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CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Civic Meeting Room - Yachats Commons
August 10, 2015
Minutes

Mayor Ronald Brean called the work session of the City Council to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Civic Meeting Room at the Yachats Commons. Council members present: Greg Scott, Sandy Dunn, Barbara E. Frye and Max Glenn.

Brean said that he will have some conflicts with the work session dates for the next two meetings.

Brean said that he would also like to discuss the message the Council wishes to deliver as the water emergency continues.

I. Report: View the Future

Andrea Scharf presented a written report to City Council and read from the attached written report.

Scharf said that View the Future will continue working on their viewshed protection efforts, but at this time she is not sure what those efforts will look like. They plan to have a brain-storming meeting to discuss what those future activities may be.

II. Request from Parks and Commons Commission – Bench Replacement

Don Niskanen, Chair of the Parks and Commons Commission explained that when the Community Garden Task Force was working on the park the donors were only charged for the original bench and the plaques. Nothing was received for maintenance or replacement.

Brean said that the City would have built those benches for the park anyway, without the donations so those are City benches and should be replaced by the City.

Brean said that he believes it is time to move forward with the creation of an endowment fund to maintain any future donated facilities and acknowledgements.

Niskanen suggested that the Parks and Commons Commission discuss this at their next meeting and make a recommendation to City Council regarding a modified policy.

III. Discussion: Marijuana Dispensaries

Dunn said that things have changed on a State level and the Medical Marijuana Dispensaries will be able to sell recreational marijuana beginning this fall.

Dunn said that she thinks there are some things that the City Council needs to discuss, such as requiring Hwy 101 frontage.

Brean said that if the City Council were to restrict any dispensaries from locations within 1000' of the Commons the owners of those dispensaries would not be able to locate most anywhere within the commercial area.

Discussion followed about the restriction within 1000' of the Commons.

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2 Scott said that he thinks it would be best to ask the City Attorney for an update of his opinion from
3 last summer based on the State changes.
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5 Dunn said that she thinks the only thing the City needs to do is state that any dispensary is on Hwy
6 101 frontage.
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8 There was consensus to ask the City Attorney for his opinion. Brean will contact the City Attorney
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10 **New Item: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): South Lincoln County Art Mosaic Planter**
11 **Project**
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13 Shelly Schrock said that they are proposing that set of planters/benches be placed either in front of
14 the old bank building or in front of the Commons.
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16 Brean said that he would like to have the Parks and Commons Commission review the locations
17 before the City Council signs the MOU.
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19 Glenn said that he would like to wait until the bank building is a City Facility, and the City Council
20 has decided how the building will be used
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22 This item will be added to the agenda for Thursday.
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24 **New Item: Schedule Work Sessions – September and October**
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26 There was consensus to hold the September Work Session on September 2, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
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28 There was consensus to hold the October Work Session on October 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
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30 **New Item: Public Works and Streets Commission Update – Utility Rates**
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32 Chair, Bob Bennett said that they met last Tuesday but there was no quorum, however he would
33 like to report on the progress to date.
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35 The Commission has developed a framework for making adjustments to the rates. By the
36 September meeting they should have enough data in the model to start working on the numbers.
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38 Bennett said that the current accounting software will not accommodate the types of changes the
39 Commission has been discussing.
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41 Discussion followed regarding the amount and type of analytical analysis required.
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43 It was noted that over half of the water consumed is used by the 32 largest accounts, yet they pay
44 only 25% of the revenue, so the homeowners subsidize those large accounts.
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46 Finance Committee Chair, Tom Lauritzen said that many cities have a tier system which
47 encourages water conservation, and most of those include some water in the base rate.
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49 This issue will be discussed at the Finance Meeting on Wednesday, so it will be posted as having
50 possible a City Council quorum.
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1 Lauritzen explained that there will also be a representative from an agency at the Finance
2 Committee meeting that will be able to assist the City in funding the water reservoir project with a
3 loan that includes a principal reduction.

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5 Bennett asked the City Council to provide the Commission a timeline for when they wish to take
6 action on any recommended water rate adjustments.

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8 **New Item: Updated Message for Water Emergencies**

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10 Brean said that he has drafted the updated message as a way to remind people to continue to
11 conserve and to ask them to provide an email address so the City can send them updates
12 electronically.

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14 Batchelder suggested that the Municipal Code be amended to state that written notices may be
15 either mailed or emailed.

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17 **IV. Set the Agenda for the August 13, 2015 City Council Meeting**

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19 The City Council reviewed the Agenda of the Thursday meeting.

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21 Brean said that he did listen to the testimony regarding the Occupancy Tax Rate Increase at the
22 last meeting, but he has not changed his mind about the approach the Council is discussing.

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24 Scott said that he does not believe the businesses' response that the City is placing a burden on
25 them. The City is responsible for many things that are required by the State and Federal
26 Governments without the funding needed to carry out those requirements. So, the money has to
27 come from somewhere.

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29 Don Groth was present for an interview because the Public Works and Streets Commission's
30 recommendation that he be appointed to serve on the Commission.

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32 Groth said that he has lived in Yachats full time for five years and is currently on the Emergency
33 Planning Committee.

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35 Council discussed the continuing problem with sending and receiving attachments when using the
36 new email addresses. Scott said that he will look into this issue.

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38 The Council discussed the problems related to rumors circulating around the community regarding
39 the purchase of the bank building and possible uses.

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41 Brean said that he thinks that is just the nature of the world we live in, and he believes that the
42 Council is very transparent and has discussions in open meetings.

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44 Scott said that he had some questions about the bank building that he had not thought about at the
45 last City Council meeting, so he shared those questions with the Mayor, who in turn shared it with
46 Dunn and Glenn who are on the Bank Committee.

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48 Niskanen described a situation regarding an illegal transient rental and said that he thinks the City
49 Council needs to hold a hearing.

1 Batchelder said that she believes this is a violation of the Code to operate a vacation rental without
2 a license and the owner should be cited to appear in Municipal Court.

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4 There was consensus that this is a violation of the Code and should be handled in Municipal Court.

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6 Frye said that parking on East 2nd continues to be a problem, and just recently a resident driving on
7 the street ran into a parked truck while trying to avoid hitting a pedestrian.

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9 Brean said that the direction of the one way traffic on East 2nd will be reversed as part of the
10 sidewalk and Hwy 101 project and changing Prospect back to two way traffic.

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12 Niskanen said that he has asked Public Works to install No Parking signs on the North Side of East
13 2nd where the street is the narrowest.

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15 The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Ronald Brean, Mayor

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25 Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder