

**MINUTES**

APPROVED 1/2/02

Coburg City Council &  
Lane County Board of Commissioners  
Joint Session  
Tuesday, November 20, 2001  
7:00 pm  
Coburg City Hall

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mike Dean, Don Schuessler, Judy Volta, Georgann Koehler, Michelle Sunia, Don Ferrell

COUNCIL ABSENT: Virginia Beebe (sick)

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hudson, Jack Harris, Peggy de Montmorency Mark Phelps

GUESTS: Lane County Board of Commissioners: Cindy Weeldryer, Bill Dwyer, Bobby Green, Anna Morrison, Bill Van Vactor (County Administrator). Peter Sorenson was absent. Sheriff Jan Clements

RECORDED BY: Peggy de Montmorency

I. CALL TO ORDER—MAYOR

- a. Mayor Mike Dean called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present.

II. RECONVENE –

- a. Anna Morrison reconvened the Lane County Board of Commissioners at 7:08 pm. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared present.

III. JOINT MEETING

- a. Cindy Weeldryer delivered a check in the amount of \$60,286.56 to Mayor Mike Dean for County/City Road Partnership.
- b. It is Lane County's sesquicentennial.
- c. Mike Dean – We're here to discuss things of mutual interest. Are there any issues?
- i. Mike Hudson – Road Safety Issues
1. Coburg has received requests from citizens for changes in some speed limits. This is a safety issue.
    - a. The County can't do this. There is a state speed limit commission that must do this. Will forward the request to Public Works.
  2. It is unsafe for citizens to cross Pearl St. Would like additional crosswalks painted.
  3. Mike Dean – Would like the timing of the walk light extended.

- ii. Jack Harris – Concern re: disruption of business during road construction. Could work be done at night?
  - a. Mike Hudson – work at night might disturb residents.
- iii. Cindy Weeldryer – spoke regarding the I-5 interchange.
  - 1. Bobby Green – Got \$18 million for the I-5 interchange.
    - a. Discussed the increasing costs of various projects. Prices are up 36%, but dollars have remained the same.
    - b. There are competing projects.
    - c. Mike Dean – the intersection is dangerous as it is.
    - d. Mike Hudson – Police are directing traffic five hours daily.
    - e. Bill Dwyer discussed a footbridge.
      - i. Cindy Weeldryer - Discussed footbridge versus widening the overpass and the danger without a footbridge.
- iv. Mike Dean – discussed several issues.
  - 1. Discussed the 2050 Project
  - 2. Could Lane County get with other counties down the I-5 corridor re: an engine idling ordinance.
  - 3. The potential power plant – Coburg derives no benefit.
  - 4. How can we get the money to do some things, for example, the school issue? Could we partner up on some things?
    - a. Cindy Weeldryer – Responded with what is being done and could be done. Discussed partnerships that have been done. Working on ways to leverage money.
    - b. If you could tie the school into other areas, more money might be available.
    - c. Judy Volta – Discussed financial needs for the school to remain open.
    - d. Mike Dean – We’re really exposed for the next 4 – 5 years.
    - e. Cindy Weeldryer – Have you considered a charter school?
      - i. Mike Dean – We’re looking into it.
    - f. Bill Dwyer – Discussed various available funds. Coburg’s whole identity is tied to the school. We’re committed to working with you.

- v. Power Plant
  - 1. Bill Dwyer – Lane County is only an advisory committee and has no power.
  - 2. Cindy Weeldryer had heard of some possible partnerships with Coburg.
  - 3. Mike Dean indicated that these did not come to fruition.
    - a. Discussed a possible grant/challenge grant from the Power Plant.
  - 4. Michelle Sunia – Why does the county not have jurisdiction over the Power Plant?
    - a. Bill Dwyer – That was a decision by the legislature.
- vi. Sheriff Jan Clements
  - 1. Mike Dean thanked the Sheriff for the gathering last week and discussed the meeting.
  - 2. Jan Clements discussed the summit.
  - 3. Discussed Title III projects, Forest deputies, County-wide microwave radio network.
  - 4. Bill Dwyer asked about the GAP analysis.
    - a. Jan Clements responded that the information will be sent out.
  - 5. Discussed the Forest work camp help provided to Whiteacre School Thanksgiving food project.
    - a. The inmates cooked desserts for the dinner.
    - b. Judy Volta – Could some drug funds go to the work camp?
    - c. Jan Clements – It is strictly for drug/alcohol treatment, but these programs exist at the jail and the forest work camp.
  - 6. Don Ferrell asked the Sheriff about cutbacks in prisons and early release programs.
    - a. Jan Clements responded that many will be released.
- vii. Don Schuessler asked about the noise from sand and gravel operations, even at 4:00 am.
  - 1. Response – They have permits to operate 24 hours a day.
- viii. Cindy Weeldryer spoke about Measure 7 and compensating on government taking.
- ix. Anna Morrison thanked the Coburg City Council
- x. The Lane County Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:08 pm.

#### IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- a. Dick Brown passed out a handout regarding the proposed power plant.

## V. COUNCIL REPORTS

## a. City Administrator – Mike Hudson

- i. Representative Al King wants to hold a Town Hall meeting at city hall.
- ii. At the last Planning Commission meeting Clay Myers resigned. He has been appointed by the Governor to the Lane County Boundary Commission
- iii. Presented a handout from the City of Eugene regarding non-property tax taxes.
- iv. RDI & OECDD have grant funds they want to give to the city. We need to decide how we want to spend that. A meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 3:00 pm. Would like the Mayor and any councilors to attend.
- v. Complaints about water service are being handled in-house.
- vi. Periodic review starts tomorrow in Mike Hudson's office.
- vii. Found money - \$22,300 in grant funds from the prior fiscal year was received in the current fiscal year. This money must stay in the Police Department, but would like to recommend a like amount of money be moved out of the Police Department.
  1. Will publish a Supplemental Budget.
  2. Would like to set up an account for the water fund for needy people.
- viii. Michelle Sunia – What is happening re: finding a City Administrator?
  1. Mike Hudson – Discussed what is being done. He is picking up much that has not been done for the past 6 – 7 years.
  2. Mike Dean – We're not actively looking for anyone right now.
  3. Mike Hudson – There is enough work for a full-time City Administrator. Much of that time is spent attending meetings.
    - a. Money is out there if someone knows where to look for it.
  4. Michelle Sunia – After the Holidays, we should start looking for someone.
  5. Mike Dean concurred. We need to decide on the final structure of the staff.
- ix. Mike Hudson has been selected by the FBI to attend a school at Quantico for 11 weeks.
  1. Mark Phelps would consider stepping in temporarily to cover.

## b. Mayor's Comments

- i. The final design review for City Hall will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Lawrence Hall.

## c. Public Works – Jack Harris

- i. The new alarm system has been installed in the water system and is working well.

- d. Agency Contacts
  - i. The water committee may be through meeting. Will bring final recommendations/findings to Council at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- e. Planning Commission
  - i. Katie Thiell is the new Chair.
  - ii. They would like Mike to attend the meetings
  - iii. The planner is attending.
  - iv. Clay Myers has resigned.
  
- VI. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – Mark Phelps
  - a. League of Oregon Cities – discussed franchise fees and the legal actions being pursued.
  - b. Submitted a letter to the auditors – there is no pending litigation.
  - c. Draft of the new Contracting Ordinance to be sent out to the city. Explained the ordinance.
  - d. Fielded questions and clarified who has what authority levels regarding personal service contracts as an example.
  
- VII. NEXT MEETING
  - a. Wednesday, January 2, 2002
  
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Don Ferrell moved to pass the Consent Agenda.
  - b. Don Schuessler seconded the motion.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.
  
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Jack Harris – The Parade of Lights will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.
  
- X. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' AND MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
  
- XI. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. Judy Volta moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm.
  - b. Don Schuessler seconded the motion.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.