

Minutes of the Veneta City Council September 10, 2007

Council Present: Veneta City Council President, Thomas Cotter, Darrell Carman, Sharon Hobart Hardin and Marion Esty

Absent: Mayor T. J. Brooker

Others: Jerri Moore, Finance Director; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder; and Joan Mariner

Acting Mayor, Thomas Cotter called the Veneta City Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Mariner, 25712 Cochran Ct., Veneta, OR

Mr. Mariner voiced her concerns about Veneta's homeless. She provided an article about Veneta's homelessness published in the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication magazine. She also provided information on a contact at White Bird Clinic. This person mentioned a need for Veneta's homeless people to have a place to pick up mail. He said he could arrange this with one or more of the churches or the Tony Garcia Center.

Marion Esty suggested Ms. Mariner contact the American Red Cross, Tony Garcia Center or the Community Chest. She said the Community Chest holds monthly meetings at the Forestry Service building on Territorial Rd.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Sharon Hobart Hardin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Darrell Carman seconded the motion.

Vote: Marion Esty, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Darrell Carman, aye; and Sharon Hobart-Hardin, aye.

The consent agenda as approved included minutes for August 13, 2007, Public Works Activities Report for August 2007, Liquor License for Charlie Mac's - Change of Ownership and Liquor License for Huang's Village - Change of Ownership.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FROM MAYOR/COUNCILORS

(1) League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Designation of Voting Delegate

Ric will be representing the City of Veneta at the meeting.

b. COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Marion Esty, Planning Commission Liaison, said there was a full house at the Planning Commission meeting of September 4. She said there was a lot of public comment on the Hillside Development Standards. She said in order to allow continued public testimony and to include the absentee Commissioners, Chairman James Eagle Eye and Keith Hartley, the Planning Commission held over the adoption of the Hillside Development

Standards until the next Planning Commission meeting of October 1, 2007.

Sharon Hobart Hardin said the Parks Board had a productive meeting at Ralph Johnson Park with the landscape architect, David Dougherty. She said progress is being made by following David Dougherty's plan.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said the Ford Family Leadership meeting will be Friday, September 14, 2007 at noon and all day Saturday, September 15, 2007. She said 24 individuals will participate as future leaders of our community.

4. STAFF REPORTS

(1) Fiber Consortium

On June 22, 2007 the Regional Fiber Consortium and the Fiber South Consortium voted to merge, calling the consortia the "Regional Fiber Consortium". The two entities have always operated as a single entity in nearly every action taken. In order to complete the merger, the two consortia need to adopt an amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). ORS 190 requires the IGA be accepted by each city and county through the adoption of an ordinance. The merger creates a smaller, manageable governing body in order to deal with the constant problems of generating a quorum for meetings.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin felt Mr. Mecham's letter was straight forward and addressed all the issues.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart Hardin made a motion approving staff to bring an ordinance forward ratifying the Intergovernmental Agreement. Darrell Carman seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

In response to a question from Marion Esty, Sharon Hobart-Hardin said the two consortia will merge to form a single consortium. She said Veneta was a member of the previous Regional Fiber Consortium. In order to obtain membership in the newly merged consortia, the City Council needs to adopt an ordinance enacting the IGA. Sharon Hobart-Hardin hoped the merger would create a potential for greater involvement for communities, planning and progress. Veneta should stick with it and see what will be proposed and not withdraw.

Marion Esty referred to page three of the IGA requesting four members from the Lane County area. She wanted to know what the possibility of representation would be for Veneta.

Thomas Cotter said he was a member of the previous Regional Fiber Consortium. He said the merger will create smaller membership so there isn't the difficulty in members attending meetings in order to get a quorum. He said all communities will be represented and anyone can attend the meetings.

MOTION: VOTE 4-0, motion passed.

- (2) Rural Tourism Marketing Sub-Committee
Thomas Cotter and Sharon Hobart-Hardin said they were interested in representing the Council on the newly formed Rural Tourism Marketing Sub-committee. All Councilors agreed.

- (3) **Resolution 954 - FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 683**

Assistant City Recorder, Darci Henneman, informed the Council that in order for the City to receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Resolution 683 needed to be repealed and replaced by Resolution 954.

MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to approve Resolution 954, repealing and replacing Resolution 683. Sharon Hobart Hardin seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

- (4) **Resolution 955 - A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said both Resolution 954 and Resolution 955 are required in order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

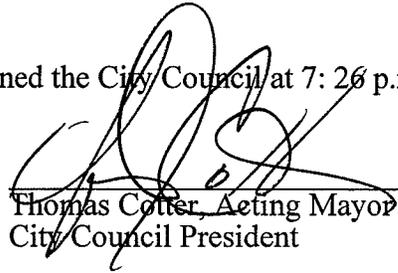
MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to approve Resolution 955. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

5. **OTHER**

The Urban Renewal meeting set to follow tonight's City Council meeting was postponed until September 21, 2007 at noon, at City Hall.

6. **ADJOURN**

Acting Mayor Thomas Cotter adjourned the City Council at 7: 26 p.m.


Thomas Cotter, Acting Mayor
City Council President

ATTEST:


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