

Regular Meeting of the Yachats City Council
August 11, 2016
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Ronald Brean at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room at the Yachats Commons. Council members present: Greg Scott, Sandy Dunn, Barbara E. Frye and Max Glenn; City Administrator Joan Davies; and an audience of nine.

I. Announcements and Correspondence

Greg Scott reminded the audience that he is presenting a program on August 27, showing photos from his trip to Patagonia, Chile and Bolivia. Leon Sterner announced the Friends are sponsoring the annual Beer, Barbeque and Bad Weeds event at 6:30pm on Saturday. Proceeds will go towards the cost of replacing the lights in The Commons with LED lights. Barbara Frye announced an information session with Lincoln Community Health Center on August 28 at 2pm in the 501 building. The public is invited to attend and ask questions about the health clinic proposal.

II. Citizen's Concerns
(None)

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of June 1, 2016 Work Session and June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting**
- B. Bills for Approval**
- C. Resolution No 2016-06-08 – Amending 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Councilor Greg Scott; all ayes; motion carried.

IV. Reports
(None)

A. Council

Mayor Ron Brean told the Council he will be attending the fifth annual Coastal Economic Summit in North Bend. It has great networking value, featuring Senators Wyden and Merkley, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. They will talk about better fuel economy, how electric cars are affecting the state gas tax, and an update on the 1,000 vehicles entered in the pilot project to research taxing per mile. Councilor Sandy Dunn asked whether the City gets any funds from the electric car charger placed by the picnic shelter.

B. Written Reports:

City Administrator, Code Enforcement Officer, Public Works Department, Emergency Preparedness Committee, City Recorder's Financial Report, Chamber of Commerce Quarterly

1 Mayor Brean asked for a July Revenue/Expenditure Report from City Recorder Nancy Batchelder,
2 and an explanation of why the library line is at 182% and Storm Drains is at 107%, when there have
3 been no expenditures in those areas. Councilor Sandy Dunn said she would like the City
4 Administrator's report in a format similar to the one Public Works submits, because it was too
5 long. Mayor Brean said he liked the detailed report that showed what was being worked on.
6 Councilor Glenn said he liked emailed updates throughout the month.

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8 **V. Public Hearing : Amendments to Yachats Municipal Code Chapter 9 Zoning and Land Use**

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10 **A. Ordinance No. 346 - An Ordinance Amending The Yachats Municipal Code**
11 **Chapter 9 – Zoning And Land Use, Sections 9.04.030 – Definitions, 9.12 - R-1 Residential**
12 **Zone, 9.16 – R-2 Residential Zone, 9.20 – R-3 Residential Zone, 9.24 – R-4 Residential**
13 **Zone, And 9.28 – C-1 – Commercial Zone**
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15 There was no public input and the hearing was continued.

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17 **VI. Business**
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19 Councilor Dunn asked the council if they would, in addition to reviewing the quarterly Chamber of
20 Commerce report, consider the projects that Events Coordinator Robert Rubin is working on, and
21 how the empty 501 building might be put to better use, if events could be held there. In addition
22 to the three free concerts this summer in the picnic shelter, featuring Paul Biondi, Rob Tobias and
23 Jerry Rempel, Mr. Rubin is bringing in Maria Muldaur on Sept. 9, for a concert in the multi-purpose
24 room of The Commons. The Celtic, Mushroom and Agate Festivals are coming up, as well, and Mr.
25 Rubin is working with Polly Plumb Productions to facilitate already-established annual events.

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27 Mr. Rubin has the interest, time and capability, Councilor Dunn pointed out, to develop a way in
28 which the City can benefit from renting the 501 building, in addition to the community enjoying
29 the additional local events. Mr. Rubin discussed how he has been advertising events and working
30 with local businesses to develop relationships, seek donations and promote business-related
31 activities. Councilor Dunn said that in light of the increased activity, there is a potential of venue
32 constraints for what he is developing. Both the Celtic and Mushroom festivals will probably need
33 extra space this year, and the 501 could meet those needs.

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35 Since there is no timeline or funding for a retrofit of the building to house City Hall, as had been
36 anticipated, Council Dunn asked for consideration of renting the building for a couple of years.
37 Then The Commons would not lose \$17,000 from the rent budget, chairs and tables could possibly
38 be bought with grant money and the empty building could be utilized until a more firm need or
39 better funding can be set up. Mr. Sterner said that there are events that don't happen in Yachats,
40 because of limited venue space, even taking into consideration meeting rooms at the motels.
41 Councilor Scott reminded the council that the number one priority is to continue to support
42 getting bank services back into town. Councilor Frye, who is working on getting a clinic back into
43 Yachats, said she was not averse to utilizing the 501 that way temporarily.

1 Mayor Brean said although City Hall could be moved into the 501 at little expense, there would
2 have to be the expense of having a meeting room built for the council, so something temporary
3 could be a good idea. If a bank wanted a retrofit for a small area, like grocery stores now have, that
4 could still be done, on the north side. Councilor Frye said there needs to be a plan, to avoid "fixing"
5 the space multiple times. Councilor Max Glenn pointed out that the City had acquired the building
6 for more space, and he wondered what will happen to the advantage of having more parking.
7 Also, he said, YYFAP is growing and needing more space, and had been looking forward to moving
8 upstairs into the City Hall area. The Chamber needs alternative space, more than what they have
9 now. Mayor Brean said that was the first he had heard of filling the City space before staff has
10 even moved. He concluded any moves that are needed do not have to occur this fall.

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12 Mayor Brean then suggested giving the City Administrator the authority to rent out the 501, make
13 minor modifications to accommodate, but pay attention to the parking demands and The
14 Commons schedule, when renting out space. Councilor Glenn called it a pilot project for events
15 and Councilor Scott said she needed to talk to the Presbyterian Church about parking conflicts.

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17 **ODOT/Yachats Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement:** City
18 Administrator Joan Davies asked the Council to authorize the signing of the agreement between
19 ODOT and the City to assist each other in emergencies. She said the agreement had been signed in
20 past years, but had been allowed to lapse. Councilor Scott moved to authorize the Administrator
21 to sign on behalf of the City; all ayes, motion carried.

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23 League of Cities (LOC) Foundation asked cities throughout the state to contribute to the LOC
24 scholarship fund, which helps city employees attend the LOC conferences and training. Yachats
25 had not previously contributed. Councilor Glenn moved to donate \$100; all ayes, motion passed.

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27 **VIII. Other Business**

28 (None)

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30 **A. From the Council**

31 Councilor Scott said the Planning Commission will have a two-hour work session and no
32 meeting, this month.

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34 **B. From the Staff**

35 (None)

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37 There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.

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40 Ronald L. Brean, Mayor

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43 Joan Davies, City Administrator