

CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2017
Minutes

Mayor Gerald Stanley called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 2:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Council members present: Mayor Gerald Stanley, Jim Tooke, Greg Scott and Max Glenn. Staff present: Water Department Lead Rick McClung, Wastewater Department Lead David Buckwald and Facilities Manager Leon Sterner. Councilor Barbara Frye attended by phone. City Manager Joan Davies was ill.

I. Announcements and Correspondence

Mayor Stanley welcomed the audience and advised them that City Manager Joan Davies was still ill and would not be in attendance. He announced that the City will send her flowers, and that many community members, including Councilor Barbara Frye, who have helped her during her illness. He also advised that he had not thought to ask Council members if they wanted any additional topics on the meeting agenda, which is something the City Manager usually does.

Councilor Max Glenn announced that on Feb. 16 at 5:30pm, a meeting called "Rise Up" (a local "Indivisible Project") will be held in the 501 Building, coordinated by Burgundy Featherkile. The purpose is "to persuade our government representatives to represent us, to protect the planet and protect the planet, and to practice and promulgate civility and cooperation."

Facilities Manager Leon Sterner advised that there are two projects going on, that the Friends of the Commons are involved in. The first is to replace the overhead lights in the multipurpose room and Room 8 with LED lights, and they hope to have that done in time for the March 10-12 quilt art show. The other project is to put new carpet in the council room and hallways.

Councilor Jim Tooke announced a support meeting for Measure 21-177 that deals with the aerial spraying of pesticides in Lincoln County, in Newport tonight at 5:30pm, at Bier One.

Mayor Stanley added that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will meet jointly with the City Council on March 15 at 6pm, as they do each year, and invited the public to attend. He then read a thank-you letter from Oregon Coast Community College Foundation for a donation.

II. Citizen's Concerns

Virginia Hafner of 168 Jennifer Drive was present and told the Council that she had been approved by the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy, but she had not heard anything further. Councilor Scott said he assumed that since the City Manager is out sick, that putting it on the agenda just fell through the cracks. Councilor Glenn suggested they go ahead and interview her so that she could be part of the Planning Commission meeting next week. Councilor Scott agreed, but said it should occur under the "Business" section of the agenda.

Carly Kerr of 248 Lincoln Avenue told the Council that spruce trees on City property near her home were cut down. She said that on Oct. 20, 2016, she returned home from a class at The Commons and to see that a tree company had cut down one of the spruces, and it had fallen onto her side of the slope. A second tree was about to be cut, as well. She told the lead worker that the trees were on City property and asked if they had permission to cut them down. The worker pointed towards JD Raile's house (341 Spruce Street) and said Mr. Raile had ordered the trees to be removed. She told the crew that the slope was very fragile, and to stop, but they continued to cut down the tree. Later, she called the City Planner to discuss it. He said the lot

1 was "public access" and no permission had been given to cut down the trees. He said he would
2 look into it. When she didn't hear back from him, she called the City Manager and was told a
3 City worker went up to check, but he could not see any stumps.

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5 Ms. Kerr called the City Planner the next week, and told him that Mr. Raile and his gardener
6 were cutting down scrub brush. She got them to stop on Christmas Eve, but more cutting has
7 been done since. The City Planner said he would write a letter to Mr. Raile, asking him to stop.

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9 Ms. Kerr described it as a "lot" without an address, and Councilor Scott said he could not locate
10 it on the map. Mayor Stanley asked if that could be done later.

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12 Councilor Glenn said that he had previously talked to both the City Planner and City Manager,
13 and had seen the location on the map. The property is City right-of-way, not a lot, and he did
14 see the letter that the planner had written to Mr. Raile. Councilor Scott said that "right-of-way" is
15 different from a lot, and that is critical information about who is responsible for those trees.
16 Mayor Stanley said he felt it was better to research this further, rather than try to resolve it now.

17 18 **II. Consent Agenda**

19 The Mayor stated that a temporary employee who had transcribed the minutes off the recording
20 did so in a manner that is not consistent with the way the City meeting minutes are usually
21 recorded, so they needed to be changed. Councilor Glenn said he had not seen the minutes
22 prior to the meeting, so he asked to delay any action until the next meeting. Councilor Scott
23 concurred. The bill payments had not yet been printed, so approval of bills was also tabled.

24 25 **III. Reports**

26 Councilor Tooke reported briefly on his shepherding goals. One is to talk with the Oregon State
27 Parks, because they may want to turn over the management of the local state parks. He has
28 talked with the former mayor, but has not met with any of the parks officials. The three parks are
29 Smelt Sands, the park on Oceanview Drive, and the park on Yachats Ocean Road.

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31 Councilor Tooke attended the Finance Committee meeting yesterday and there was some
32 discussion about part of the utilities fees being set aside for use in a streets fund. There was
33 also a group that is working on acquiring some property across from Quiet Water, where there
34 may be a spot for managing raw water. He is also shepherding the south tank site development,
35 toured the water and wastewater facilities, and attended a FOG (Food/Oils/Grease) meeting.

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37 Councilor Glenn reported that he participated in meetings with the Land Trust Board and the
38 Council of Governments in the past month, and attended a Senator Ron Wyden Town Hall.

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40 Councilor Scott said he had given his fellow Council members his report in writing the night
41 before. Mayor Stanley and Councilor Frye had not had a chance to read it. He explained that
42 one of the topics was the mesh network, which is on the agenda later. He had a couple of
43 meetings with public works volunteers, staff and the City Manager. They are working on a
44 number of items, including a water consumption report and water efficiency report. All of the
45 reports will be online when they are finished. There are also changes to the database security.

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47 Councilor Frye said she attended a meeting with the Lane Co. Transit District, ODOT and Siletz
48 Tribe, discussing the grant they obtained to provide transportation between Yachats and
49 Florence. She is on a small work group in regards to a 12-month plan they hope to have
50 operational by July. They are looking at getting bike racks for the bus. She will be meeting

1 monthly with them. Mayor Stanley asked if the timing will connect the bus with the northern
2 route, but Councilor Frye said there needs to be more discussion about that.

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4 Mayor Stanley said that he attended the Angell Job Corps community relations council meeting,
5 which Councilor Glenn usually attends. He also attended the Women's March in Newport, and
6 went with Councilor Tooke to the elected officials training sponsored by the League of Oregon
7 Cities. He attended a meeting with other mayors and had a chance to talk with Rep. Caddy
8 McKeown, as well as attending an event at the Ladies Club. He and City Manager Davies
9 attended a 20th anniversary celebration at Overleaf Lodge, as well.

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11 **IV. Business**

- 12 A. Appointment of Virginia Hafner to Planning Commission: She grew up on the WA
13 coast, has lived in Yachats a little over the year, but up the river and in Waldport for
14 about 20 years. Worked in schools as teacher and counselor for about 30 years. She
15 has done a lot of volunteer work and enjoys city government, attending various
16 meetings, and was formerly on the Waldport Planning Commission. Councilor Scott
17 recommended her for the appointment. Councilor Glenn moved to appoint her to the
18 Planning Commission, upon their recommendation; unanimously approved.
- 19 B. Meeting dates and times for Council meetings: Beginning in March, the work session
20 will have a "regular meeting" section on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30am.
21 The regular meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month at 2pm. There
22 was a survey done of residents to see if they wanted any meetings at night, but
23 Councilor Scott said the survey is not completed yet. Councilor Scott moved to have
24 the City Manager to amend the existing administrative policy that deals with meeting
25 days and times to reflect those changes; unanimously approved. The March 8
26 regular session will begin at 12:30pm, however.
- 27 C. Appointment of City Manager Joan Davies as Budget Officer, and appointment of
28 Yvonne Wulff and John Moore to the Budget Committee: Councilor Tooke moved to
29 make those appointments to the committee, and the City Manager as the Budget
30 Officer; unanimously approved.
- 31 D. Approve Yachats Public Network upgrade: Councilor Scott explained there has been
32 a long-term technical problem and the technology is pretty old. He talked to the City
33 Manager and recommended that the Council approve replacement of the system. It
34 affects the library, sewer plant, The Commons and the Green Salmon, which all have
35 transmitters. The City owns the hardware, local businesses pay for the DSL – it is a
36 unified Wi-Fi system. Councilor Glenn moved to authorize the purchase of the
37 hardware, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000; unanimously approved. Councilor
38 Scott asked that it be paid for out of Visitors Amenities funds, Councilor Glenn
39 moved to approve the use of those funds; unanimously approved.
- 40 E. Commissions and Committees group: Mayor Stanley said he would like to see
41 recognition of volunteers that serve the City in at the State of the City event.

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43 Meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

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46 Gerald F. Stanley, Mayor

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