

**Minutes**  
**Veneta City Council**  
**January 14, 2008**

Council

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

Staff:

Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Brian Issa, Community Services Director; Jerri Moore, Finance Director; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder; Zac Moody, Assistant City Planner; Mona Linstromberg, and Jeneca Jones, West Lane News

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

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Thomas Cotter seconded the motion. Marion Esty, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Mayor Brooker, aye; Darrell Carman, aye; Sharon Hobart-Hardin, aye.**

The Consent agenda was approved including Minutes for November 13, 2007, November 26, 2007, December 10, 2007, December 17, 2007, bills paid for December 2007 and January 2008 and the public works activity report for November and December 2007.

- (2) Donation request from Elmira High School Graduation Night Committee  
Mayor Brooker read a portion of the donation letter to the Council members and audience. He said the 2008 Elmira High School graduation night committee is hosting a non-alcoholic party immediately following commencement at Elmira High School. The donation request will help pay for renting the Dixon Center at the Oregon State University Campus for a graduation party .

**MOTION: Marion Esty made a motion to approve a \$100 cash donation for the 2008 Elmira High School Graduation Night Committee. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

- (3) Request for fee waiver and use of the Veneta Community Center.  
Luanne Krueger sent a letter to Mayor Brooker requesting the rental fee for the community center be waived. She will be directing "The Wizard of Oz" play and would like to use the community center on Thursdays and/or Fridays of February, March and part of April 2008 for rehearsals. There was some confusion over who was producing the play. Because Ms. Krueger referenced last year's play "Lumber Jacks and Wedding Belles," produced by ART, Inc., a City staff member listed ART, Inc. on the agenda as requester. Joan Mariner clarified for the Council and staff that Luanne Krueger is not affiliated with ART, Inc. She has her own production company, "Kaleidoscope." She said ART. Inc. is completely

separate from Kaleidoscope.

**MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to waive the rental fee for the Community Center to the Kaleidoscope. Thomas Cotter seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING - ZONE CHANGE FOR BOLTON HILL RANCH**

- a. Mayor Brooker opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.
- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest or Ex-Parte Contacts: None were declared but Marion Esty said she was at the Planning Commission meeting as Council Liaison, however, it would not affect her decision.
- c. Staff Report (Brian Issa)

Brian said the rezoning request is for a 24.1 acre parcel located in the southwest corner of Veneta and south of Bolton Hill Road. He said a rezoning would not change the Low Density Plan Designation. He said the applicant is proposing a zone change only. He said the rezoning and land designation of low density are different but important. He said the first addition (Phase II) will be on the lower side of Bolton Hill and Phase I will be on the upper side of Bolton Hill. He said the request to rezone the parcel to Single Family Residential (SFR) 8000 sq.ft. from Rural Residential (RR) is consistent with adjacent areas. Brian said City services are not required to the site for the rezone. He said currently there are no City services. Brian said Phase II may require a private temporary lift station in order to connect to City services. Brian provided the Council with copies of all public comments received. He said the Veneta Planning Commission recommended the Veneta City Council approve the applicant's rezone request. Brian reviewed and summarized all public comments received at the Planning Commission level. He said the wetland inventory was completed for both sides of the road and no wetlands were found on the parcel. The site has been clear cut but a young stand of douglas fir remains. Brian said City staff proceeded with the rezone using the Comprehensive Plan for guidance. Brian said the water supply, sewer and transportation are adequate for the subdivision, but that a specific finding to this effect is not necessary as the Comprehensive Plan criteria 6.C. is not applicable to a rezone, only to a change of Plan Designation.

Brian said the sewer service area and urban service area are the same. He said the zoning allows one unit per acre but the Comprehensive Plan allows seven units per acre and even up to 15 units/acre in certain circumstances. He said the current zoning and Comprehensive Plan Designation for the parcel are in direct conflict.

Brian said Phase II is capable of being served by City sewer and water. He said the applicant must bring sewer to the subdivision. He said the subdivision implements land and housing element C2 by providing neighborhoods including large lots in addition to lots at the minimum allowed. He said staff determined that the term "rural residential" is not designated to define specific zones, but general land use types. He said this parcel does not need to stay RR zoned in order to comply with the Comprehensive Plan. He said the City of Veneta does not

mandate a minimum density for building just a maximum density. Brian said the applicant's plan calls for large lots, not standard to what have been previously approved. He said services and utilities will be provided by the applicant, who bears all costs of infrastructure. He said this subdivision is adjacent to the SWAP and other developments on both sides which will allow increased development areas. Brian said all findings confirm that Plan Designation and zoning should be consistent with one another. He said currently they are not. He said the zone change from RR to SFR will make this happen.

Staff recommended the Council take public comments tonight but postpone making a decision. Brian requested the Council direct staff to draft the appropriate findings to be reviewed by legal counsel. Brian recommended postponing the first reading of the ordinance to ensure that the findings are tight if it is appealed to Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). He said after legal counsel has reviewed the findings, staff would bring the Ordinance before the Council for first and second reading at the January 28, 2008 meeting.

d. Public Testimony

**Phil Velie, 600 Dale Kuni Road, Creswell, OR**

Mr. Velie represents the applicant in this matter. He thanked Brian for his assistance and cooperation on the application. He reviewed and approved the staff report and findings. He said the applicant's engineer is in the audience to answer any questions the Council may have.

**Mona Linstromberg, 87140 Territorial Road, Veneta, OR**

Ms. Linstromberg is against the proposal. She said it's hard to believe that those formulating Veneta's Comprehensive Plan, Land Development, and Division ordinances intended to allow rezoning properties but did not formulate standards and criteria needed to evaluate requests for rezone. She said apparently after ignoring the oversight and utilizing Policy 6 in the Comprehensive Plan to plug the hole, City staff realized the criteria in Policy 6 is incorrect. She said this was her position but she followed the direction of staff and spent time following the wrong rules and making comments. She said because there will be more and more requests for rezones, especially in the East Veneta area, she believes it would be in the best interest of the City to establish meaningful criteria for rezone. She doesn't think the City or the applicant have provided significant evidence that City services can afford this current development. She is mostly concerned about providing continued meaningful criteria for rezone requests in the disinterest of the City to make sure that when rural residential properties are brought into the urban service boundary (the property under consideration now is in the urban service district) the City can fulfill its promise of water and sewer access without compromising those services for existing residents. She felt the City should be making sure that water and sewer services are adequate for existing residents and existing development approval before it burdens people with debt for infrastructure they cannot afford. She felt the City has not established a sufficient foundation in determining water needs and water availability. She said this applicant is an example of land use

regulations that need to be addressed. She said there are oversized lots proposed in both phases of the subdivision. She said the applicant is pro cutting down trees in Veneta so trees that are saved do not impact Veneta's buildable lands inventory. She said they want both, they want large lots but they want to be able to cut trees. She said if the City is worried about the buildable lands inventory, we shouldn't allow homes on excessively large lots.

**Michael Bryant, 25263 Bolton Hill Road, Veneta, OR,**

Mr. Bryant is a proponent for large lots. He said his lot is over 41,000 sq. ft and he enjoys it very much. He supports larger lots and the proposed subdivision.

- e. Mayor Brooker closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.
- f. Questions from the City Council  
Sharon Hobart-Hardin said because the subdivision is zoned rural residential additional septic tanks and wells would be needed if it were developed as such. She said the City is trying to discourage wells and septic systems in the community.

Mayor Brooker said meaningful criteria for zone changes is over due. He said we need to determine how much staff time would be involved in updating the City's zoning criteria. He said irrigation for larger lots is also an issue. He suggested looking at how other communities are handling zoning issues. He said water reclamation has already been discussed for larger private and public areas. He said an alternative for future subdivisions with large lots should be looked at.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, why larger lots would require more water than several smaller lots built in the same area, Mayor Brooker said smaller lots would mean more house and impervious surfaces.

Thomas Cotter liked the idea of larger lots rather than smaller lots. He said it gives the community more of a rural feel. He said the City should offer a variety of lot sizes.

Marion Esty felt larger lots are more attractive and make areas less congested. She said the City should provide options and choices to potential residents coming to our community.

Darrell Carman said we should discourage high density development.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman if the State requires a minimum density level, Brian said declaring a larger minimum lot size zone would be very difficult. He said the City doesn't set a minimum density. He said it's difficult to have these subdivisions miles away from one another because it's very expensive to connect the infrastructure from subdivisions that are sprinkled around the City. He said portions of the proposed subdivision are very steep. He said creating more home sites would require more cuts and fills and grading. He said the market force

trend shows larger homes on smaller lots. Brian said there is a fair amount of diversity within the City in terms of lot sizes.

g. Decision by Council

Mayor Brooker said the Council will not make a decision tonight. He felt the City should develop its own zoning criteria. He suggested looking at other communities for a guideline only. Mayor said several public comments were received. He said after legal counsel has reviewed all the public comments, the City Council will either deny or approve the ordinance at the January 28, 2008 City Council meeting. He said if approved, an emergency would be declared and the Ordinance will have a first and second reading for final enactment.

Thomas Cotter confirmed there would be no action taken on Ordinance No. 479.

Brian introduced Zac Moody as the Assistant Planner. Zac came to the City of Veneta from southern Oregon. He said he looks forward to working here. The City Council welcomed Zac to Veneta.

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**MAYOR/COUNCILORS**

(1) Pool survey results

Ric introduced Barbara Tull. Ms. Tull was hired to conduct the citizen survey on the pool. Ms. Tull said the telephone survey was conducted November 26, to December 3, 2007. She said registered voters in the Fern Ridge Library District participated in the survey. She said the results would have been different if the survey would have been conducted with random residents.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ms. Tull said the registered voters surveyed from the Fern Ridge Library District was a combination of Crow/Applegate and Fern Ridge school districts.

Ms. Tull said 401 of the 438 people contacted participated in the survey. She said a few people declined to participate because they felt they might be biased. She said 92% of qualified residents contacted participated in the survey. She said residents were informed the City of Veneta was conducting a survey on the damaged pool. She said some residents contacted were unaware we had a pool or that it was damaged beyond repair. Ms. Tull explained the survey questions to the Councilors and then reviewed the survey results.

Ric added that the significance of the survey was to get information on who and what to focus on. He said staff was surprised at the high number of recreational use the pool got.

Mayor said lessons have also been a large part of the use of the pool.

Ms. Tull said demographics showed woman 30 to 44 years of age used the pool more than any other age group.

Marion Esty said the pool may not be used by the same people who used it years ago. She said kids grow up and no longer need swimming lessons. She said because we've had so much growth in the last few years, some residents haven't lived here long enough to have used the pool before it was damaged.

Ms. Tull reviewed the cost chart and explained how the numbers applied. She said the outcome of the survey suggested most people want a large, indoor, year-round facility but don't necessarily support it financially. She said there were also many who didn't know what they wanted. She said only 4% of those surveyed leaned against paying an additional \$55 per year for a \$200,000 home. She said 69%, of the 4% surveyed, said they wouldn't support it because of the cost. Many said they didn't use the existing pool or that they would like to see the money go to improving local streets and roads. She said 41% of those surveyed supported collecting funds for construction of a new aquatic facility via a Parks and Recreation District, 26% would be against that and 25% said they didn't know.

Ric said City staff was encouraged by the number of residents who participated in the survey and the high number of supporters of a new pool. He said however, wanting a new pool and paying for one are two different things.

Ms. Tull said people were opposed to a Parks and Recreation District mainly because of the costs. She said the most common questions asked were "why can't funds we collect now cover the cost of the pool?" and "why is a Parks and Recreation District needed?"

In response to a question from Sharon Hobart-Hardin if there was a break down of City residents and non-City residents, Ms. Tull said there was not a huge difference between the two. Half of the participants were within the city limits and the other half were outside. She said those outside the city limits were aware those within the city limits were financially supporting the pool. She said 42% of those living outside the City limits supported a new pool.

Ric said we need to concentrate on locating those who support the construction of a new pool. He suggested concentrating on smaller focus groups. He said 30% of pool revenue comes from use.

Mayor Brooker said the only way to create a Parks and Recreation District would be to involve more non-City residents in order to utilize funds from outside the City.

Marion Esty said there are several people that travel to Eugene pools and felt they would utilize a local pool.

Ms. Tull said approximately two-thirds of those surveyed are needed as a pad because when it comes time to vote, many people change their mind and vote "no".

In response to a question from Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Ms. Tull said the survey lasted six and a half minutes. She felt the response rate was probably high because people in our area don't get surveyed very often. She said there were very few refusals.

In response to a question from Joan Mariner if the school district would give some financial aid with the development of a swimming team, Mayor Brooker said at this time, the school isn't interested in partnering with the City to get a swimming team and pool going.

Ric said Carl Sherwood's full report should be reviewed again and we should get some kind of input from the community. He said the easiest solution would be to get a smaller bond for a smaller facility, Option 1 and get the facility moving quickly; or we could initiate the development of a Parks and Recreation District and begin the process for Option 2 (a larger pool) and start getting funds raised for a future enclosure. He said we have several options.

Ric said Brian can commit more time to the pool. He suggested creating a group of community volunteers to look at all the options and pinpoint what the majority of people want. He said this group could possibly get a bond measure passed to create a Parks and Recreation District, including non-City residents. Mayor Brooker agreed but added the newly formed group should conduct some kind of feasibility study to determine whether or not a Parks and Recreation District would get off the ground.

Ric said he would contact Jeneca Jones of the West Lane News to publish an article in the paper addressing the City's desire to form a group interested in developing a new aquatic facility. He said staff will call those people who have expressed an interest in being involved and try to coordinate a meeting date. He said the survey information would be provided. Ric said the intent of the group would be to figure out how to get a pool constructed as soon as possible, including passage of a bond measure and additional fundraising.

Brian said a newly created Parks and Recreation District could also service Territorial Sports Park and other facilities as well. He said participants in the survey had no prior forewarning of the telephone survey and that the positives were quite high for cold calls. He said 53% of those called were over the age of 55. He said that's an age group that tends to vote against new taxes.

Mayor Brooker said there is a big difference between asking survey questions and asking for money.

Thomas Cotter said a Parks and Recreation District would involve students of all ages but felt it would be difficult to get support from non-City residents for a pool in Veneta. He felt concentrating on City residents would be more productive. He said trying to create a Parks and Recreation District simultaneously with replacing the pool is too much to deal with at the same time. Mayor Brooker agreed.

Darrell Carman said the survey suggested 42% of non-City residents supported a new pool and 37% of City residents indicated they wouldn't support a new pool.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said looking at City resources and the amount of staff time it would take to initiate a Parks and Recreation District plus a new facility involved, she wasn't sure she would support a new facility. She suggested supporting a group of volunteers to initiate

a Parks and Recreation District. She suggested building a pool now with the ability to cover it in the future. Everyone agreed.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman if Option 2 is feasible without developing a Parks and Recreation District, Ric said Option 2 had a construction cost of 3.2 million dollars. He said there's still a two million dollar shortfall. He said the City could come up with the first million (including the insurance money). He said the second million could come from a bond and the third million would need to come from grants and community fund raising.

There was much discussion among the Councilors about pool financing options.

Tom Cotter said once we know what our target is, we could figure out how much funding would be needed to make it work. He felt it was more important to build a facility that can be used by as many residents as possible and soon, rather than try to meet future needs. He said if we try to accommodate future needs now, we'll never get anything accomplished.

Ric said staff cannot try to pass a bond measure without community involvement. He said timing is everything. He said if we tried to pass a bond measure, we want to make sure it doesn't have any competition with the library, fire district or school district. He said if that's the case, a recreational bond will always fall to the bottom.

Thomas Cotter agreed to attend the first meeting with a community group to discuss the pool issues.

#### COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said the Parks Board has been working with Elmira High School students to recruit volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. She said the Leadership Program started last fall was completed the weekend of January 12, 2008. She said 26 people graduated from the program. She said they will start a community project within a month. She said they have five more years to work with the Ford Family Foundation on the Leadership Program. She said the majority of the graduates will be active volunteers in our community. She said on January 24, 2008 the Fern Ridge Progress Board is hosting "A Community Conversation" evening at the Lane County Fire District No. 1 training room. She said information will be provided by 19 speakers and 15 table displays. She said the focus of the evening is to get community groups and programs familiar with each other and to create a volunteer network within our community.

Marion Esty said the Planning Commission meetings have been very interesting. She said it's a very positive atmosphere, even though some of the public comments have been opposed to the tree ordinance as proposed.

Mayor Brooker said a group of Mayors got together to discuss regional transportation and other issues. He said the Mayor from Independence, Oregon attended the meeting. He shared how his Mayor's group problem solves and uses the editorial section in his local newspaper to let the community know what the City's priorities are and what they will be

working on. He said it was the consensus of those participating to continue the Mayor meetings. He said the Mayors agreed it was time to take a more aggressive approach in trying to solve some of the regional issues that effect local communities.

In response to a question from Marion Esty, Mayor Brooker said he would be presenting his State of the City address at the January 28, 2008 Veneta City Council meeting.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

a. FINANCE DIRECTOR. . . . . JERRI MOORE

(1) 1st quarter Financials

Jerri Moore reviewed the report of financial operations for the first three months of fiscal 2007-08. She said revenue is predictably low in the property tax supported funds because typically the majority of the tax revenue isn't received until late November and December. She said some of the other funds have revenue percentages below 25% which is impacted by the majority of monies received in July which were owed for the previous month. She said most expenditures are below 25%, except for debt service expenditures and activities for the Zumwalt Campground Fund. She said because the Zumwalt Campground is a summer activity, it's completed in the first quarter.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker concerning year-to-date debt expenditures in the Water Fund, Jerri said the Water Fund repaid the Capital Construction Fund for the loan that was made between these two Funds at the end of fiscal 2006-07. She said this loan was for construction costs of Well 10. She said a commitment to repay that loan as early in the year as possible had been made when the loan occurred. She said the Capital Construction Fund has been repaid in full.

Jerri said the report includes three new funds; the Local Improvement Fund, Grants Fund and Inverse Condemnation Fund.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Ric said the hydro logic modeling is being done for us. He said he and Brian need to look in to that to make sure they're meeting the modeling stormwater in high water months.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Jerri said the City will need to file an extension for submitting the City's audit report FY 2006-07. She said the extension was approved. A few items need to be completed before submitting the audit work to the auditing firm. She is hopeful the report will be filed long before the extension expires in March 2008. She said the few items she needs to complete should be done by late January.

b. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

(1) Acceptance of the Deed for Perkins Road

Brian provided the deed for the extension of Perkins Road west from Territorial Road to the first Phase of the Applegate Landing Subdivision. He said this section

of Perkins Road was approved as part of the tentative plan for Phase I of Applegate Landing. He said the applicant had to apply to the Lane County Board of Commissioners for an extension of the City's Urban Growth Boundary before this section of Perkins Road could be dedicated. Brian said the requested action is to authorize Mayor Brooker to sign the deed.

**MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to authorize Mayor Brooker to sign the Warranty Street Deed, accepting Perkins Road upon correction of the typographical error and receipt of a Title Report showing no encumbrances on the property. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

- (2) Request for Extension of Time for properties to connect to Hunter Road sewer  
Brian said in June 2006 nine property owners were notified they had to connect to the City's Public Sewer System. He said all but four have done so. He said VMC requires connection within one year except when extensions are granted by the City Council. He said in June, 2007 the City Council granted an extension until December 2007 for the four remaining properties. At this point, none of the four remaining properties have connected to the sewer. He said two property owners (Mr. Funari and Veneta Alliance Church) have submitted written requests for an extension of time to make their connections in conjunction with the public improvements for the Hunter's Draw Subdivision. He said the tentative approval for this subdivision expires April 8, 2008. Brian said Mr. Funari is waiting for a wetland approval prior to construction of the public improvements. Brian said Mr. Funari's engineer confirmed the subdivision is still active. He said the Veneta Alliance Church has made arrangements with Mr. Funari to obtain sewer service through the proposed subdivision. Brian said the requested action is for the City Council to grant a six month extension to Mr. Funari and the Veneta Alliance Church to connect their properties to the public sewer subject to the subdivision meeting the filing deadline of April 8, 2008 for final plat approval.

**MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to grant Mr. Funari and the Veneta Alliance Church a six month extension of time (April 8, 2008) to connect to the City's Public Sewer System. Thomas Cotter seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5-0.**

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said the City would place a lien on the property for the cost of the sewer connection if the property owners don't comply.

Sheryl Hackett said she would put that information in the Councilor's office mailboxes.

c. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- (1) **Resolution 963 - A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PROPOSED WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ON BOLTON HILL ROAD AND DECLARING**

INTENTION TO MAKE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Ric said staff followed the Council's suggestion to send out an information sheet to all the affected residents of the Bolton Hill Road local improvements.

In response to a question from Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Ric said there has been little to no response to the mailout.

Brian said the notice to individual property owners will go out by certified mail in the next few days.

Ric said after packets went out it was determined that the small house west of the Central Little School is hooked up to City sewer lines. He said this property will not be included in the project.

**MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution 963.  
Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion.**

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, from a financial aspect, is everything else in place to handle the assessments for these properties, Jerri Moore said because so much detail is involved now, she is unable to calculate the exact assessments until the final costs are known.

Mayor Brooker wanted to make sure the LID process goes as smoothly as possible.

Ric said staff has started researching different types of funding. He suggested rather than use City resources, the City should borrow the funds to pay for the entire assessment, including all bonding fees.

**Vote: The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.**

(2) Policy Direction - Employee Negotiations

Ric said in the last few years, it's been a policy direction to have two City Council members act as a sub-committee to negotiate employee wages and benefits with City employees. He said legal counsel and the City Administrator recommended these negotiations be handled by the City Administrator rather than a Council Sub-Committee. He said because there has been past difficulty with providing members of the subcommittee with all the needed information, he would like to see the process revert to how it used to be done by having the City Administrator negotiate wages and benefits with City employees.

In response to a question from Marion Esty, Ric said Ken Jones offered to attend tonight's meeting to explain why he recommended the process be changed. He said these negotiations are included in the City Administrator's job description. He felt having a third party negotiator may cause a break down in communications. He

said hopefully employees will discuss any issues they may have with their direct supervisor prior to talking with the City Administrator.

Darrell Carman was on the sub-committee last year and agreed it was difficult to conduct those negotiations and not be fully aware of ramifications of their decisions.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said ultimately the City Council makes the final decision.

Thomas Cotter said it's important for the Council to stay active and informed within the City. He said we won't always have an administrator with the ability to conduct these negotiations.

After discussing the issues, all Councilors agreed the City Administrator would conduct negotiations with City employees regarding wages and benefits. City Councilors also confirmed that the City Administrator would provide the negotiation results to the Council prior to the City Administrator making any decisions.

Ric said the intent would be to provide a complete package to the Council for approval, prior to any agreements made with City employees.

Ric said this is a policy direction issue and when he is no longer the City Administrator, this issue should be re-evaluated at that time.

Ric said the City Council has conducted goal setting sessions the last two years. He suggested a work session at an early meeting to set the rest of the fiscal year goals prior to entering the budget session.

## 7. **OTHER**

Ric said the Fern Ridge Progress Board is hosting "A Community Conversation" meeting the same night as the LCOG Appreciation Dinner (January 24, 2008). Darrell Carman said he would attend the LCOG Appreciation Dinner. Ric said he would be attending the Community Conversation meeting. Ric asked Darci Henneman to make the payment arrangements for Darrell Carman and his wife, Linda to attend the LCOG dinner.

Ric said the Lane County Board of Commissioners pulled back the coordinated population process from the LCOG board. He said at this point, we still don't know what that means and how it will impact the City's wastewater facility planning.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker when will election information be going out, Sheryl said the election season kicks off in July. She said signatures are gathered in August and September for the November, 2008 election.

8. **ADJOURN**

Mayor Brooker adjourned the City Council at 9:20 a.m.



Mayor T. J. Brooker



Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder