

1 CITY OF YACHATS
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
3 March 8, 2017
4 Minutes
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6 Mayor Gerald Stanley called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 2:00 pm in
7 Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Council members present: Mayor Gerald Stanley, Jim
8 Tooke, Greg Scott, Barbara Frye and Max Glenn. Staff present: City Manager Joan Davies,
9 Water Department Lead Rick McClung, Wastewater Department Lead David Buckwald and
10 Facilities Manager Leon Sterner. Audience: 13
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12 **I. Announcements and Correspondence**

13 Mayor Stanley welcomed the audience and stated he wished to apologize for something that
14 happened at the work session this week. Local resident Ken Gagne had brought a presentation
15 on his beach safety program to the Council, but had not been told there was a time limitation.
16 The Mayor apologized for not having made that clear when he invited him to the meeting.
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18 A letter from Ken and Mary Aebi was noted by City Manager Davies. The Aebis asked for the
19 Quiet Water community to be recognized for allowing YYFAP (Yachats Youth & Family Activities
20 Program) to offer swimming lessons at the housing association's pool, for the fifth year. They
21 said 135 children, ages 6-10, have enjoyed the program since its inception, and the residents'
22 generosity is appreciated. She also advised that the LED lights have been put up in the multi-
23 purpose room and Room 8, just in time for the Art Quilt Show being held March 10-12. Two
24 other events are the Arts & Crafts Fair March 25-26 and Ladies Club luncheon that weekend
25 and the next weekend.
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27 Facilities Manager Leon Sterner also mentioned the lights project and said they were already
28 hanging entries for the quilt show. The Library Book Sale is March 31-April 1. Mayor Stanley
29 added that the Port of Alsea Budget Committee is looking for a member from Yachats, if anyone
30 is interested in participating. Councilor Max Glenn mentioned that spring break and whale watch
31 week are scheduled for March 25-31 and the Lions will hold their annual pancake breakfast the
32 morning of March 26. SOLVE 2017 Beach Cleanup is scheduled for April 1 for Yachats.
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34 Mayor Stanley reminded the Council that they have a joint session with the Lincoln County
35 Board of Commissioners, as part of the Board's annual visit to Yachats. The one-hour session
36 runs from 6pm-7pm, and then the Board goes into regular session at 7pm. Councilor Glenn
37 pointed out that there is a "mass exodus" for the exit when the joint session ends, and he asked
38 that attendees acknowledge the role of the Commission and stay for their regular meeting.
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40 Two thank-you letters were read into the record by Mayor Stanley: Meals on Wheels and My
41 Sisters' Place both appreciated the City donations to their programs. An email from Barbara
42 Hascall of Eugene was also shared. She was disappointed that the Council had established a
43 no-fragrance policy in City buildings, because that prohibits her from having a vendor's table at
44 the annual arts and crafts festivals that she has participated in for the past six years. The City
45 Manager had responded to the email and explained about the local residents who are medically
46 affected by fragrances, chemicals and stale smoke, which influenced the Council's decision.
47 Councilor Greg Scott said he heard the fire marshal speak about clean air, and the number of
48 people in town who are impaired; it is an important health and wellness issue. Councilor
49 Barbara Frye added that as people take more drugs, even prescription drugs, they may become
50 more sensitive to such things.
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II. Minutes and Accounts Payable

The Minutes for the February 6, 2017 council work session meeting had been provided to the Council for review. Councilor Scott moved to approve the minutes as written; all ayes, motion approved. The minutes of the February 9, 2017 regular council meeting had also been reviewed and Councilor Glenn moved to approve them as written; all ayes, motion carried. The accounts payable packet was available and reviewed by Council President Scott.

III. Council Reports

Councilor Scott reported that he and the IT team have published twice since the February meeting, and still have a couple of bugs affecting staff in processing license applications. He has three water graphs that are not quite done. The Wi-Fi update is done, except for the Library.

Mayor Stanley said he toured both the water plant and wastewater plant with the department leads and learned a lot about the systems. He met on February 24 for a second time with Rep. Caddy McKeown, and met this morning with a group presenting what was described as “non-profit funders’ road show”. Local residents Paul Englemeyer and Linda Hetzler also participated, and the group is putting the City on a grant list for ocean conservation projects.

City Manager Davies explained that the State of the City on Sunday, April 9 at 2pm will consist of the Mayor introducing the Council and various committees and commissions, then turning it over to her for a brief synopsis of the past year and a look into the future. Tom Lauritzen has been asked to provide some financial information and the Mayor will advise the chairs of the committees and commissions that they will have tables set up where they can talk with any residents who might be interested in what they do, or perhaps who would join in volunteering. Public Works & Streets Commission has three open seats; Library has one vacancy. There was some discussion about opening it up for non-city groups, but nothing was confirmed.

Councilor Glenn advised the Council he had just been contacted by proprietor Jim King of “Just Local”, and he was concerned that the construction on the C&K parking lot is going to cause water to come into the small stores along the western edge, down the slope. City Manager Davies wrote a note to the project engineer and took it out to staff, asking him to contact Mr. King as soon as possible, and the engineer left immediately to address the concern.

Wastewater Department Lead Dave Buckwald explained to the Council about sewer laterals on private property, and urged prospective homeowners to “know before you buy”, because testing sewer laterals can make a big difference in a house sale. He also shared statistics from the I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) inspections the crew conducted in January. This preventative step heads off disasters that could happen during the rainy season, and showed that 3.81 inches of rainfall had occurred in a 72-hour period; 340 gallons per minute were coming into the main pump station; and identified similar issues throughout town.

Buckwald suggested focusing the rest of the year, and 2017-18 on the two basins south of the bridge, which will result in significant savings in maintenance and energy costs. He also told the Council that the farm he usually hauls waste to has been shut down temporarily by DEQ, but he has secured a second place to deposit. The fees are double the cost, however. On a good note, he concluded, the crew will have the screw press put in and the west-side fence moved towards the Library within the next few months, giving them room to operate, and to later build cover for valuable heavy equipment that is currently stored out in the weather.

1 Water Department Lead Rick McClung told the council that the City received over 15 inches of
2 rain in February – the normal rainfall is seven inches for that month. He has seen several trees
3 lost because of the ponding at their bases, and the roots pull up through the mud. He said the
4 South Reservoir Project is moving forward and he has the final plans in hand. Civil West
5 Engineering will be handling the request for proposals and he has sent for the official review.
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7 **IV. Business**

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9 Councilor Frye had presented a Memorandum of Understanding at the work session, outlining
10 what the City would possibly be willing to do to assist the Lincoln Community Health Center in
11 setting up a clinic somewhere in Yachats. The list was reworked and renamed to “Items for
12 Discussion” between the two entities, and she presented that version to the Council. She went
13 back over the three years of meetings and conversations concerning this topic, the surveys that
14 went out, and the enthusiasm LCHC has for the project. No other medical entity has contacted
15 the City with a similar proposal, and LCHC – which already runs 9 clinics in Lincoln County -
16 specializes in services above and beyond a clinic, including education, WIC, nutrition classes,
17 gambling and addiction treatment. Frye represents the City and Mayor Stanley has also served
18 on the LCHC board. Councilors Glenn, Tooke and Scott, as well as resident Lance Block, of 549
19 Aqua Vista Loop, spoke in support of the project, and Mr. Block asked what the key obstacles
20 were to placing a clinic in Yachats. Councilor Frye said that attracting providers is the hardest
21 part for any of the medical facilities on the coast, and then they would have to build up clientele.
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23 Councilor Scott moved to approve the “Items for Discussion” to be shared with LCHC; all ayes,
24 motion carried. Councilor Frye is meeting with them on March 22. The Council thanked her for
25 her years of hard work on this project, focused on bringing medical services to this core area.
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27 Measure 21-177 is on the ballot in May, with the purpose of prohibiting corporations from using
28 aerial spraying for pesticides. It does not prohibit application by hand. Councilor Tooke had
29 spoken about the proposal at the work session and the Council received testimony in support of
30 the measure from Peggy Speer, as well as a letter from Roxane Hills and Joanne Kittel, View
31 the Future Chair, both in support of the measure. The Council had come to the consensus that
32 they wanted to support the measure publicly, because the aerial spraying of the local forest is
33 done on the City of Yachats watershed. At this meeting, it was determined they would utilize the
34 Statement of Endorsement, which can be printed in the voters’ pamphlet, rather than to declare
35 their position in a resolution.
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37 Councilor Tooke moved to provide a Statement of Endorsement to the Lincoln County Clerk for
38 publication in the voters’ pamphlet; all ayes, motion carried. Councilor Tooke will prepare the
39 Statement and ensure it gets filed with Lincoln County Elections Office by March 20 deadline.
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41 Due to Mayor Stanley and Councilor President both having other commitments on March 18
42 through March 22, it was necessary for the Council to appoint a Mayor pro-tem to serve in case
43 of emergencies. Councilor Glenn nominated Councilor Frye to serve; all ayes, motion carried.
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45 Resolution 2017-03-01 Authorizing the Sale of a Water Revenue Refunding Bond was read into
46 the record by City Manager Davies. This is part of an ongoing process that began in November,
47 and will provide a lower interest rate and shorter pay-off date for the established City debt.
48 Councilor Tooke moved to approve the Resolution as read; all ayes, motion carried.
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50 Resolution 2017-03-02 Authorizing the Sale of a General Obligation Refunding Bond was read
51 into the record by the City Manager. She again explained the process for getting a lower interest

1 rate and shorter pay-off date for this amount of established City debt. Councilor Tooke moved to
2 approve the Resolution as read; all ayes, motion carried.

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4 The City Manager also provided the Council with a copy of the Bond Purchase Agreement and
5 explained the difference between it and the resolutions, so it did not require a vote, but would
6 require a signature when completed with the lender.

7 8 **IV. Other Business**

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10 Shepherding Goals had been postponed from the work session meeting:

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12 Councilor Tooke:

- 13 - Talked to former mayor about previous discussions concerning the City possibly
14 taking over the State parks within the City limits. Has not talked to the State.
- 15 - Attended a Finance Committee meeting in which there was a short discussion about
16 taking a small portion of the utilities base fee and putting it into a Streets fund,
17 without raising any fees.
- 18 - Met with Water Department Lead Rick McClung about the South Reservoir Project
19 and obtained information from the group working on the Evans/Betz property
20 acquisition, that could facilitate raw water storage.
- 21 - Toured the wastewater facilities with Wastewater Lead Dave Buckwald. Took part in
22 a discussion on monitoring the levels of commercial input into the system and the
23 work of the FOG (Fats/Oils/Grease) task force.

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25 Councilor Frye:

- 26 - Health care project was reported on in main part of the meeting; meeting March 22.
- 27 - She will be attending two transportation meetings next week.
- 28 - There has not been a Library Board meeting since her last report.
- 29 - South City entrance sign: Tom Lauritzen advised it has been put back into the CIP
30 "for Sandy", he added, referring to former Councilor Sandy Dunn's work on that.

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32 Councilor Glenn:

- 33 - Working on the multi-city search for banking services, but has been advised by
34 OCWCOG to bypass their group and contact other cities directly.
- 35 - Verified with Chamber of Commerce that they do add City link to their materials.

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37 Mayor Stanley:

- 38 - Discussed with City Manager possible future use of Visitors Amenities Funds.
- 39 - Member of Marketing Committee, working on 50/100 Anniversary and need funds.
- 40 - Eclipse is August 21; motels sold out, portable toilets booked.
- 41 - No "point person" for vacation rentals subject; all council assigned
- 42 - Ocean View Drive – will talk with Board of Commissioners on March 15.

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44 Loren Dickinson, 333 Jennifer Drive, addressed the Council about having a business card made
45 for the Trails Committee members, more like a "marketing" card, because the public ask them
46 for a card quite often. They will have the names of the five members who do Committee
47 planning on it, along with a square version of the City logo and a picture of the Amanda statute
48 on the Amanda Trail. They will only order 500 cards, so changes can be made when necessary,
49 without much loss in cards. He said they currently have about 185 names on their mailing list.
50 Mayor Stanley told him that he needed to go through the Parks & Commons Committee to get

1 permission for the cards. Councilor Scott said it has no connection to the City. Council Glenn
2 moved to approve the creation of the card, contingent upon Parks & Commons also agreeing.
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4 Councilor Scott told the Council that Councilor Frye had requested to not take on the duties of
5 the committees/commissions review task force, but the Mayor was interested. No one else
6 voiced a desire to participate, so the consensus was to add the Mayor. Councilor Scott said that
7 the review needs to be pushed back in time, as there are other priorities that need attention
8 now. Rick McClung pointed out that the Public Works & Streets had asked for a mission
9 statement. Mayor Stanley said he wanted the City Manager to encourage the audience at the
10 State of the City to sign up for the three PW&S committee positions that are vacant.

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12 Meeting was adjourned at 2:47pm.
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15 Gerald F. Stanley, Mayor
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20 Joan Davies, City Manager