Citizen's Emergency Planning and Preparing-I encourage people-let's be ready-because if you're ready when it happens, you are prepared and that is the whole point. When you're ready it never comes but when you're not ready-that's when it hits us. It didn't take Chief and I very long - we just gradually bought a little thing here and there and before long we had

enough to divide between our buckets. Think ahead-does your neighbor need help-do they have special needs or pets. There are people and organizations you can contact. You can contact me personally and I will help people figure out what they're going to do in the event of an emergency. So let's be ready when that fire siren goes off. You can get emergency radios and a flashlight that "crank" or "shake" to operate. We've been real lucky so far.

Johnson-That's one of the best suggestions I've heard-be prepared yourself for an emergency.

Alexander-My wife and I have emergency kits in both of our cars, including fire extinguishers. It's one of those things-I would rather have it and not need it than need it and not have it.

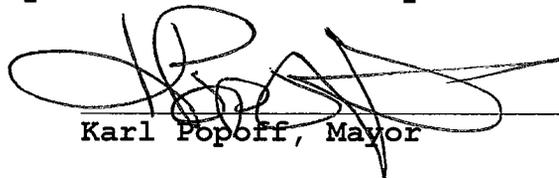
Popoff-I would also include in the kit, something to defend yourself with. There is a list of emergency items you can get from the Red Cross. The police department will have a copy of that list for those that would like to pick one up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

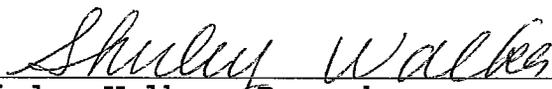
The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, MAY 12, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.:

Passed by the City Council of the City of Gold Beach on May 12, 2008.


Karl Popoff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shirley Walker, Recorder

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