

**City of Port Orford
City Council Meeting Minutes
In the Gable Chambers
Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 3:30 P.M.**

Mayor and Council	Present	City Staff	Present
<i>Gary Burns</i>	X	<i>Terrie Richards, City Admin/Recorder</i>	X
<i>Tim Pogwizd, Mayor</i>	Excused	<i>Shala McKenzie Kudlac, City Attorney</i>	X
<i>Pat Cox, President</i>	X	<i>David Johnson, Finance Director</i>	X
<i>Jim Campbell</i>	X	<i>Chief Hank Hobart</i>	X
<i>James Garratt</i>	X		
<i>Carolyn LaRoche</i>	X		
<i>Travis Williams</i>	Excused		

Media Present: Port Orford News – Brice Wagner

Others Present: 10 - Port Orford Rotary

1. Call to Order

President Cox called to order this Regular Meeting of the Common Council in the City of Port Orford Gable Chambers on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 3:33 p.m. He asked those present to rise and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Additions to the Agenda:

New Business 9.c., Proclamation for Suicide Council.
New Business 9.d., Main Street Christmas decorations.

Motion to approve the agenda. All in agreement. Councilor Burns moved to approve the agenda with Councilor Garratt as second. *Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

3. Presentation to Council/Citizens – Port Orford Rotary Club

Dick Wold opened the discussion by addressing counselors and staff present. Mr. Wold represents the Port Orford Rotary Club and spoke of the remodel of the American Legion Hall and the concept of putting the two buildings together and calling it a Community Center. He provided council with a final report from the architectural firm, prepared by Joe Slack. Mr. Wold reported that a month ago, in October, a presentation was held for the Parks Commission regarding the remodel and renovation of the American Legion Hall. That was accepted by them with a pass on to the council. CA Richards then put the Legion on the agenda for today's meeting. The American Legion Hall concept was addressed. The community-building concept has already been approved.

History of: In July 2017, the Port Orford Rotary Club selected a committee of people from the club to look at the Legion Hall because the Legion Hall kitchen facility was primarily inadequate to perform the functions that were needed for the Community Building and the Legion Hall. Prior to that time, in 2005, the building was given to the City of Port Orford

by the American Legion, and the city secured a grant for \$50,000 from the department of agriculture to remodel the building. The Port Orford Rotary Club performed the labor, and the \$50,000 was used for the remodel. The Community Building was considered poor by the architect and the Legion Hall considered adequate or good. Since 2005, the maintenance on both buildings has been performed by the Rotary Club, and any expenses over and above are presented to the city and they take care of it. Funds that come into the city are split with the Rotary Club to maintain the buildings. The Rotary club is pleased with that relationship. In February 2019, the city contracted with HGE Architecture firm with a grant that the Rotary secured for them to do the assessment and concept design and the report present today. This assessment report also includes the Community Building. The American Legion Hall primarily addresses the lack of suppression system, gas is not available, only electric appliances, the kitchen is not designed to do what needs to be done now or in the future. Times, regulations, and the Rotary have changed, and the community is a different place. To enlarge the kitchen, there is a space between the two buildings, which is looked at as a place to relocate the electrical panel, water heater, the items in the closet and would then be able to expand the kitchen out to where closet is currently. John Johnston brought together a community committee to look at the community building and they also looked at the space and found that it would be good for their renovations, the idea being that the two buildings be combined by the end space located between them. Exit doors are also inadequate. The handicap ramp is also inadequate in the community building. There is a wall that they'd like removed, which would make the Legion Hall meeting area larger whereas today it is divided into two areas resulting in the room being an inadequate space for meetings. The Community Center concept is the end field addition. The shared space is key to the renovation of both buildings.

The Rotary is asking for two things today: 1) To approve the report for renovation of Legion Hall which includes the Community Building (Port Orford Community Center concept). John Johnston and Toby Porter have put together a blue-ribbon committee to seek funding and grants for this concept. As of this meeting, \$71, 900 dollars have been raised. The Rotary acknowledges that it's a long way from the 1.4-million-dollar projected budget. However, they are confident that with prior successes that Toby and John have had, they will reach that. Three pages with outlines were presented and distributed. The picture on first page is the renovation and concept of joining the two buildings. It shows handicap ramp and both buildings. It shows the center area as a service entrance for supplies and materials and not as one of the exits. It comes to the overall building size being about 7, 340 sf. Construction costs are listed totaling 1.4 million dollars compared to a total cost of new construction or building of similar size of 3, 578, 250.00. This, to the Rotary, reaffirms their thoughts on renovation rather than new construction. The community building was built in the 1970's and the legion hall in approximately the 1920's; however, the legion hall has had updates. With the concept design that the architecture firm is presenting, the Rotary is asking that council agree to renovate the community property. Without city approval Rotary cannot go forward with seeking grants.

The floor was opened for questions.

Teresa speaks regarding the design: It was noticed that there were some huge cracks in the floor of the community building. There is concern regarding the building being earthquake proof. The architect addressed the issue indicating that they did not want to disturb the ground floor. Questions were addressed by architect regarding structure meeting earthquake requirements.

No further questions.

Councilor Burns moves to approve community center plan with Jim Campbell as second.

Discussion: None. *Motion Carried 5-0*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

4. **Minutes, October:** Delayed until next month.

5. **Consent Calendar:** Councilor Burns moved to approve the consent calendar with Councilor Campbell as second. *Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

6. **Citizens' Concerns:**

Gordan Clay addressed council and introduced himself from Brookins, Oregon. He thanks the Curry County Board of Commissioners for acknowledging the need to establish a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council. He addresses suicide rates for veterans and for students alike. The healthy teen survey from April 2019 was recently released, and the year before over 10% of 7th, 8th and 11th graders had attempted suicide in the 12 months before April of 2019. The Commissioners officially established the council. Mr. Clay is looking for 17 citizens who have the knowledge, passion, determination and drive backed by lived experience to volunteer to join and to do what is necessary to find solutions and bring awareness to prevent suicide, and also to encourage implementation of the strategies as soon as possible. The council shall be comprised of 17 members, each serving a four-year term, except the youth ambassador who will serve a one-year term. The reason for Mr. Clay's attendance at Common Council is the need for representation from North County. He states his concerns for non-representation in North County. He indicates there are 17 positions available and then follows by his recommendation of fields needed to support this Suicide Awareness and Prevention council with those being law enforcement; first responder, either EMT or Fire; medical, a doctor, nurse, hospital board member or community care organization member; social worker, therapist, counselor, or peer support trained in suicidality; a youth educator; a substance abuse recovery educator; elder services; juvenile programming; veterans programming or services; a city mayor or administrator; tribal community; faith based community; youth ambassador; media and three lay people. He

would really like to invite the mayor on this board due to the overall view he has of the community. He indicated that physical presence would not be mandatory and that a microphone could be used. He explains that persons can apply for one of these positions and in the meantime, they can visit one of the 20 locations in Port Orford and Langlois, pick up an R U OK wallet card and give it to someone that may be in potential problem and offer to listen. Per Mr. Clay, according to the CDC, the leading cause of death in Oregon for ages 15-54, is suicide. Curry County leads by 30% of all other counties in the state. Also, Curry County is between 1 and 2 in veteran suicide per capita. Mr. Clay requests support and asks that applicants to please list the position they are applying for even though there is not a space for it. He opens the floor for questions. He also indicates that he asks the City Council to approve that they would back the Suicide Prevention Council that the county has established.

It was indicated that, that proclamation has been added to the agenda and the council will address it later.

Dana Gurnee from Port Orford addressed the council. He is addressed the proclamation for School Choice Week. He indicates he has not been a fan of proclamations and listed four observations/questions. Observations are as follows: No. 4 and No. 6 – in his opinion are wrong. He indicates that Port Orford is not a home to a multitude of high-quality public and non-public schools in his opinion. He indicates that there are high quality public schools but not a multitude, nor a multitude of non-public schools either. He also indicates that he does not feel that there are many high-quality teaching professionals. He feels that Port Orford is much more limited than that. He indicated that if this proclamation is going to be approved that No. 4 and No. 6 should be taken out. He wonders if all the councilors sincerely comprehend and understand the objectives of the group behind this proclamation. This group has had the proclamation passed by dozens, maybe hundreds of cities, and he wonders if, like himself, the council has visited the Facebook page. He also asks, where all the proclamations come from, and how he can also submit a proclamation before the council. He has many interests, for example, he protects wild horses. He offers a proclamation for this and any other proclamation he may be presenting though indicates to the council that he feels they do not want those proclamations. Mr. Gurnee's suggestion is to deny this proclamation and to deny most proclamations pertaining to their tiny little area. He addresses Gordan Clay's proclamation and feels it is a good one but that this one is not.

7. Department Reports:

Police Department – Report received. Hank Hobart indicated a new officer would like to meet council members, but he is not working Thursdays. His training will be minimal and mainly getting used to the area. Chief Hobart indicated that the new officer already knows how to be a police officer and just needs to get used to this area that is a lot different than Central Oregon.

Finance Department – The floor opens up to David Johnson. Hearing no questions, Mr. Johnson is excused.

Mayor Report – Mayor is not present.

Port – The port is still working on finances for their big projects. The last couple meetings have covered these topics.

Main Street / TLT: Councilor Burns reported that Main Street is working on a \$130,000 grant for the redoing of the sod at the Wellness Center. There will be a crane mural. They are going to spruce up the old jail. Main street is looking to have office space in the visitor center, as they are taking on the Chamber of Commerce tasks. November 30, the Shop Small Saturday will be from 11-5pm. The trolley will be operating around town. Sam is no longer a part of the economic development business. He is now the City Manager for Coquille. Main street is looking into having someone moderate and continue the listening sessions.

Watershed/Health – Councilor LaRoche indicates she was at a meeting and Watershed is starting to work on the Gorse plan that a grant was received for. There was an indication that they may be looking into a grant to fix the dam valve. Linda was present at the meeting and indicated there were some grants available.

Emergency Management – None.

Curry County Health – Councilor LaRoche will contact CA Richards or Patty for contact information from Curry Health Network in order to get meeting schedules.

8. Old Business:

a. Ordinance 2020-2 Planning commission resolution to go back to a seven-member planning commission. A decision was made in the October meeting to increase to a 7-member board. Ordinance 2020-2 is read by council on the record. Councilor Campbell moved to approve ordinance 2020-2 with President Cox as second. No discussion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Councilor LaRoche Yes **Councilor Burns** Yes **Councilor Garratt** Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes **President Cox** Yes

b. Commission Appointments – Councilor Garratt moved that Council appoint Lori Crosby to existing planning commission seat with Councilor Burns as second. No discussion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Councilor LaRoche Yes **Councilor Burns** Yes **Councilor Garratt** Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes **President Cox** Yes

Commissioner LaRoche reviewed applications and indicated there is one an applicant that cannot attend daytime meetings but can attend evening meetings. Council discussed other applicants that were able to attend day and evening meetings. There are three remaining applications.

President Cox moves to appoint Rowland Willis to the planning commission with councilor Garratt as second. No discussion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Councilor LaRoche Yes **Councilor Burns** Yes **Councilor Garratt** Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes **President Cox** Yes

President Cox moves to appoint Cynthia Stetson to the planning commission With Councilor LaRoche as second. No discussion. *Motion carried 4-1.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt No
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

Councilor LaRoche suggested the new appointed commissioners attend a meeting and be introduced by a council member prior to installment.

c. Committee Appointments – Applications for TLT committee from Diana Marmon and Jenny Houck are up for approval. Councilor LaRoche moves to accept Jenny Houck to the TLT committee with President Cox as second. No discussion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

President Cox moves to accept Diana Marmon to the Historical Preservation committee with Councilor LaRoche as second. No discussion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

9. New Business:

a. Port Orford Health Care Providers – Curry Health Network- The health network sends yearly reports. The week after the report is received, citizens respond with not having doctors and not being able to get appointments. The city has been told that there is plenty of staff and that there are only two patients that come in a week; however, this is not what the citizens report. President Cox would like to voice a desire for services promised. Councilor Burns questions how their services are compared to the new Wellness Center. CA Richards explains North Curry County pays out of their taxes for care. The Wellness Center is coming in with grants. Councilor Cox states the big issue is, Port Orford and residents of North Curry County are being taxed for Curry Health Network. It has been stated at council there is a lack of service that is being received. As a reminder, South County voted to not be a part of that district and that is where the emergency room went and the medical service is going to, thus North County is subsidizing South County who has the services. CA Richards states there is a quarterly network meeting held in Port Orford chambers. CA Richards suggested attending these meetings and other meetings in other towns. President Cox suggested making more citizens aware of these meetings such as posting at the post office and the city council front door. CA Richards offered to print the agenda and post it on the doors. Councilor LaRoche offered to attend meetings. Councilor LaRoche reported previously approaching the hospital administration and asked why Port Orford has not gotten the services that were presented at time of vote for the new hospital. The response she received was that north county does not provide enough money for them to do that. Brookings provides money. CA Richards has been approached by a county commissioner to move out of the agreement. Mr. Hajek reminds council years ago one of the councilors brought up the question of voting themselves out. The representative replied that they would close the

Port Orford clinic the following day. Councilor Burns suggested investigating services the new center is offering. If a duplication of services is discovered, the city will have more leverage to vote out of the district. President Cox requested a consensus from council to move forward with researching the services provided by both health networks.

Consensus passed 5-0

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

b. Proclamation – School Choice Week and Worldwide Candle Lighting Day – CA Richards receives proclamations via email which are then passed on to the mayor. It is mayor’s choice of which proclamations go to council. The mayor brought this proclamation to the council for approval. President Cox read the suicide awareness proclamation as – Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council the Port Orford City Council encourages all eligible North County citizens to apply for a position on this council to ensure that the North County obtains a voice on this council.

President Cox moves to approve the suicide proclamation with Councilor Burns as second. No discussion. *Motion carried.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

President Cox moved to approve the proclamation designating the second Sunday in December 2019 as Worldwide Candle Lighting Day with Councilor Garratt as second.

Consensus passed 5-0

Discussion: Councilor Garratt clarifies that council is voting to join in support of the proclamation.

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

For lack of a motion, School Choice Week proclamation dies.

10: Continuing Action Items – None.

11. Considerations:

Citizens –

- Teresa Kolibaba indicated her concern that the candle lighting would be in direct opposition to the dark sky ordinance. Teresa also indicated that if Curry Health Network is not doing what they promised, can the city not send them a letter saying they are going to sue them for not giving what was promised. It was noted that theoretically, yes, however the city would like to go about it in a softer way. Teresa indicated that there could be some form of legal recourse and that the city attorney should be able to help in these matters.
- Mr. Jim Hajek indicated that about two years ago, a commission or committee was formed to get bids and possibly put a dock in at Pinehurst. After a period of time the committee came down to just Mr. Hajek. He is running into problems getting a contractor to give an estimate to go forward with the grants. The supplier would have everything included, including

shipping, assembly and installation of the dock. What is needed is a general contractor who can grade and gravel where the ramp goes into the water and a small ramp for part of the dock itself. Mr. Hajek has gone to several contractors in the area and has been denied. They felt it was a lot of work and a lot of projects in Port Orford do not get completed and also if an estimate is given others will bid against it at bidding time and the original contractor does not get paid for the estimate and the contractor does not get paid for any work. Mr. Hajek feels the dock is important to the city. He indicated that the launching of kayaks will be accessible to the disabled community. He is unsure of where to go from here. He indicated he can turn this over to the city to continue with and will relinquish contacts, emails, telephone numbers and all correspondence. He'd be happy to work with whomever. An estimate is first needed and then the grant can be requested. The council asks if the estimate is needed just for the groundwork and then the company will come install the dock and someone is just needed to do the grading and concrete work. Mr. Hajek indicated a general contractor is needed, otherwise there would be a problem with the grantor. Council agrees they should move forward.

Staff –

- CA Richards reminds council to address Main Street Christmas decorations. President Cox reports Main Street wants to put decorations and tinsel around town possibly on the poles. Main Street is asking for consensus from city council. Councilor Cox reminds that Main Street will have to get permission from Coos-Curry Electric to use their poles. Liability was discussed. *Consensus passed 5-0.*

*Councilor LaRoche Yes Councilor Burns Yes Councilor Garratt Yes
Councilor Campbell Yes President Cox Yes*

Councilors – President Cox spoke with the mayor before he left, and the mayor would like to address the huge continuing action item list, and not wanting to drop anything off of it but would like to downsize to two or three and go from there.

Mayor – None.

12. Future Meetings

- a. Workshop Thursday December 19 at 2:30 at City Hall Council Chambers.
- b. Regular meeting of the council, Thursday, December 19 at City Hall Council Chambers.

13. Adjourned

There being no further business, President Cox adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.



Pat Cox, Council President

Attest:


Terrie Richards, City Recorder