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CITY OF YACHATS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Civic Meeting Room, Yachats Commons
May 10, 2012
Regular Meeting 2:00 P.M.
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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Ronald Brean at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room at the Yachats Commons. Council members present: Greg Scott, David Rieseck, Sandy Dunn and Burgundy Featherkile. Staff present: Director of Public Works, John McClintock and City Recorder, Nancy Batchelder. Audience: 9.

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I. Announcements and Correspondence

- Movie Night next Thursday
- YAS Event – May 11 at 7:00 P.M. – Many innovations (zippers, Velcro, etc.) were invented by animals and plants millions of years ago.
- Yarn over Yachats – June 1.
- Ladies Club Pie Social on May 26 – to benefit the Yachats Ambulance Fund.
- May 20 – YYFAP Talent Show.
- Farmers Market starts this Sunday.
- Health Care Planning Meeting – May 22.

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The Council received a letter after the agenda was posted regarding the discussion on a possible burn ban, suggesting that the City Council does not yet have enough information to act at this time.

Brean read the Proclamation – Older Americans Month into the record.

Motion to adopt the Proclamation, Aye 5, No - 0

II. Citizen's Concerns – None.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of April 9, 2012 Work Session, April 14, 2012 Regular Meeting and April 23, 2012 Special Meeting
- B. Bills for Approval
- C. Resolutions from April 2012
 - 2012-04-06 – Charter Cable Franchise Renewal Process
 - 2012-04-07 – Commission Appointments
- D. Resolution No. 2012-05-01 – Workers Compensation Coverage for Volunteers

Motion to adopt the consent agenda, Aye – 5, No – 0.

1 **IV. Reports**

2 **A. City Council**

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4 Dunn reported that the Rural Tourism Workshops will be completed next week, and the
5 community kick-off will be May 16, 2012. The project will be selected soon, and if Yachats and
6 Waldport can each raise \$5,000 as a match, there is a grant of \$10,000 available to complete the
7 marketing project.

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9 Scott said that he read an article in the League of Oregon Cities newsletter that many cities are
10 using Social Media as a way to reach out to the citizens.

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12 Batchelder said that if a city uses Social Media it can be very complicated because the city is
13 then responsible to meet all State Records Retention Rules. That is the reason Yachats does not
14 have a city site. The GoYachats Facebook page is a site developed by the Marketing Director
15 and there is no official City information on that page.

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17 **B. Public Works Director – McClintock reported:**

- 18 • ODOT has some money available for projects such as the Hwy 101 Refinement Plan the
19 City has been working on. The first step would be to send in a letter of intent. The
20 projects must cost at least \$200,000 and there is only a 10% match required; and part of
21 the match can be in-kind.
- 22 • Still waiting for the contract from Oregon Water Resources for the monitoring device in
23 the Yachats River. They sent a contract for the wrong city so it was returned.
- 24 • Settlement in Ready Creek has created some problems, which the crew will correct by
25 installing a screen.
- 26 • Public Works and Streets Commissioner, Bob Bennett did a lot of research about the
27 possibility of producing Class A Biosolids that could be sold, but it is not feasible at this
28 time. However, when it does become feasible the plant was constructed in such a way
29 that only some minor modifications would be necessary.
- 30 • The Job Corps student that job shadowed last month has been accepted at Clackamas
31 County Community College in their Water Treatment program.

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33 **C. Written Reports - Commission Minutes, City Recorder, Marketing Director, and Code
34 Enforcement Officer – attached.**

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36 **V. Business**

37 **A. Request: City Approval for Installation of a Solstice Education and Seating Area at
38 the Yachats State Park**

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40 Chair of the Parks and Commons Commission, Don Niskanen said that the family of Virginia
41 Gilmore would like to install a Solstice Education and Seating area at the Yachats State Park
42 because Virginia had watched the sunset from that spot for many years. It would not be
43 identified as a memorial, but there would be information about the solstice and equinox.

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45 Niskanen said that Dennis Comfort of State Parks said that he would only be comfortable with
46 one rock, the painted footprints and the painted lines. The proposal, as drawn by the family,

1 would require State approval. Comfort wants the City to approve anything that is done because
2 the park is in the city.

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4 Betsy Price said that the family is willing to go forward with the project with one rock, and
5 perhaps they will be able to do more in the future.

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7 Brean said that the City is working with State Parks on a comprehensive plan for the park, which
8 will include interpretive components, and he is suggesting that the project be included as part of
9 that coordinated effort.

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11 Brean and Rieseck each said that if the family is willing to wait until the plan has been
12 completed, this project might be better in the end.

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14 Motion that the Council supports the request, and asks that the request be incorporated into the
15 trails and interpretive plan for the park, and make the State aware of that support, Aye – 5, No –
16 0.

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18 **B. Resolution No. 2012-05-02 – Yachats Volunteer Policy Manual and Volunteer**
19 **Coordinator Appointment**

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21 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-02, Aye – 5, No – 0.

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23 **C. Resolution No. 2012-05-03 – Approving an Order of the Lincoln County Board of**
24 **Commissioners’ Formation of Animal Services District**

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26 Brean said that the citizen’s of Yachats supported the local option levy currently funding the
27 animal services.

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29 Dunn said that if the City Council approves the Order of the Lincoln County Board of
30 Commissioners by adopting the resolution it only means that the voters in Yachats would have
31 the opportunity to make their decision.

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33 Scott said that he has a reservation about making the current local option levy a permanent tax.
34 Yachats represents such a small portion of the County population that the City could end up
35 being included in a district even if the voters in Yachats do not vote for it. If the city wants to be
36 included, there could another election later when only the Yachats votes would count.

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38 Batchelder explained that if that were done, the City would be responsible for animal control
39 until the second vote.

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41 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-05-03, Aye – 4, No – 1 (Scott).

1 **D. Discussion: Possible Burn Ban and Alternatives for Disposal**

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3 Rieseck said that he had circulated the following proposal to test a volunteer program that is
4 short of a ban:

- 5 1. *Locate 2 Dahl 20yard boxes for June only, at the 6th street ROW south/east of the Water Plant. (this*
6 *will cost \$450-650-850. depending how soon/frequently it fills up) I'm not sure the best management of the*
7 *box? This could be open daily by John's crew 7:30-4pm and locked during "over-night" or other? (Yes,*
8 *next year it might be best to do 1 box May and June).*
- 9 2. *We could have a sign-up list at the Commons desk, engage several volunteers that might physically check-*
10 *in with Nancy/Kimmie to lock/unlock the bins for weekends?*
- 11 3. *Design and install a sign placed that had criteria including: Hours of operation, Yachats residents, no*
12 *commercial dumping, tree/limb lengths <4', nothing non-organic (ie plastic, steel, paper, soil, pressure*
13 *treated), other? I can get the design and materials if we agree to the criteria.*
- 14 4. *Add a listing to the June newsletter describing the program.*
- 15 5. *Design and place a Program Poster at the Bank, C&K, the Commons and Post Office.*

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17 *Again, this is a first-year test. If the June bin/boxes are successful we may consider a autumn month with 2 boxes.*
18 *Next year might include a 2-day crew-with-volunteer city-wide pick-up and haul effort.*

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20 *Obviously this is not the total solution especially for those without capacity to haul. However, even if it affords the*
21 *potential for 50% of the would-be-burners an option there should be a marked improvement and starting point.*

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23 Fire District Chief, Frankie Petrick said that with the recent dry weather, the phone has been
24 ringing off the hook with people wanting to burn, and if the dry weather continues, the burn
25 season may be closed sooner. Petrick that she would suggest the City consider placing the dump
26 boxes sooner than June 1.

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28 In further discussion about the health hazards of open burning, Petrick said that she believes that
29 many people in the District do not comply with DEQ regulations when they burn, but she does
30 not have the manpower to enforce those regulations.

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32 Brean said that even if the City Council were to consider a legislative solution that Ordinance
33 would not be in place before the end of the burning season this year, so he would support the
34 idea of starting with the plan Rieseck proposed, while continuing to explore alternatives.

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36 Dunn said that she thinks the City Council could work toward having a burn ban in place by
37 November and have alternatives in place before that ban becomes effective. And, those
38 alternatives could include curbside service provided by Dahl and a City disposal/chipper
39 program.

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41 Scott said that he would like to have a local study group look at solutions that will ensure clean
42 air. Scott expressed concerns about a solution that involves more large Dahl trucks on the road
43 between Yachats and the dump. The group should include representatives from the various
44 interested parties, including the Public Works Director.

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46 Petrick said that she believes the Dahl truck would use less fuel than all of the individual pickup
47 trucks that take debris to the transfer station now.

1 Scott said that he wants a “local” solution that would not involve any trucks hauling the debris –
2 the material would stay in the community.

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4 Brean said that the group should also consider the request Larry Nixon made at the work session
5 that the City consider options for property owners who have large tracts of land. There are not
6 many large lots in town, and most of those do not burn, but it should be discussed by the study
7 group.

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9 Petrick explained the summer “hot-dog” burn permit process and construction requirements for
10 the pit.

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12 Motion to start a pilot clean air project, including the community dump box, as outlined by
13 Rieseck; funded by the General Fund Contingency, Aye 5, No – 0.

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15 Motion to take the steps necessary to establish a burn ban effective September 15, 2012, Aye – 5,
16 No – 0.

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18 Motion to authorize the Mayor to establish a Local Options for Clean Air Study Group to
19 explore all possible alternatives, Aye – 5, No – 0.

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21 **VIII. Other Business**

22 **A. From the Council**

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24 Scott said that he will not be able to attend the work session next month, but he will draft
25 something for the City Council regarding the collection fee for the Prepared Food and Beverage
26 Tax for the discussion at that work session.

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28 **B. From the Staff – None.**

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30 There being no further business before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.
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35 Ronald L. Brean, Mayor

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40 Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder
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