

City of Bandon

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA DOCUMENTATION	DATE: May 11, 2020
SUBJECT: City Council Meeting Minutes	ITEM NO: 6.1.1

BACKGROUND:

Meeting Minutes of the City Council as submitted by Denise Russell, City Recorder and Beth Hager, Administrative Assistant.

- Special Council Meeting – March 23, 2020
- Special Council Meeting – March 25, 2020
- Regular Council Meeting – April 13, 2020

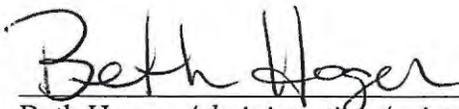
FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the minutes.

SUBMITTED BY:



Beth Hager, *Administrative Assistant*

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BANDON CITY HALL
March 23, 2020**

Present: Mayor Mary Schamehorn, Council President Peter Braun, Councilors Claudine Hundhausen, Chris Powell, Geri Procetto, Madeline Seymour, Brian Vick

Staff: City Manager Dan Chandler, City Attorney Fred Carleton, City Recorder Denise Russell

Call to Order

Schamehorn called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. Mayor Schamehorn explained because of the serious nature of the COVID-19 virus it is an emergency and a twenty-four-hour notice was not given for this meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

Actions

2.1 Ratify Emergency Declaration signed by Mayor March 19, 2020

Schamehorn signed an Emergency Declaration on March 19, 2020, which needed to be ratified. Schamehorn took into consideration the recommendation of the Fire Chief who said emergency declarations assist with federal funding. There really is no downside to an emergency declaration; it does allow for a relaxation of noticing requirements for meetings, etc.

Seymour moved to ratify the Declaration of Emergency dated March 19, 2020. Procetto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

2.2 Resolution #20-05 – For the Purpose of Limiting Transmission of COVID-19, Consideration of Evacuation Order

Chandler explained that this resolution is based on the resolutions that the cities of Warrenton, Seaside, Astoria, and Tillamook and Clatsop counties have taken to limit or prohibit short-term occupancies in their respective jurisdictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Seaside and Warrenton were overwhelmed with spring break visitors who were not practicing social distancing guidelines. This is a similar resolution that applies to overnight visitors. There are limited exceptions listed in the resolution for essential workers, medical reasons, and those who are long-term renters of more than 30-days.

Chandler feels that the document may be changed because of the fluidity of the pandemic situation.

Representative David Brock-Smith's understanding of the Governor's declaration may give the ability to local law enforcement to issue a Class C misdemeanor for those traveling or not staying home.

Hundhausen noted that it seems that some of the items listed in the resolution do not mesh. Braun stated that the Council is five days away from changing this Resolution, but a Resolution does need to be adopted today.

Rep. Brock-Smith noted that the City has a limited ability to keep people from coming through the community, aside from putting up roadblocks, because of Bandon being on Highway 101.

Rep. Brock-Smith's recommendation to Coos County is to close the transient occupancy to keep the South Coast from being inundated with travelers from California and Washington State. Curry County has already passed a resolution to close their hotels, etc. The Coastal Caucus is making a recommendation to the Governor to close all transient lodging facilities for less than twenty-eight days, which keeps it under the rent control issue, up until May 1, 2020. The City's Resolution currently would expire when modeling estimates the peak of the virus will likely be April 6, 2020. His recommendation to the Council is to extend that expiration date out further. Braun suggested that the Council take Rep. Brock-Smith's recommendation to extend the expiration to May 1, 2020, because it can be rescinded at anytime if it is not necessary. The goal is to keep from being inundated by vacationers, while keeping it safe for locals to recreate on the beaches, etc.

The Governor is being urged to close lodging facilities along the coast to keep people from coming here but allowing the locals to still use what brought them here. The Governor's order provides regulations for business that can stay open, how social distancing should be applied, and urged residents to stay home unless they need to use essential services.

Carleton noted it is not as simple as just ordering people to stay home. The Governor's executive order has more nuances. The goal is to keep people from being out and about and socializing. As an example, if you are an out of state person traveling to visit a friend, it is likely that you would be violating the Governor's order; however, there are exceptions in the executive order for things like taking care of sick people, etc.

Hundhausen believes that a little time is needed to digest what needs to be done with the City's Resolution. Braun noted that the Council should be able to adopt some guidelines today in regard to recreational tourism and amend the Resolution as circumstances require for others.

Dr. Douglas Crane, an internal medicine doctor, from Southern Coos Hospital, informed the Council that COVID-19 is highly contagious. However, an activity like walking on the beach is probably low risk. The goal is to keep the virus from spreading quickly and to flatten the rate of infection in the community. The rate of infection in Oregon is projected to seventy percent, which they want to happen over a two-month period rather than a three-week period. This will keep medical facilities from being overwhelmed in trying to respond the medical needs of the community. There is already an impact to hospital services in the local area because they are having to provide medical services to patients that would normally be transferred out of the area. Bay Area Hospital's ICU is already full taking care of patients who do not have COVID-19, which impacts Southern Coos Hospital because they cannot transfer patients to Bay Area.

Bandon Dunes is still open for business and has customers coming in from all over. Dr. Crane noted that this a problem for the medical community because they do not have backup medical staff for their facilities if COVID-19 is brought into the area.

Hundhausen asked if the Dunes is under Coos County's jurisdiction. Rep. Brock-Smith responded that their one recommendation is to move forward with closing all transient lodging tax business along the coast because there will be no place for travelers to stay. He pushed back on the original thought to close golf courses because they still want to have places for locals to recreate and social distancing can be applied while on the course.

Braun asked for a follow up with Schamehorn on how the County Commission chose to address the Dunes closing.

Dr. Crane believes that the virus is in the community already. The median timeframe for showing symptoms is five to six days. In young people, they may be asymptomatic and will not notice, which can be how the virus spreads. The people impacted will be those that have underlying health conditions.

Dr. Crane recommended that essential services need to stay open and wonders if the Council can make the recommendation that these stores mark the floors to indicate what a safe distance is between customers at their counters to keep from transmitting the virus to the workers. Also, can the gas be self-serve to keep from exposing their workers.

Carleton noted that the Governor's executive order does direct business to have staff members that are responsible for making sure that people follow the social distancing practices as outlined in the order.

Procetto asked if travelers can be stopped from buying out local grocery stores. Rep. Brock-Smith noted that coastal cities are having issues with travelers buying quantities of items and then moving on down the road. Chandler spoke with the managers of both the grocery stores. The managers are confident in their supply sources. Chandler asked them to inform the City if any of the bulk buying seems to be a problem. If bulk buying becomes an issue, under the emergency declaration there are things that the Council can do to limit the amount or quantity of items purchased at one time.

Schamehorn spoke with the American Red Cross about the blood supply. There are thousands of blood draws not happening. Schamehorn suggested that they call Jeff Norris, who manages the Community Center, to hold a blood drive there. The ability to hold a blood draw is extremely important now more than ever. The organization has all their own equipment for doing blood draws. It is easy to enforce the social distancing guidelines at the Community Center.

Chandler summarized the changes that will be made to the proposed Resolution:

- Section 1 – all **overnight** visitors
- Section 2 – strike subsections f, g and i
- Section 2 – add a new subsection that allows people staying in lodging for medical purposes
- Section 3 – first line, except as provided in **Sections 2 and 4**
- Section 4 – subsection a, **current** residents staying
- Section 6 – change the date to **May 1, 2020**.

Seymour made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-05 ordering a limited evacuation for the purpose of limiting transmission of the COVID-19 as amended. The motion was seconded by Procetto and was passed unanimously by Council, 6:0

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm

Denise Russell
City Recorder

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BANDON CITY HALL
March 25, 2020**

Present: Mayor Mary Schamehorn, Council President Peter Braun, Councilors Claudine Hundhausen, Chris Powell, Geri Procetto, Madeline Seymour, Brian Vick

Staff: City Manager Dan Chandler, City Attorney Fred Carleton, Administrative Assistant Beth Hager

Call to Order

Schamehorn called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(e), deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. ORS 192.660(2)(f), to consider information of records that are exempt by law from public inspection. ORS 40.225 Lawyer-Client Privilege

The Council went into Executive Session at 4:09 pm, returned to open session at 4:40 pm.

Special Meeting Continuance

Following a brief recess from 4:40pm - 4:45 pm, the Council returned to Open Session.

Robert S. Miller III, Counsel for the Southern Coos Heath District, was present. Schamehorn informed Miller that the consensus of the Council is to be willing to work on an agreement with the Hospital District. Details of this agreement will be worked out by the City Manager, City Attorney and the Hospital's people.

PROCEEDINGS

Discussions

- **Update on Emergency Declaration and Related Issues**

Chandler gave an update as to what has been going on over the last couple of days since the last Council meeting. We have gotten some push back from some of the hotels/VRDs regarding closing them down as ordered in Res #20-05. We will continue to follow up with any calls or concerns from hotels, VRDs and community members.

Actions

Resolution #20-06 – COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency

Councilors had been provided with copies of proposed Resolution #20-06. Chandler explained that in order to take advantage of state law provisions we need to pass the March 19, 2020, Declaration of Emergency with an Ordinance or Resolution.

Seymour moved to adopt Resolution #20-06. Powel seconded the motion, and it was passed on a unanimous vote, 6:0

Resolution #20-08 – Amending Resolution #20-05 Limiting Transmission of COVID-19

Councilors had been provided with copies of proposed Resolution #20-08. Chandler explained that there were a few changes and improvements to the transient lodging order & resolution. The changes that were made are:

Added: WHEREAS the implementation of the Governor’s social distancing order and public campaign has not proven effective in the City of Bandon as significant numbers of out of town visitors have continued to come to the Coast in recent days despite the stay at home order/directive. Repeated instances of violation of the social distancing norms have placed city resources and residents at much greater risk of the spread of the virus. Closure of short-term rentals in northern parts of the Oregon Coast¹ threaten to move significant vacationers south to the City of Bandon if no actions are taken; and

Added: WHEREAS numerous public and private health officials in the state of Oregon² and beyond have called for more stringent and aggressive social distancing measures including stay at home/shelter at home mandates because the voluntary social distancing actions are not being followed in many areas including the Central Oregon Coast; and

Added to list that this order does not apply to:

- g. Stays for 30 days or longer are allowed.
- h. Families or individuals residing in lodging for less than 30 days if this is their only means of shelter. Includes, but is not limited to, vouchers for stay provided by local or regional governments or nonprofit agencies.
- i. Patients or families of patients receiving medical care at local facilities.
- j. Essential workers, including but not limited to doctors, nurses, other health staff, home and health care workers, Coast Guard members, truck drivers and supply providers, workers in the county whose employer pays for lodging, construction workers on local projects (including public contractors), utility crews, and other persons whose work in the city requires temporary accommodations.

Chandler also noted that we added an item K to the resolution. It states that:

Lodging property owners or managers are required to keep a log of what exception is met by current lodgers. This list will be made available upon request to city officials

Vick noted that he thought this last item is a great idea. If someone does get sick with the COVID virus, we could give that list to the investigator and maybe help them figure out who they might have gotten sick from.

¹ To date, the Cities of Warrenton, Seaside, Astoria, and Tillamook and Clatsop counties have all acted to limit or prohibit short term occupancies in their respective jurisdictions during this emergency.

² Including but not limited to the Oregon Public Health Association, the Oregon Nurses Association, and the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians.

Chandler mentioned one more change to the resolution.

Added: Section 7: Violations of this Resolution and Order are a violation of Chapter 1.06 of the Bandon Municipal Code and may be subject to fines of up to \$750.00 per day. In addition, violations are Class C misdemeanors

Seymour moved to adopt Resolution #20-08. Vick seconded the motion, and it was passed on a unanimous vote, 6:0

Resolution #20-07 – Adopting an updated CIP for wastewater improvements

Councilors had been provided with copies of proposed Resolution #20-07, Adopting an updated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for wastewater improvements.

Chandler explained that this resolution was to add the replacement of the Grinder Pump at the Wastewater plant to the CIP so it can be eligible for funding from the sewer SDC fund.

Seymour moved to adopt Resolution #20-08. Hundhausen seconded the motion, and it was passed on a unanimous vote, 6:0

Discussions

- **Discussion on Financial Issues**

Chandler wanted to let the Council know that he would be bringing a Supplemental Budget to them for approval. He said the biggest reason for this supplemental budget was, when the audit came in, several of the beginning balances were off by significant amount. The other items that caused the need for the supplemental budget was the approximately \$400,000 gap we had in our Water and Wastewater operational budgets.

Chandler expressed his concern about the Sprague Theater roof and siding (about \$85,000 each) that were in the CIP for FY19-20 and had to be pulled out. We hoped to be able to plug them back into the FY20-21 CIP budget, however with a large portion of our budget coming from TOTs, it is going to be a challenge.

Schamehorn said that there has been talk about maybe going out for a rate increase for the water and wastewater in September. This time we would have a specific dollar amount so the voters would know just how much of an increase we are needing to keep our Water and Wastewater plant operating.

There was discussion about the need to get the message out to the voters ahead of time. To make sure their questions and concerns are heard and answered if possible. Do work sessions where the public were invited to listen in and maybe ask questions. We need to make sure everyone is educated as to what the outcome (good or bad) of this vote could mean for our Water and Wastewater plants.

Schamehorn went on to say that another thing we could consider once things got back to normal, and we can open the short-term lodging back up, is to bring our TOTs up to at least the levels of Coos Bay and North Bend.

Chandler continued by saying that there are a couple of other ways that the City could raise more money that do not require a vote. One would be to expand our Municipal Court jurisdiction and the second would be to raise planning fees. He would like to work towards getting the Planning Department to be self-supporting.

Powell commented that what he had heard, when the topic of raising the Planning fees was brought to the Council in the past, was that the contractors were outraged that we want them to pay more money, however they are having to wait 2 to 3 months to get their paperwork through the Planning Department. If we want them to pay more money, we are going to have to do a better job on the turnaround through the planning process.

Public Comment – None

Other: Council/Mayor/Staff Remarks – None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm

Beth Hager
Administrative Assistant

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
BANDON CITY HALL
April 13, 2020**

Present: Mayor Mary Schamehorn, Council President Peter Braun (participating by zoom), Councilors Claudine Hundhausen, Chris Powell, Geri Procetto, Madeline Seymour, Brian Vick

Staff: City Manager Dan Chandler, City Attorney Fred Carleton, City Recorder Denise Russell

Call to Order

Schamehorn called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll was taken as indicated above.

PROCEEDINGS

Actions

5.1.1 Approve IGA with DLCD – Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

This is the final Intergovernmental Agreement between DLCD and the City of Bandon to work on a multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update for Coos County. The County, the ports and all the county cities are participating.

Seymour moved to approve the IGA between the City and DLCD and seconded by Vick. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

Discussion

5.2.1 Advisory Boards and Commissions

Chandler asked the Council for feedback on the advisory boards and commissions section of the Bandon Municipal Code. The City has a number of boards and commissions, including the Library Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission and Utilities Commission (ABCs). In some cases, the provisions are unclear, relate to functions that are no longer performed by the commission or may conflict with other duties and responsibilities. The standing committee's section of the general code states that a member of a board, committee or commission cannot be removed unless you find misconduct.

Chandler is requesting direction from Council to move forward with changes to the code language with assistance from the City Attorney to bring back to the Council in an ordinance. The BMC would have changes that include:

- changing the title from Standing Committees to Advisory Boards and Commissions to clear up confusion on roles and responsibilities
- change language to prohibit committees from entering into contracts or directing staff on operational issues
- members may be removed by a majority vote of the Council without having to find misconduct
- for non-attendance, a member can be deemed to have resigned after a specific period of time
- by code all boards and commission meet monthly; change in some cases to as directed by the Council or as needed
- Library Board
 - o Change name to Library Advisory Board
 - o Change/remove the powers on setting policies and entering contracts

- Clarify responsibilities for helping the Library Director prepare a budget
- suggesting policies and rules
- Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Change name to Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
- Planning Commission
 - Change/remove duplicated information that is also in the general section of the code
- Utilities Commission
 - Change name to Utilities Advisory Commission
 - Clarify the role to advise the City Council and City Manager
 - Ability to conduct outreach to the public

Seymour wondered if the outreach could also be done through direction of the Council. The Utilities Commission is supposed to report to Council what the Commission is doing. The outreach could be directed at that time. Schamehorn suggested at least let the Council know what the outreach message is. Chandler will work on this in the code language.

Seymour requested that the Council have the authority to set the committees and commissions meeting dates and times. Schamehorn noted that when staff is required to be at meetings not held during business hours it may require overtime to be paid. Changing the Utilities Commission meeting week and time was to hopefully generate participation by the business community, which has not happened.

A draft ordinance will be brought back to the Council.

Resolutions

5.3.1 Resolution No. 20-09 – Supplemental Budget FY 19-20

Chandler presented the supplemental budget to the Council. Under Oregon law, if you spend more money than was appropriated a supplemental budget must be completed. The supplemental budget is also used to clarify and cleanup changes that happen during the fiscal year. It is necessary this year predominately because the budget was created prior to the audit being completed, so adjustments are required to fund balances and the emergency rate increase being invalidated caused a deficit in the water and wastewater enterprise funds that had to be addressed to balance the budget through reallocation of the unrestricted funds and deferral of maintenance and capital improvements. The funds moved from the Library Memorial Fund to the Library Fund is a one-time transfer of unrestricted funds to balance the Library Fund.

Chandler explained in response to Vick's query that the grinder pump's installation is being determined by the social distancing because contractors from the Portland and Seattle area will be completing the work.

Deferred improvements to the Sprague Theater siding and roof may be able to be paid with the Urban Renewal funds. If allowed within the current plan, Urban Renewal funds will be used to complete those projects.

Seymour made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-09 for the Supplemental Budget FY2019-2020 as attached. The motion was seconded by Powell and Hundhausen. The motion passed unanimously by Council, 6:0

5.3.2 Resolution No. 20-10 – Abstract of the Votes – City Council Authority to Set Utility Rates

Schamehorn called for a motion on the Abstract of Votes. Seymour made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-10 accepting the abstract of the March 10, 2020, Special Election for Measure 6-175, City Council Authority to Set Utility Rates. The motion was seconded by Vick and was passed unanimously by Council, 6:0

Southern Coos Hospital Presentation by Scott McEachern, CIO and Director Southern Coos Health Foundation

McEachern provided updates at the hospital and on the pandemic to the Council and community.

The hospital is actively preparing for the pandemic. They have disaster tents set up outside the emergency department. The hospital will be able to serve about twenty-five patients between the ED, MedSurg and the tents. If required, the clinic may be used as a resource for the pandemic. If the pandemic has a greater surge than what the hospital can handle, they have made agreements for alternative care sites and for exchange staff.

There is one case of COVID-19 in Coos County at Shutter Creek. The inmate tested positive on Thursday and was moved to another facility. The Oregon Department of Corrections has put Shutter Creek on semi-lockdown and is testing all the inmates and staff for the virus. There are approximately 280 inmates and 100 staff and there will be a percentage of those populations that will acquire COVID-19. Southern Coos is not directly active with the Shutter Creek incident.

Coos Health and Wellness has taken the lead on contact tracking. They have an epidemiologist on staff and are doing a good job at regional coordination of the pandemic.

Even though the ED doors are locked they are still treating patients 24x7. The doors are monitored, and patients are accepted as they come to the hospital. They are performing COVID-19 testing and isolating as required.

The hospital is concerned about their finances because the State has prohibited all elective procedures at this time. They are starting to receive CARES Act funding through federal stimulus. The hospital's goal is to not need to layoff staff. They are paycheck protection applicants and have received tentative approval, which will guarantee eight weeks of payroll.

They are eligible to receive Accelerated Medicare Program dollars. The program is a bridge loan against future Medicare claims.

The hospital has a new Acting CEO, Debbie Ellis. The hospital is looking to fill both the CEO and CFO positions, which they should have filled in the next two weeks.

In response to Schamehorn's question, McEachern stated the Federal Government recommended the hospitals quit providing elective procedures but allowed each of the states to decide whether or not to make it a mandate.

Consent Agenda

Schamehorn asked the Council if there were any items on the Consent Agenda they wished to discuss. Several of the members had questions about the write-offs and asked that staff bring back explanations on several of the accounts on the list.

Hundhausen asked if there is a policy for repayment of training if the employee does not work for the department for a determined length of time. Powell and Chandler, while not sure of the specifics, are aware of a policy that addresses this issue.

Schamehorn mentioned a white pitbull that has attacked two other dogs. The man walking the dog has been cited in court in North Bend by Animal Control. After the second attack, the owner of the dog was cited into municipal court. Schamehorn would like to know the court date.

Bandon Municipal Code does not have a provision for confiscating the dog if it attacks another dog but does after the second bite to a human. The police suggested looking at other jurisdictions' ordinances because they do allow for confiscation after attacking and injuring an innocent dog.

Powell wondered, after looking at the Police Department report, if the ordinance needs to be changed or if the problem would be resolved by dealing with this dog.

Hundhausen wondered if the Municipal Code could supersede the free bite law. Chandler noted that BMC has impound requirements for any dog that bites a person. Any dog that destroys property or bites another animal is a public nuisance and can be cited.

Carleton added that eight or nine years ago, this issue was looked at. There were considered choices made at the time on how to use officer resources. That is when we had Mr. Graham as a volunteer dog control officer. It may be time to look at this again, and it certainly can be changed. Carleton agreed that the nuisance is an avenue that can be pursued on this issue.

Seymour requested that the dog ordinance be discussed at a work session. Schamehorn requested sample ordinances from other jurisdictions be provided to the Council for their review.

Powell suggested waiting until after the budget is complete before bringing this topic back to the Council.

Hundhausen wondered if the information regarding this particular pet's location could be released to the public, so that they could be aware. Carleton indicated that it is a matter of public record.

Hundhausen requested more narrative in the Public Works report that would include the time involved and the location of the project.

Schamehorn would like narrative on the usage of the Community Center or have Jeff Norris make a presentation to the Council. Include a usage summary and comparison to the previous year.

Seymour moved to approve Consent Agenda and was seconded by Procetto. The motion passed unanimously 6:0.

Public Comment

Herb Yussim, 2723 Colony Circle, Bandon, OR

His comments are addressed to the Mayor and the Council. It is clear, the city administration worked hard to develop a revised budget. As a Bandon citizen he thanks and acknowledge each participant in that process, most notably Dan Chandler, department heads, budget and finance staff, the Mayor and City Council and anyone else not mentioned.

Yussim has concerns about the erosion of confidence and trust of the Mayor and Council expressed by the electorate in the most recent ballot measure to transfer utility rate setting authority back to the Council. If the Bandon voters had clear, objective, consolidated understanding of utility revenues, operational expenses and maintenance budget voters would have supported the measure. Instead the issue was mired in subjective, emotional reaction, which did nothing to provide the information needed by voters to make an informed and educated decision about what was needed. Additionally, at the townhall meeting to support the measure, basic questions, such as what happens to system development charges, were not specifically addressed. Finally, the impact to the City budget from COVID-19 will not be fully known for some time. He also thought the City has not relied on any legally allowed portion of transient occupancy tax until now, which might need to change. Also, if there is a weak or curtailed tourist season, local business employees and employers alike will suffer. The issue remains the same. How will the rate increase be addressed?

Harv Schubothe

Appreciates the opportunity to participate in the meeting via Zoom. The volunteer of the month was not recognized this month primarily because of having to bring a susceptible person into the public arena.

The Greater Bandon Association continues to get the word on different kinds of resources available to businesses and non-profit partners. The Chamber has done an outstanding job of working with the business. Schubothe noted that non-profits have passed on opportunities to do fundraising and it has affected their financial resources.

Amy Moss-Strong

Clarified that Council is requesting more information on the Public Works reports. Regarding dog bites there is not much on the police reports. The new report does not have as much information on it as there used to be on the old report. Additional information would be good to highlight any of incidents without calling the Police Department for each incident.

Preston Wayte, 1250 6th Street SW, Bandon

He went to the Townhall for the measure. More concise information would help get measures passed. Everyone knows there needs to be an increase, but they don't trust the Council at this point.

Council/Mayor/Staff Remarks

Carleton: The LUBA oral argument on the hotel was last week. Nothing remarkable was said and relied mostly on the written word. The decision should be forthcoming by the end of April.

Chandler

Chandler: Introduced Paula Burris, the new Finance Director, to the Council and invited Burris to say a few words. It has been a pleasure to have someone with her expertise to bounce ideas off of and he is glad she is here.

Burris: Appreciates the opportunity to come into town and has been visiting regularly for the last 23 years. She is looking forward to learning what the City does and doing the best job possible

Vick: Several people have approached him about being sick in January/February and would like to be tested if that is possible.

In response to Yussim and Wayte's comments, Vick said if Council had had the information, they would have been more than happy to furnish it to the public. The information was requested of the previous

City Manager who was unable to provide it. The Council was left in a lurch themselves. Tonight, the supplemental budget was approved, and the finances are finally straightened out. Council did what they thought to be correct. The Utilities Commission recommended the emergency rate increase. They are just doing their best and are sorry if the community does not trust them.

Seymour: Thank you to Susan DeSalvatore and other community members who are sewing and distributing masks.

She would love to see more virus testing come to Bandon. The hospital has 150 tests right now and has put in an order for the quick test.

Tomorrow morning, she will deliver 50 masks to Ray's and McKay's grocery stores so that their staff can stay safe. If the grocery stores close, the community members will have to go to Coos Bay or Coquille to shop.

Clamping down on the dog ordinance is needed and way overdue.

Seymour welcomed Burris to Bandon.

Schamehorn: Received a letter from Sherry Gifford. The Mayor will reply to her comments on the lack of enforcement on open burning, businesses that are open or not open, and lack of people following the orders of wearing masks and gloves while at church gatherings. Schamehorn noted that the only area that the City can mandate is short-term rentals.

Hundhausen: Thanked Vick for addressing the townhall meeting; the Council was feeling unprepared. She is very happy to have a change and hopes going forward it is much more inclusive information.

In the past, Council was provided information on contracts with substantial financial impact prior to executing the contract not after the deal is done, for items like computer programs, land purchases, or phone systems. That way they have information to share with constituents who have questions about contracts that have been entered and shows that the Council has done the work they are expected to do.

Agrees that testing for the COVID-19 is important. Maybe there could be a test group of people that feel they may have had the virus to see if it is in the community.

Chandler suggested that a work session be held to determine what the entire Council wants. Staff wants to give the Council the right level of detail and needs to know what that level is.

Seymour noted that more work has been done in the last four months than in the last several years since Chandler started.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm

Denise Russell
City Recorder