

1 City of Yachats
2 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**
3 October 4, 2018

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5 Draft Minutes
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7 Bob Bennett called the October 4, 2018 meeting of the Emergency Preparedness
8 Committee at 3:00 pm in Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Larry
9 Nixon, Bob Bennett, Rick McClung, Tracy Crews and James Sanders. Absent: Joan
10 Davies and Don Groth. Audience: 2.

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12 **I. Minutes**

13 **A. September 6, 2018**

14 Page 1, Line 27: should read “access to King Street” instead of “access around the
15 Ya’Xiak Trail”

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17 Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes as presented:
18 Aye – 5; No – 0.

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20 **II. Public Comment**

21 Betty Johnston reported she developed a youth preparedness class to help reduce fear
22 about an event and to enable them to be helpful during an event. She covered
23 emergencies, natural disasters, and emergency kits. A paramedic came in full regalia
24 and explained his role in emergencies and how to use 911. The paramedic also had
25 the children do CPR. Johnston conducted the seminar at the home school program
26 held at the Presbyterian Church. Johnston indicated she also used the power point with
27 a group of fourteen people at the Sea Perch RV Resort. She plans to do a Map Your
28 Neighborhood event in Ten Mile.

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30 Bennett suggested Johnston work with the elementary school in Waldport. Tracy Crews
31 indicated she had contact names for the Waldport groups.

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33 Johnston explained her history in getting educated around emergency planning and
34 making contact with people who do emergency planning in the state. She noted she
35 was CERT certified and has been the South Lincoln County CERT Coordinator. She
36 noted 300 people went through the class from 2006 to 2010.

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38 Johnston present a new version of the “Help/OK” window sign, noting that people might
39 not be able to get to the sign in the event of an emergency.

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41 Fire Chief Frankie Petrick reported they have also taught “Are You Ready?” classes that
42 encourage neighbors to meet their neighbors to know in advance who would need
43 assistance. Chief Petrick recalled several disasters in Yachats, such as a period of 17-
44 degree weather where the water supply was disabled.

1 Johnston praised the Yachats Fire Department for their support of her work. Chief
2 Petrick noted while the Fire District ends at the south border of the City, the Department
3 responds to calls as far down as Ponsler State Park.

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5 Chief Petrick noted that packets on emergency preparedness and beach safety are
6 required in vacation rentals. She stated she keeps the vacation rental managers
7 supplied with brochure.

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9 Nixon commended Johnston's approach of working with the youth. Chief Petrick
10 recounted an example of a child telling a story of reprimanded their father for trying to
11 take a battery out of smoke detector for a Christmas toy.

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13 Regarding assembly areas, Chief Petrick reported she previously asked the
14 Volkswalkers Club to walk for 15 minutes up every beach access street between
15 Yachats and Waldport to see how far they could go at a slow pace. From this
16 information, she identified areas that could be suitable as safe for a temporary period.
17 She noted there were not adequate plans for what to do with people once they get to
18 the safe area. Johnston noted she and Chief Petrick drove around these areas looking
19 for structures that could be used for shelter and noted that the structures were all on
20 private property. Chief Petrick noted that people could drive to these areas and find that
21 they are trespassing.

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23 Bennett echoed the need to better identify the assembly areas and plans for what to do
24 once there. Bennett suggested they establish objectives for the sites as a way to help
25 determine the optimal sites. Johnston noted the CERT teams tried to identify triage
26 areas. Chief Petrick indicated they would need to know how the landscaping and fill
27 areas would be set up at the new station before they can discern how to connect to the
28 Ya'Xiák Trail.

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30 Chief Petrick suggested the City could be living on its own for a long period of time
31 before rescue supplies could be delivered to the area. She did not believe there would
32 be disruptive behavior, such as a riot, but they would need to know how to find food,
33 create bathrooms, and live with minimal resources.

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35 Johnston reported she met a Siuslaw tribesman at Cape Perpetua who indicated they
36 had learned to use resources from the rivers, forests, and oceans. She would like to
37 see him give a workshop to the City.

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39 Chief Petrick expressed her willingness to go inspect potential sites. She noted that the
40 Department was tasked with the suppression of fire, but they could partner with groups
41 to work on disaster support issues. She added that the Department does have to serve
42 all areas within their district. She discussed issues around comingling of City and Fire
43 Department property.

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45 Bennett informed Chief Petrick that the south container was going to be moved and
46 replaced.

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1 Chief Petrick clarified that the City should send her a letter about Bennett’s liaison role
2 between Emergency Preparedness and the Fire Department.
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4 **III. Business**

5 **A. Elect New Chair**

6 Bennett stated he could not be the Chair of this Committee as he was now serving as
7 Chair of the Public Works and Streets Commission. Bennett encouraged other
8 members to take the leadership role, noting that the workload would be shared. The
9 Committee agreed to readdress this topic when the other members were present.
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11 **V. Other Business**

12 **A. From Committee Members**

13 Crews asked about plans to apply for a grant for the evacuation routes and assembly
14 areas. She noted it was an 8-page application and the application deadline was
15 November 16, 2018. Bennett indicated he would raise the issue at the Public Works
16 meeting.
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18 **B. From Staff – none**
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20 **C. From the Floor – none**
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22 Bennett adjourned at the meeting at 4:10 pm.
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29 Bob Bennett

_____ Date

30 Minutes prepared by H H Anderson on October 22, 2018
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