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Mayor's Corner

On Transparency

Jae Pudewell, Mayor

Thank you to the many people who provided public comment at the recent City Council meetings. Standing room only! Awesome! There are some takeaways from these past couple of months I would like to discuss.

It is important that everyone understand that many—maybe most—aspects of government are highly procedural, including Planning Commission meetings, Council meetings, and many city staff operations. These rules and procedures have long been used to help ensure that government is methodical, fair, and equitable, and I don't think any of us would really want the situation to be any different.

Citizens can be confused, disappointed, and frustrated by these procedures. A number of recent Council meeting speakers and audience members appeared to be upset that the City did not

immediately notify everyone when the medical marijuana dispensary application was first received.

The short answer is that this isn't something the City can do.

The City must be objective. The land use application process is prescribed in the City's Development Code and must be fairly and consistently applied for all applicants. Staff cannot make value judgments or pick and choose how each application should be noticed.

Some speakers, audience members, and Council members alike have been frustrated by the Council's inability to engage in open discussion. Council is truly unable, not unwilling.

Council can be constrained by public meeting law. Any topic of a sensitive or substantive nature must be publicly noticed prior to the Council's discussion to ensure that everyone has a fair and equitable opportunity to participate.

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Historic Homes

William Van Duyn House 91108 N. Willamette Street

The most popular house style in America from about 1840 until well after the Civil War was an “Italian” design inspired by romantic country houses of Tuscany. These Italianate homes celebrated a growing middle-class lifestyle in the United States. They invited notice with nearly-flat roofs, wide eaves, and projecting brackets that support structures above them.



The classic wide cornice and brackets mark this as an Italianate home.

By the late 1860s, the fashion had swept through North America. Here in Coburg a rare, full Italianate home was built by William Van Duyn in 1877, for the cost of about \$1,500.

William was son of Isaac Van Duyn, one of Coburg’s original pioneers. He married Mary Withers, the granddaughter of Lane County pioneer Rev. Jacob Gillespie.

Van Duyn operated the Coburg Mercantile Store for 17 years and became one of Coburg’s best known



residents. His family home is a blueprint of popular culture and middle class wealth of the time. Today it remains one of Coburg’s favorite landmarks.

The Van Duyn home is a lavish, full Italianate, which originally had a center chimney, surrounded by a widow’s walk. In addition to providing a viewing platform, a widow’s walk allowed access to the roof in the event of a chimney fire. The widow’s walk and chimney on the Van Duyn home were removed during a later building remodel, and have not been replaced.

Coburg Mercantile Store

Van Duyn operated the Coburg Mercantile Store for seventeen years during the “golden years” when



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City Council Brief

Highlights of actions and topics the Coburg City Council has recently addressed and issues likely to be discussed in the next couple of months.



JULY 14TH

Discussed - City Administration report

Approved - Computer consulting and web services contract

Approved – Second Reading, Ordinance A-234 granting Hunter Communications a franchise agreement

Discussed – Finance report

Approved – Public Hearing & Second Reading Ordinance A-199E Urbanization Study and Urban Growth Boundary expansion

Approved – Public Hearing & Repeal of Ordinance A-155 (Signs)

AUGUST 24TH

Approved - Appeal of SR-02-15 medicinal marijuana dispensary

Upcoming City Council agenda topics (subject to change)

Recreational Marijuana Policy Options Continued

Gas and Diesel Tax – Ballot Measure(s)

Riparian Ordinance (stream protection)

Finance/Audit Committee Report

Water Master Plan Update Workplan

Planning Commission Re/Appointments

Employment agreement for City Administrator

General Request For Proposals Polic(ies)

What do you want Coburg Elected Officials to be working on? Contact Mayor Pudewell, mayor@ci.coburg.or.us or other Councilors with your priorities and ideas!

Meet your City Councilor

Steve Stearns

Steve has lived in Coburg for 20 plus years after moving here from Hubbard where he was a volunteer firefighter and EMT for many years. He grew up in Portland. He is a commercial construction superintendent.

He and his wife are very active, as he rides his bicycle up to 100 miles a week and his wife ran her first marathon this year (He is very proud of her). They also have a cabin in the Crescent Lake area, and he enjoys fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting.

He is interested in serving on City Council because he believes, "The current City Government has been doing things differently than what I see as being in the best interest of the citizens of Coburg. I applied to see if I could help change the direction of City Government. I feel decisions need to be made more towards the interest of the people of Coburg rather than what I saw as personal agendas."



Meet City Staff

Jeff Kernen

Jeff Kernen was hired in July as a part-time current planner which means he will be helping community members process building permits and land use applications. He is also lead staff for historic preservation efforts and will be taking on select code enforcement responsibilities.

Jeff grew up in the San Joaquin Valley of California, and attended CSU Sacramento before moving to Oregon. He moved to Eugene from Sacramento three years ago to attend graduate school at the University of Oregon.

Jeff went back to school to study Geography and eventually Planning, leading to a Planning career he hopes to enjoy for many years. Jeff and his partner Jeanine live in downtown Eugene, and enjoy travelling and gardening in their spare time. He is happy to start a planning career here at the City of Coburg.

Safety: A Top Priority for Coburg Employees



Coburg is about to receive its fifth consecutive Safety Award at the League of Oregon Cities conference. The City strives to maintain well-trained employees for many situations; creating a more healthy work environment and avoiding the high cost of work-related injury both to the employees and tax payers. For example, the Police Department recently hosted a Traffic Incident Management class by ODOT, OSP, Eugene Fire Department and the Oregon Tow Truck Association. Over thirty representatives attended Coburg Police Department, Coburg Public Works, Coburg Fire District, Coburg Towing and A & E towing. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, over the past 24 years an average of 12 officers are killed each year in struck-by incidents. The National Fallen Firefighters

Memorial reports there are about 5 firefighters struck each year. International Towing and Recovery tells us that about 60 tow operators are struck and killed each year. Three injury crashes occur every minute in the United States, putting nearly 39,000 incident responders in harm's way every day. The goal of the training is to save lives by using safer and more effective on-scene techniques, reducing injuries and fatalities.

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Business Update

Ponsse North America has opened their new Oregon Service Center in Coburg. Located at 90712 Huntley Court, Ponsse provides factory-authorized sales, service, and parts for forest harvesting equipment. Ponsse specializes in the cut-to-length method, where tree trunks are cut to lengths in the forest and information systems inform the mill in real time of the types and quantities of timber they will next receive.



Running the new shop is Foreman Steve Baker, who had been Foreman at Ponsse's Grand Rapids, Minnesota, location. He's originally from Washington and excited to be relocating his family back to the northwest.

Ponsse's registered office is in Vieremä, Finland, where equipment has been manufactured for 45 years. Ponsse North America has been operating in the USA for 20 years. See more at: <http://www.ponsse.com/>

28th Annual
2015 Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair
Sunday September 13, 2015 8:00am – 4:00pm
\$5.00 Parking with Shuttle
300 Antique & Vintage Dealers
Great Food Live Music Coburg City Park

A collage of four photographs showing various antique and vintage items. The top photo features a light-colored bicycle with a sign that says "ATLAS BATTERIES". The bottom left photo shows a collection of small, colorful vintage toys and figurines. The bottom middle photo shows a small wooden wagon. The bottom right photo shows a wooden crate filled with various small items.

Be a Part of the 2015 Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coburg Antique & Vintage Fair **Sunday, September 13, 2015**. Several great opportunities are available for individuals and groups to earn funds for your non-profit group. Contact Roxann for details coburgantique@att.net or 541-683-0916.



Mayor's Choice—Coburg Car Classic August 1, 2015

Bronco News September/October 2015

School is back in session and boy do we have a big year ahead of us! We are pleased to announce the hire of three new staff members. Will Lewis is our new school director, he comes with 17 years of experience under his belt and has been part of CCCS from the beginning. Keaton Lovendahl, our new physical education teacher grew up in Coburg and continued to volunteer at the school once it became a charter five years ago. Tim Wilcox comes from a K-10 school and will be taking over our music program for all grades. We want to welcome all of our new staff and encourage the community to stop by and meet these amazing individuals.



Will Lewis



Tim Wilcox



Keaton Lovendahl

Community Days kick off September 18th at CCCS. During Community Days classes learn about local history, city infrastructure, agencies and government, and agriculture. Many students attending CCCS travel from surrounding communities and Community Days are our way of exposing students to our amazing community, Coburg. If you would like to be a part of Community



Days please contact Jen Kelley our Community Coordinator or stop by the school office.

The annual Community Harvest Festival will take place October 23rd in the CCCS Gym. Everyone is welcome to attend this event (our biggest school event of the year!) Children are encouraged to dress up (please not too gory due to young



children,) enjoy an evening of festivities and catch up with friends!

As always, to uphold our mission and vision of being a community school, we encourage all community members to be a part of CCCS. We rely heavily on volunteers



to make our school the best it can be for our students and community.

Upcoming Events at CCCS

September 9	First Day of School
September 15	New Volunteer Training 8:30 am in library
September 18	PCS meeting 8:30 am at Nana's Caffé
September 18, 25,	Community Skill Days
October 16	10:30-11:30 am at CCCS
October 19	Board Meeting 6 pm at City Hall
October 23	Community Harvest Festival 5:30-8 pm in GYM

Coburg grew to 1,200 residents. Downtown Coburg boasted five stores, a state bank, bakery, hotel, hardware and furniture store, restaurant, public hall, moving picture show, school, and churches. Four trains came to Coburg each day; a passenger train and three trains to take finished lumber from the Booth-Kelly Mill.

During this time Van Duyn prospered and in September of 1902 he sold his stock of merchandise to F. B. Sackett of Jefferson and moved his family to Eugene. George Drury of Coburg remained chief clerk for Mr. Sackett.

Adair Family and The Coburg Inn

The Adair family lived in the Van Duyn house from 1927 until it was purchased and remodeled into a restaurant in 1960s. The home is still regularly referred to by the restaurant's name: Coburg Inn.

When adapted for use as restaurant, the original structure was wrapped with one-story flat-roofed dining rooms and a porch.

However, the additions left the original structure intact. The site maintains early landscaping features; the fir trees facing Willamette Street were originally planned to shade the house. Today they are the oldest trees in the downtown area.

If you have a question about your own home or business, please contact the Coburg Heritage Committee, at heritage@ci.coburg.or.us.

If you have questions about how to restore your historic home or commercial property, please contact City Hall at 541-682-7850. There are many State resources available for historic restoration.



The William Van Duyn House today

Parks/Tree Committee Update

Two new bike racks were installed in Pfeiffer and Pavilion Parks thanks to donations made by the Coburg Car Classic and O'Reilly Auto Parts. The Park Committee will be sponsoring the First Annual Plant Exchange at the Ford Pavilion in Pfeiffer Park on Sunday, October 11 from 1-4 p.m. This is an opportunity for you to bring those plants that you want to share and trade for new plants to use in your landscaping. Look for flyers as the date approaches for more information. Jacob Spores Park, at the corner of Sarah Lane and Shane Court, will be officially

named and a sign unveiled on September 15 at 6:00 p.m. Please join the celebration and hear a bit of Coburg history.

Upcoming Events

September 15	Jacob Spores Park Unveiling 6 pm
October 11	First Annual Plant Exchange Pfeiffer Park 1-4 pm

For more information contact:

coburgclaire@gmail.com or Bob Butler at City Hall.



Contact: Jeff Kernen, Planner

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Heritage Committee Vacancy

City of Coburg is accepting applications for one (1) Heritage Committee position. Heritage Committee is currently working on an interactive historic homes walking tour, archiving artifacts, and historic tree designations

Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Demonstrate a positive interest in the Historic Preservation of Coburg
- Preferred, but not required, that applicants have professional or educational experience in the disciplines of: History, Architecture, Archaeology, Planning, or other related fields.

The Position:

- Voluntary, two-year term
- Will meet at least 4 times a year

Recruitment is ongoing until position is filled

HELP PRESERVE OUR HISTORIC IDENTITY

Council can be constrained procedural rules. Such was the case with the recent appeal before the City Council. The City Council has two roles. Most of the time, the Council acts as a legislative body, that is, it decides policy and makes laws. Infrequently, the Council acts as a quasi-judicial body, that is, as a decider of fact. Quasi-judicial means judicial-like. The Council's quasi-judicial authority is limited to hearing appeals of land use decisions made by the Planning Commission.

Land use appeals are argued before and decided by the City Council in a public forum. An important purpose of having a public forum is to ensure the decision makers receive the same information at the same time so that they can make a fair decision. It is the City's responsibility to preserve the integrity of the appeal process needed to be protected. This will always constrain the ability of Council to even generally discuss the topic or proceedings outside of the assigned public hear.

Council can be constrained by Council meeting rules. At each Council meeting, the public is invited to comment. And generally, the Council does not engage in dialogue regarding this comment. This does not mean at all that Council isn't listening and doesn't care. Rather, to be fair and equitable, staff is given time to investigate and respond appropriately and sometimes topics are added to future Council agendas to ensure that a topic is given a comprehensive review and that public notice is given before Council discusses the topic.

My final takeaway is a reminder that we can always improve communication. I noticed recently, for

example, that the Planning Commission agendas and minutes have not always been posted to the City's website as I had thought; this has been corrected.

I also decided to have staff post, in addition to the current and past City Council agendas, upcoming Council topics. These topics and the timing of when they are discussed may change, but this should give you a sense of Council will soon be discussing. For example, at the September City Council meetings, the Council will be reviewing a range of options related to recreational marijuana laws. Also, sometime this fall, the City Council will be reviewing local fuel taxes. Other upcoming items include a status update on the water master plan update, a year-end fiscal review, and a report from the Audit & Finance Committee.

Finally, at the Council Annual Retreat each January, City Council reviews its goals, objectives, and priorities. The Mayor and City Administrator use these prioritized Council goals to develop the staff work plans and Council agendas. The current Council Goals and Objectives will be posted to the City's website shortly, if it isn't there already. Please review these goals and feel free to give feedback to either your favorite Councilor(s) or to me. I can be reached at mayor@ci.coburg.or.us, by phone at 541-844-6735, and on the fourth Saturday of each month at Nana's Caffé from 8-10am.

Sincerely,



Jae Pudewell
Mayor, Coburg



Calendar



STANDING MEETINGS

4th Saturdays

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

8:00-10:00 am

3rd Mondays

CCCS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm

4th Mondays

COBURG FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

7:00 pm, Fire Hall

2nd Tuesdays

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 pm, Coburg

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

2nd Wednesdays

GRANGE MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

4th Wednesdays

GOLDEN YEARS MEETING

7:00 pm, Coburg Community Grange

3rd Wednesdays

PLANNING COMMISSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Petra Schuetz, Planning Director

541-682-7871

3rd Wednesdays

PARKS TREE COMMITTEE

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Bob Butler, Public Works Director

541-682-7857

4th Wednesdays (or as scheduled)

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

7:00 pm, City Hall

Contact, Sammy Egbert, City Recorder

541-682-7852

1st Thursdays

METROPOLITAN POLICY

COMMITTEE

11:30 am (usually at the Eugene or Springfield library)

Contact, Petra Schuetz, City Administrator

541-682-7871

Thursdays

GAME NIGHT

6:30 pm, I.O.O.F. Hall

1st Fridays

POKER NIGHT

6:30 pm Registration, 7:00 pm Game Begins

Coburg Community Grange

*Do you have a community event to share? Call 541-682-7852 or email
sammy.egbert@ci.coburg.or.us*

Save the Date

**Coburg Fire District
Open House**

**91232 N Coburg Road
September 20th , 2015**



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Questions About City Happenings?



We work for you! The City wants you to get the information you need and care about. Currently, Our Town, the Coburg website www.coburgoregon.org, the 'City of Coburg, Oregon' Facebook page, 'Coburg Police Department' Facebook Page, monthly utility bills, the Post Office (Dari-Mart), and City Hall are all places to get information about what is happening in and around Coburg. Council and committee meetings are also great resources.

What do you want to hear about? How do you like to get information? Let us know.

- Coburg City Staff
