

**CITY OF PORT ORFORD
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
GABLE CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.**

(Personnel Assignments)

Councilors present: C. Eskelson, M. Finch, Sr., E. Beck, J. Steinhorst, J. Campbell,
and Mayor J. Auburn

Councilors absent: S. Abbott

Staff present: D. Johnson; Finance Director; D. Pace, Public Works Superintendent;
B. Manes, City Recorder

Others present: J. Stoler, Freelance Reporter

Citizens present: 0

Mayor Auburn called to order the Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Port Orford in the Gable Chambers, Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to adopt two resolutions; one to appoint a City Recorder, Budget and Elections Officers, pro tem; the other to appoint an Office Manager, pro tem, in the absence of a City Administrator, as well as a discussion and decision on the financing of the vactor truck.

Mayor Auburn introduced Resolution 2006-07 and stated he would entertain a motion.

MOTION: Councilor Campbell moved to adopt Resolution 2006-07 appointing a City Recorder, Budget and Elections Officers, pro tem, per Oregon Law. Councilor Steinhorst seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

“Yes” C. Eskelson, M. Finch, E. Beck,
J. Steinhorst, J. Campbell

“No” None

Motion Passed: 5 to 0

Mayor Auburn then introduced Resolution 2006-08 appointing an Office Manager.

MOTION: Councilor Finch moved to adopt Resolution 2006-08 appointing Dave Johnson as Office Manager with a commensurate increase in salary. The motion was seconded by Councilor Eskelson.

Roll Call Vote:

“Yes” C. Eskelson, M. Finch, E. Beck,
J. Steinhorst, J. Campbell

“No” None

Motion Passed: 5 to 0

Regarding the vactor truck, Mayor Auburn reminded the council that at the last meeting the council voted to purchase the vactor truck with option 3 of the August 9th proposal provided there was no penalty for prepayment. Both the Finance Director and the City Attorney have advised against accepting this. Mayor Auburn recommended that there be a motion to go ahead with the purchase of the vactor truck and proceed with the recommendation of the Finance Director and the Attorney.

There was discussion regarding the fact that since the new proposed loan has a lower interest rate making a down payment would be beneficial, whereas with the Option 3 there was a low interest rate only with the zero down, although they did want \$17,000 when the loan was approved.

Dave Johnson stated that \$30,000 has been budgeted for a down payment on the backhoe, which will be the vactor instead. Also, the zero down was a come-on as they wanted an immediate payment of \$17,000.

MOTION: Councilor Campbell moved to go ahead with the new financing, which is \$30,000 down, over five years, at 5-1/4 percent, or better. The motion was seconded by Councilor Beck.

Councilor Beck asked whether the money from the Water and Sewer Funds would be split 50/50 or was there another fund that would be better. Dave Pace replied 50/50 would be fine. There was discussion regarding what projects were imminent and whether or not they were water or sewer related.

Mayor Auburn stated that if there was no more discussion he would like to call for the question of the purchase of the vactor truck with a commercial loan.

Roll Call Vote:

“Yes” C. Eskelson, M. Finch, E. Beck,
J. Steinhorst, J. Campbell

“No” None

Motion Passed: 5 to 0

Councilor Finch mentioned the fact that the personnel subcommittee and the Mayor had arranged to have weekly Friday meetings with Dave Johnson and the ladies in the office. Mayor Auburn told him he thought they had settled on Tuesday for the meetings. Counselor Eskelson concurred. Mayor Auburn stated that could be settled at the personnel subcommittee meeting on Friday evening.

Councilor Eskelson asked who answers questions now that the City Administrator is gone. Mayor Auburn stated that Staff would do so for questions like how much is my water bill, but they would make no decisions; those would go to the council.

Councilor Beck stated that Mark Creighton would like the council to go forward with the new proposed ordinance on animals. It was discussed and decided that since everyone had a copy they should go over it, and he would put it on the agenda.

Mayor Auburn adjourned the Special Session at 5:15 p.m.

By _____
Jim Auburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beverley Manes, City Recorder