



MINUTES

Coburg City Council

Annual State of the City Gathering

January 8, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

Coburg City Hall

91069 North Willamette - Coburg

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Judy Volta; Jerry Behney, John Fox, Bill Judd, Brian Pech, John Thiel, Mike Watson

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Don Schuessler, John Bosley, Jack Detweiler, Sammy Egbert, Craig Gibbons, Jack Harris, Milo Mecham, Kelly O'Neill, Petra Schuetz

RECORDED BY: Dan Lindstrom

Mayor Judy Volta presided over the Coburg Annual State of the City Celebration. She delivered a State of the City address. She said the City had been on a course to accomplish much since 2000 when it had faced crises with little hope. She emphasized the theme "Working Together" and reviewed positive changes that occurred during 2008.

Mayor Volta expressed appreciation for the many leaders of the City . . . the dedicated, thoughtful, caring members of the City Council . . . Planning Commission . . . Parks and Tree Committee . . . Budget Committee . . . and Water Rates Committee . . . the professional City staff . . . all of the employees of the City who give 110% in all they do . . . and the Citizens of Coburg who, when there is trouble help each other and are involved in organizations and individual efforts dedicated to selfless support of others.

Mayor Volta announced that the 2008 Coburg Citizen of the Year award went to Mark and Julie Revell. She cited their numerous involvements and personal commitments to others and presented them with a key to the City and the hearts of their fellow citizens.

City Administrator Don Schuessler reviewed civic changes that had occurred in 2007:

- Changes in City staff – Municipal Judge, Court Clerk, City Engineer, City Recorder
- Consolidation of Municipal Court into City Hall, reducing staff and costs
- Employee evaluations
- Significant progress on Wastewater Reclamation System, Water System Master Plan
- Settled all pending lawsuits
- Simplified financial processes
- Adopted 11 new ordinances – street trees, development fees, police training assessment collection processes, fuel tax, business license, property annexation
- Increased garbage and water rates and

Mr. Schuessler said it was not an easy year, but not a controversial as some in the recent past. He said many activities and work was completed which had improved the City organization and made it leaner and fiscally stronger. He thanked the Council, Mayor and employees for asking questions . . . being involved . . . stepping up . . . and making tough but necessary decisions.

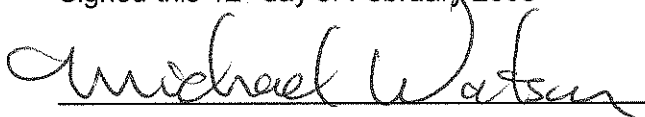
Mr. Schuessler announced that the 2008 Coburg Employee of the Year was Judy Bailey, former Municipal Court Clerk. He cited her exemplary work in the consolidation of the Court and explained that the two additional days of vacation that went with the award would supplement her final pay.

Mayor thanked those in attendance, invited everyone to share refreshments provided by the City staff, and adjourned the celebration at 6:45 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE


Yes: 4
No: 0
Abstained: 0
Passed: X Rejected: _____

Signed this 12th day of February 2008



Mike Watson, Council President

Attest:



Sammy Egbert, City Recorder