



**MINUTES**  
**2012 Awards and Accomplishments**

**Coburg City Council**  
January 8, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.  
Coburg City Hall  
91069 North Willamette - Coburg

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Jae Pudewell, Mayor; Jerry Behney, Sharyl Brannon-Abbaspour, John Fox, Don Nelson, Ray Smith, John Thiel

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Brian Pech

**STAFF PRESENT:** Petra Schuetz, Bob Butler, Laura Comstock, Sammy Egbert, Jeanine Lavers, Milo Mecham, Larry Nelson, Ramona Sweere

**RECORDED BY:** Dan Lindstrom

Mayor Jae Pudewell called the meeting of the Coburg City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted that it was a "pre-meeting" to the Regular Council meeting and was intended to take stock of where the City and its citizens had been in 2012 and where they were going.

Mayor Pudewell announced that Katie Thiel had been chosen "2012 Citizen of the Year." He reviewed her leadership and involvements with the Coburg Planning Commission and other civic groups. He presented her with a "key" to the City and a certificate announcing her award. When given the opportunity, Ms. Thiel accepted the honor and said she had "nothing to say."

City Attorney Milo Mecham conducted swearing in ceremonies and officially inducted Jae Pudewell as Mayor of Coburg, and Sharyl Abbaspour, Jerry Behney, and Ray Smith as members of the City Council, reminding them of their duty to abide by the Constitutions of the United States, State of Oregon, and Coburg Charter. He congratulated each on his/her election to their office and presented them with a certificate of office.

Mayor Pudewell announced that Public Works Director Bob Butler had been chosen "2012 Employee of the Year." He presented him with a certificate conferring the honor to be displayed above the Department workbench.

Mayor Pudewell announced that a special recognition of service to the City was being awarded to former President and four-year member of the City Council, John Fox. He presented him with a commemorative plaque as recognition of his service.

City Administrator Petra Schuetz presented a review of City accomplishments in 2012. She characterized it as a "year of transition." She identified improved management of the City Budget and successful implementation of the Wastewater Project as major accomplishments. She cited changes of personnel and increased concern about safety issues as important in the development of the City. She reviewed the creation of a City newsletter and other improve-

ments in communication with citizens as important changes. She referred to various City Code updates and said they facilitated administration of City affairs.

Ms. Schuetz commended Chief Larry Larson and the Police Department for their sponsorship of public events to create good relationships with citizens. She said community members participation in the maintenance of City parks was highly commendable and a valuable service. She said the work of the student team from the University of Oregon Community Planning Workshop would develop proposals for the City to improve its riparian ordinances, stormwater controls, and wetland protection strategies. She said the work of AmeriCorps volunteer Laura Comstock would produce important advances in the creation of an economic development strategy and historic preservation program for the City.

Mayor Pudewell observed that 2012 had been a busy year and that it "ended better than it started."

Mayor Pudewell invited citizens who were present to join members of the Council in refreshments located at the rear of the Council Chambers.

ACCEPTANCE

Approved: February 12, 2013

Yes: 4                  No: 0                  Abstained: None

Attest:  Date: 2/15/2013  
Jae Pudewell, Mayor

 Date: 2/15/2013  
Sammy L. Egbert, City Recorder