

**Minutes of the Veneta City Council
November 27, 2006**

Council

Present: Mayor T. J. Brooker, Darrell Carman, Thomas Cotter, Marion Esty; and Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder; Amie Collins, Program Coordinator, Sgt. Clifford Harrold, SCSO; Gifford Tallmadge, Allita Miller, Linda Boothe, Buck Pelroy, Scott Sanders, Gino Galioto, Scott Johnson, Jim Bruvold, Tami Sakany, and Jeneca Jones, West Lane News

Mayor Brooker called the Veneta City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Boothe 25331 Jean Rd., Veneta, OR;

Ms. Booth posed the question as to why the City will only use one garbage service provider.

Buck Pelroy, 23689 Vaughn Rd., Veneta, OR;

Mr. Pelroy told the Council he is a long time resident of the Veneta area. Mr. Pelroy owns a garbage hauling service and all of his employees are local residents. He feels there should be competition within the City limits. He feels his company provides an incredible amount of detail with their service. Mr. Pelroy provides 90 gallon roll cans for recycling to his clients now and has never heard of 65 gallon roll cans for recycling, as being proposed by County Transfer & Recycling (CTR). Mr. Pelroy said he doesn't need all of the City's business. He also went on to say that he is willing to share with the delivery of services; CTR is an out of state company; CTR should be automated because they are way behind the times; if CTR says it's not cost effective to automate, the Council should listen to someone else.

Scott Sanders, 88029 9th St., Veneta, OR;

Mr. Sanders thanked the Council and the City for organizing and sponsoring the light parade.

Gino Galioto, 88202 Eastwood Ct., Veneta, OR;

Mr. Galioto stated there should be free enterprise in the City and that residents should be able to choose their garbage service provider.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved including bills paid for October/November, 2006.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion.

Vote: Marion Esty, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Mayor Brooker, aye; Darrell

3. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

a. FROM MAYOR/COUNCILORS

- (1) Request from Title VII Indian Education (NATIVES) Program for financial assistance with the 23rd Annual Elmira High School Pow Wow

Gifford Tallmadge and Allita Miller requested funding from the Council for the cost of two banners to promote the 23rd annual Elmira Pow Wow on Saturday, February 3, 2007. There are several Native American students in the area and the event also includes nine other school districts covering most of Lane County. Annual attendance for the one day event is approximately 1500. They would like to place the banners over Territorial Rd. (where the railroad tracks are) and one at the end of Luther Lane (near the highway). The cost for each banner is approximately \$467.

Thomas Cotter asked if the banners will be reusable. Mr. Tallmadge indicated only if the banners say "the first Saturday in February" and not a specific date. Mayor Brooker asked if they have other sponsors and Mr. Tallmadge replied that transportation, food and drums are all expenses that sponsors provide. Vendors can also sell their cultural related items. The event is free to the public.

Mayor Brooker said the money would come from the City's discretionary fund, which is usually used for summer arts programs. Mayor Brooker indicates there is approximately \$3,000 total in the fund and the two banners would take a large portion of the fund.

Ric said that ODOT requires a certificate of insurance from any organization who places a banner above the railroad tracks at Territorial Rd.. However, the certificate of insurance is not required at the Luther Lane location. Mr. Tallmadge indicated that his organization would be responsible for erecting the banners but he would be requesting the City to obtain the certificate of insurance that ODOT requires for the banner placement at Territorial Rd.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to purchase one banner for the Elmira Pow Wow at the cost of \$467.00 to be installed on Luther Lane. Darrell Carman seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

b. COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Marion Esty thanked Ric for the computer which was donated to the Peer Court. Mayor Brooker told the Council that Jack Roberts asked the Council to submit an application for a seat on the Lane Metro Partnership. Mayor Brooker thanked Mr. Roberts for that position.

c. Police report from Sgt. Cliff Harrold

Sgt. Harrold provided the Council with the 4th quarter LCSO report. The Oregon

State Police has provided the Veneta Station with it's own breathalyzer machine. The half-time deputy position has still not been filled. Sgt. Harrold is still working toward securing a shared position with Creswell, however, fiscally they are unable to split the position. He said his proposal was well received, although the agency is struggling with staffing issues and in office positions. At this time there are three officers in training. One field training officer (FTO) is training in the Veneta area. This will be a benefit to Veneta because the officer will get to know the area. Sgt. Harrold is the officer in charge of the field training program for police services.

Mayor Brooker asked Sgt. Harrold if he has noticed a decrease in drug trafficking. Sgt. Harrold responded that things are still really bad. A higher quality of drug is coming into our community from the south plus the enforcement levels have decreased. There is now one detective assigned to drug enforcement; however, he cannot do all the work by himself.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR MARGARET BOUTELL

(1) A-3-06 - PERKINS ROAD EXTENSION

Ordinance 471 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VENETA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP DATED JULY 24, 2006 AND THE VENETA ZONING MAP DATED JULY 24, 2006 EXPANDING THE CITY'S URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY. First reading by title only.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to approve Ordinance 471 for the first reading by title only, which will expand the City's Urban Growth Boundary . Thomas Cotter seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Ordinance 471 was read as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VENETA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP DATED JULY 24, 2006 AND THE VENETA ZONING MAP DATED JULY 24, 2006 EXPANDING THE CITY'S URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY.

Thomas Cotter noted a typographical error on the agenda - the date of the zoning map was corrected from 2005 to 2006.

b. CITY ADMINISTRATOR RIC INGHAM

(1) County Transfer & Recycling Proposal (A)

County Transfer & Recycling (CTR) has proposed a minimal increase in rates but have added a roll-cart recycling program which will increase the amount of recycling CTR can process. CTR would provide a 65 gallon roll cart to all paying customers. In order for CTR to provide the recycling carts, the City would be required to renew CTR's franchise agreement for an additional five years, beginning January 2008. Ric stated that the council had four options. 1.) Council could adopt the proposal; 2.) Reject the proposal; 3.) Postpone the decision until CTR's franchise agreement is up for renewal in January, 2008; or 4.) Counter Mr. Johnson's proposal with something else.

Mr. Johnson asked if the Council had any questions. Mayor Brooker asked about the franchise agreement and confirmed there is still another year left and asked how would the renewal stabilize CTR's rates. Mr. Johnson responded that the disposal fees are increasing rapidly and he feels he can reduce those costs by decreasing the disposal amounts and by providing more recycling opportunities.

Mayor Brooker asked how the recycling cart program will help reduce fees. Mr. Johnson replied that the recycling carts will only be picked up every other week, so the trucks won't be driving as much

Sharon Hobart-Hardin referred to Mr. Pelroy's statement earlier regarding the 96 gallon roll carts. Mr. Johnson responded that he felt the 96 gallon roll carts are too large for some people to handle and if a resident had more recycling than would fit in one cart, residents could request a second cart at no additional charge. If residents preferred one size cart to the other, that could be decided at a later date.

Darrell Carman asked Mr. Johnson about Mr. Pelroy's statement regarding automation. Mr. Johnson responded that his company now picks up yard debris and recycling automatically and is in the process of removing garbage automatically and once this process is completed, there will be fewer trucks on the roads. Mr. Johnson agreed that if the City contracted this service to more than one provider, not only would there be more truck traffic on the roads but if there is a spill or damage, it will be difficult to find out who is responsible. Mr. Johnson commended the City on the service they are providing to their community. In his opinion, the City is not behind the times and offers a great program to residents.

Ric responded that staff hasn't had the time to research whether it is positive or not, to have more than one garbage provider.

Thomas Cotter asked Mr. Johnson if his company dumps all the City's garbage in Lane County. Mr. Johnson replied no, because the City doesn't pay system benefit fees and the City chose not to impose that fee. Mr. Johnson said that CTR is an active company in the City, volunteering and sponsoring teams in Territorial Sports Program. One long term goal of CTR is to maintain stable rates and long term partnerships with customers. In addition, 360 yards of waste are picked up annually from the City.

Jim Bruvold, an appointed member of the Resource Recovery Committee, asked the Council to postpone making a decision until they have more information.

Tami Sakany felt the City should use only one garbage service provider because of the extra truck traffic on the streets. She supports CTR. Others spoke to the Council to open up the competition to all.

Mayor Brooker asked Ric to state the Council's options. Ric said the council can 1.) Accept Mr. Johnson's proposal and renew his franchise agreement; 2.) Take no action at this time and wait until CTR's franchise agreement expires in January 2008; 3.) Postpone taking action and ask staff to do more research; or 4.)

Consider allowing more than one provider.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin liked the last option but felt the City isn't large enough to warrant two garbage providers and two franchise agreements. She said this really isn't realistic for the size of our community but would ask staff to provide information about services provided by other cities of similar size. Marion Esty agreed.

Darrell Carman felt this issue should be dealt with at the time the franchise agreement is up for renewal and not before.

Mayor Brooker acknowledged there will be consequences for not renewing the franchise agreement now. CTR may impose increases but the discussions will begin again next year.

MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to take no action on the matter now and to wait until the franchise agreement with CTR expires in January 2008. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion.

Thomas Cotter asked for clarification of the motion. He said he would prefer asking Staff to do additional research and allow the Council to reconsider the request to extend the franchise agreement prior to the expiration of the current agreement.

After considerable discussion Darrell Carman clarified his motion to not have any further discussion about extending the franchise agreement until it comes up for renewal in January 2008.

MOTION: Darrell Carman restated a motion to take no action on the matter now and to wait until the franchise agreement with CTR comes up for renewal. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1 (Thomas Cotter voting no).

6. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Brooker adjourned the City Council at 8:13 p.m.



T. J. Brooker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darci Henneman
Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder
(minutes prepared by dhenneman)