

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009 @ 3:30 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WERNICKE AT 3:30 P.M.
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

VOTE ON SEVERANCE MATTER

MOTION:-> Peterson moved to approve the severance agreement (A) and release is to be made and entered today and authorize the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City, the severance release agreement with Russ Merkley, second by Alexander.

Johnson-I have changed my mind back and forth many times. I have separated by personal feelings from my feelings as a Councilor. I see the merit in getting this over and done with but I am not going to vote for it because I think the agreement is dishonest.

Peterson-I'll just reiterate what we discussed yesterday, on behalf of what is best for the City, and in order for us to have the situation closed and taken care of: we have at least a rough idea of what the cost is and we're not going to be incurring more costs, I think we should approve it.

Wernicke responded-(Someone in the audience asked if the Agreement would be made available to the public and if so she would like a copy of it) Once the Agreement is signed, my understanding is it will be made a public record.

Alexander-I can't honestly say I am 100% happy about this. But I do think it is a way to achieve a resolution and be able to move on.

Brennan, Peterson and Alexander voted "AYE". Johnson and Truesdell voted "NAY". VOTE 3 AYES 2 NAYS

ADJOURNED AT 3:34 P.M.

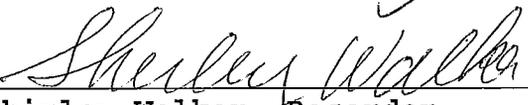
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Passed by the Gold Beach City Council on February 9, 2009.



James H. Wernicke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Walker, Recorder