

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009 @ 9:00 A.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WERNICKE AT 9:00 AM:

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 (Alexander attended telephonically)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

COPS FAST

The first order of business was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of submitting the COPS FAST grant. Johnson asked some questions regarding future financial problems that could happen. The mayor and councilors thanked Katie Freedman and John Truesdell for their wonderful assistance in completing and inputting the grant application.

Katie Freedman addressed the council to clarify some points and questions that had been asked.

Truesdell wondered if perhaps it should be put off until a new chief of police is hired.

Alexander said that now is not a good time to be increasing the size of the department, that when the economy was booming, Curry County remained one of the poorest counties in the state, and that he feels there will be no strong economy for the next decade. He explained that the council had authorized the former chief to prepare a levy package to put before the voters, but he did not follow through on it. He thinks it is preferable to let the voters decide what they want us to spend their money on. If they want more police coverage, then let them tell us so in a vote for a levy.

Wernicke said if we turn it down, we would be in deep water, as it looks so good on the surface.

Further discussion ensued.

MOTION->Peterson moved to proceed with the COPS grant, second by Brennan. Johnson, Brennan, Truesdell and Peterson voted "AYE", Alexander voted "NAY". VOTE 4 AYES 1 NAY

OUTLINE PROCEDURES FOR HIRING PERSONNEL

It was discussed that if the city administrator position is vacant, the mayor can appoint a pro tem administrator instantly. A list provided by the League of Oregon Cities was handed out with several names and addresses of people who were available for interim work. Brennan and Johnson will contact those people and see if they are interested in receiving an application and will report back. Peterson said he had an application from Don Kendell. Mr. Kendell was one of the applicants for the city administrator position last time it was advertised.

FILLING CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION

The authority of dealing with the chief of police applicants was discussed. In response to the mayor's question, Brennan said he had been talking to Mr. Janik and he is still interested. The council was presented with a list of additional requests from Janik and those were discussed at length. Some suggestions were made to several items on the list and it will be re-written. (Draft of rewrite is attached as Exhibit A). The most concern was in Number 14 and it was rewritten in draft form. Mr. Janik wants a 2-year contract with 3 months of severance pay. (Item 11), but the council will rewrite that entire number. Johnson was concerned that the council would offer Mr. Janik a contract, as he requested, even though it is against city policy to give contracts to any city employee.

It was suggested that someone should be authorized to talk to Mr. Janik discussing the changes the city would make regarding his request and Brennan was authorized to do so.

ADJOURNED at 11:00 a.m.

Approved by the Gold Beach City Council on May 11, 2009.



Jim Wernicke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Walker Recorder

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