

**Minutes of the Veneta City Council**  
**May 11, 2005**

Council  
Present: Mayor T. J. Brooker, Thomas Cotter, (arrived at 5:50 p.m. ), Marion Esty, and Fred Miller  
Absent: Darrell Carman  
Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; Jerry Elliott, City Engineer; Len Goodwin, Jim Bruvold, James Dean, Len Goodwin; and James Eagle-Eye

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Mayor Brooker called the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Marion Esty made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Fred Miller seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Marion Esty, aye; Fred Miller, aye; and Mayor Brooker (Thomas Cotter was not yet present).

The consent agenda as approved included minutes for the Goal Setting Work Sessions for February 5, 2005, March 16, 1005, March 23, 2005, April 7, 2005, and April 11, 2005; minutes for Veneta City Council April 11, 2005 and April 25, 2005; the Public Works Activity Report for April 2005; and bills paid and payable for March/April 2005.

3. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

a. **FROM MAYOR/COUNCILORS**

- (1) Mayor Brooker read a Proclamation declaring May 21, 2005 as U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Day of Appreciation for its commitment to completing the repair of the Fern Ridge Dam in 2005/2006.

City Administrator Ric Ingham announced a lake clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005.

**MOTION:** Fred Miller made a motion to adopt May 21, 2005 as U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Appreciation Day. Marion Esty seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

b. **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

Marion Esty (East Veneta CAC) - The group had an excellent tour of the area.

Marion Esty (Cultural Coalition Board) - A local business has been named a recipient of one of their grants. The name of the business will be announced later.

#### 4. STAFF REPORTS

##### a. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Community Services Director Margaret Boutell gave the Council an update on personnel hiring.

- (1) Pool Manager - The position for pool manager has been advertised and closes May 15, 2005. Melissa Hayes has agreed to return as co-manager again this summer and will train a new co-manager. The pool will open June 20, 2005.
- (2) Planner - The City received 33 resumes; however, the level of experience most applicants had was not what is desired. Two interviews have been scheduled for this Friday. After the interviews staff will decide whether or not to re-advertise. Margaret said planners are in high demand right now.

##### b. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- (1) The citywide cleanup last Saturday was very successful with about twice as much activity as in the past. Ric said the cleanup should save the City a lot of time on code enforcement issues.
- (2) Ric said the Business Expo will be held this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He asked the Councilors to let him know when they can help with the City's booth.
- (3) A policy discussion will be scheduled for the next City Council meeting and if the Council decides to adopt a social gaming ordinance the City Attorney could possibly have one ready to adopt in June.

City Attorney Ken Jones has begun work to have the City's Tanglewood lots appraised.

The City Attorney has completed a review of the Employee Handbook which has been distributed to staff for review. Adoption of the handbook is tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2005.

Ric said the next budget committee meeting will be held Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The budget will be scheduled for adoption on June 13, 2005.

Ric reminded the City Council they have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission scheduled for Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Ric said several potential work sessions may be scheduled for the June 27<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, a presentation on the Urban Renewal District by Milo Meecham, a Hwy 126 Safety presentation by ODOT, and planning intern Samantha Haschert will present the design standards she did as part of her masters thesis. Ric said he would like to encourage the Budget Committee and Planning Commission to attend.

Margaret Boutell said the City Council and Planning Commission may need to schedule a joint public hearing for July 5, 2005 to consider another wetland variance application.

**5. OTHER**

Thomas Cotter said he noticed the City's fuel costs have increased significantly and he asked if the Council should look at ways to reduce those costs and adopt a vehicle use policy. In response, Ric said recently the public works staff has been asked to limit their use of City owned vehicles in an effort to reduce the fuel costs.

In response to a question from Ric, Len Goodwin said he attended the public hearing today at which Lane County adopted their Capital Improvement (CIP). He said also learned that the County Commissioner's voted 3-2 to terminate the road partnership money in 2007.

**6. ADJOURN**

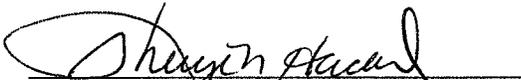
Mayor Brooker adjourned the regular meeting of the Veneta City Council at 6:00 p.m.



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T. J. Brooker, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sheryl L. Hackett, City Recorder  
(minutes prepared by SL Hackett)