

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO,
HELD AT COEUR D'ALENE CITY HALL,
JANUARY 6, 2004**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Coeur d'Alene met in a regular session of said Council at the Coeur d'Alene City Hall January 6, 2004 at 6:00 p.m., there being present upon roll call the following members:

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

Chris Copstead)	Members of Council Present
Deanna Goodlander)	
Woody McEvers)	
Loren Edinger)	
Ben Wolfinger)	
Dixie Reid)	

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bloem.

INVOCATION: The invocation was led by Reverend Ron Hunter, Church of the Nazarene.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Councilman Copstead.

PRESENTATION: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Lynn Peterson, Executive Director from St. Vincent DePaul, presented their proposed application for a HUD grant for financial assistance with the indigent/homeless shelters they provide. She noted that they help approximately 3,000 people a year. Council President Reid noted that the services provided by St. Vincent DePaul fills a critical need in our community and expressed her appreciation for all they do for our citizens. Motion by Wolfinger, seconded by Reid to acknowledge their service to the community and support their grant applications in the future. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: ADELPHIA'S BUSINESS PLAN: Randy Melius, Adelphia General Manager in Coeur d'Alene, presented an overview of the cable company's history, their infrastructure expenditures to date, and their proposed business plan for the next five years in order to maintain their services to the citizens in this area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN CHRIS COPSTEAD THANKED: Chris Guggemos thanked Chris Copstead for all his years of service and work on the City Council. John Bruning, Chairman of the Planning Commission, noted that Councilman Copstead started his City career on the City's Planning Commission and reminisced of his days on the Planning Commission. On a lighter note, Chairman Bruning noted that the Planning Commission graded his efforts and they voted to give him an "A-".

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Reid, seconded by Edinger to approve the Consent Calendar with removal of Item 5 as listed on the agenda.

1. Approval of minutes for December 16, 2003.
2. Setting the General Services Committee and Public Works Committee meetings for Jan. 12, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.
3. RESOLUTION 04-022: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO AUTHORIZING THE BELOW MENTIONED CONTRACTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE INCLUDING APPROVAL OF S-4-03 - ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS AND AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE/WARRANTY WITH SECURITY FOR GRAYSTONE SUBDIVISION; APPROVAL OF 4-2-03 - ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS AND AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE/WARRANTY WITH SECURITY FOR THE LANDINGS AT WATERFORD; APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF POST FALLS FOR TEMPORARY DOG SHELTERING AND APPROVAL OF LAND SALE AGREEMENTS WITH (1) JACK ADAMS AND (2) DWAYNE JOHN ADAMS AND JOANNA ADAMS, FOR THE CLAYTON WELL SITE.
4. RESOLUTION 04-023 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO ESTABLISHING EXEMPT PERSONNEL SALARIES.
5. Setting of public hearing for impact fees for March 16, 2004.
6. Approval of Personnel Change and Posting of the New Classification for an accountant position.
7. Approval of beer/wine license for Coeur d'Alene Cellars.

ROLL CALL: McEvers, Aye; Reid, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Edinger, Aye; Wolfinger, Aye; Copstead, Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – FEE INCREASES FOR PARKS, RECREATION, LEGAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENTS: Mayor Bloem read the rules of order for this public hearing. Victoria Bruno, Project Coordinator, gave the staff report.

Mrs. Bruno reviewed the proposed fee increases as requested by several Departments. She noted that the Parks Department currently has a booth fee of \$25.00 for events in the parks and monitoring fees of \$15.00 per hour for events that are above normal park use.

She noted that history of impacts created by booths in the parks has shown that arts and crafts booths do not have as much impact on the park as food booths. Therefore the Parks Department is requesting a fee increase for foot booths be approved.

The Recreation Department through its Parks and Recreation Commission has charged fees to help finance recreation programs. She noted that the proposed fees have been charged over the past few years or recently started and are now being presented for Council approval.

The Human Resources Department is requesting a housekeeping approval for their application fees charged for entry level Police Officer and Firefighter position recruitments for the testing process.

Lastly, the Legal Department is requesting Council approval, to charge a \$10.00 video/audio tape copy fee. The copies are made as part of the discovery process at the request of defense counsel when they request copies of video and/or audio tapes in our possession. The \$10 fee is based on staff time and the cost of the video/audio tape.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Bloem called for public comments with none being received.

RESOLUTION 04-024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO INCREASING AND CREATING USER FEES IN THE PARKS, RECREATION, HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEGAL DEPARTMENTS.

Motion by Edinger, seconded by Goodlander to adopt Resolution 04-024.

ROLL CALL: Wolfinger, Aye; Goodlander, Aye; Copstead, Aye; Reid, Aye; Edinger, Aye; McEvers, Aye. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT THANKED: Council President Reid expressed her gratitude to the Street Department for their efforts in plowing all the streets in 48 hours. Councilman Copstead also noted that we have had an extraordinary amount of snow, and although the snow gates are used throughout 100% of the City, the blades are not meant to keep the entire berm from driveways but to minimize them.

GOVERNMENT CLASS STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED: Councilman Wolfinger welcomed the students from Mr. Walters and Mr. Slater's Government Class to tonight's Council meeting.

CHERRY HILL PARKING: Councilman Edinger reminded parents, who take their children sledding on Cherry Hill, there is no parking on Hazel Ave. on the north side of the street from 15th Street to the top of the hill.

EDINGER FAMILY INTRODUCED: Councilman Edinger introduced his wife, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were in attendance tonight. He also introduced his brothers and their wives and he expressed his appreciation for all their support throughout the years.

LIBRARY WINTER READING PROGRAM: Councilman Goodlander announced that the Library's Children's Winter Reading Program is beginning soon. Pre-registration is now available.

CITY STAFF THANKED: Councilman McEvers reflected on his first two years on the City Council. He thanked all City staff who have taken the time to help answer his questions.

SIGN BOARD APPOINTMENT: Motion by Edinger, seconded by Wolfinger to re-appoint Eric Childress to the Sign Board. Motion carried.

PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Copstead, seconded by Goodlander to appoint Sean Hoisington, Gene O'Meara, Mac Cavasar, Rob Tate, Vern Newby, Jennifer Wiltse, Larry Kmetz, Jim Lien and Sam Hogatt to the newly established Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee. Motion carried. Mayor Bloem thanked City Attorney Mike Gridley and Councilman Copstead for all their time and effort in creating this committee.

EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORT: City Administrator, Wendy Hague, on behalf of the Executive Team and Staff, provided a power point presentation of Councilman Chris Copstead's accomplishments during his years of service to the City of Coeur d'Alene.

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION: Council President, Dixie Reid, on behalf of the Mayor, Council and citizens of the City of Coeur d'Alene, presented outgoing Councilman Chris Copstead a plaque in appreciation for his dedication and service to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene for the past six years.

FIREFIGHTERS PRESENTATION: Tom Grief, on behalf of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 1494, presented Councilman Copstead with an

honorary Firefighter helmets for all his support for the fire Department and his efforts with the EMS system.

COUNCIL MEMBERS THANK COPSTEAD: Councilman Edinger thanked Chris for his time, dedication and efforts to the City of Coeur d'Alene. Councilman Goodlander thanked Chris for being a friend, a mentor and she will miss him but noted that he can now finish his bathroom. Councilman McEvers noted that he has always enjoyed disagreeing with Chris and thanked him for all his efforts. Councilman Wolfinger noted that Chris has been his mentor and although they may not have agreed on all topics they will always be friends. Mayor Bloem, as a former teacher, would give Chris an A+ for effort and believes he is on his way to a higher venture for this community.

COUNCILMAN COPSTEAD'S FAREWELL COMMENTS: Councilman Copstead thanked Dixie Reid for mentoring him as a Councilman. He noted that former Councilman Wallace gave him an appreciation for art. He expressed his honor in working with Councilman Edinger and the experience he brings to this Council. He noted that Councilman Goodlander, although good friends, have disagreed on this Council. Councilman Copstead thanked Councilman McEvers for asking the questions that citizens might have. He expressed his honor in serving under Mayor Bloem. He introduced his wife and his children who have supported him during his tenure in office. In reviewing his service to this community he noted that communication is one of the greatest efforts that has been undertaken by the Council with such items as Talk of the Town, the weekly radio talk show, the daily e-mails from staff, the creation of the Executive Team. He noted that as a team, he has enjoyed participating in the creation of the Urban Renewal District now known as LCDC, the creation of funding public art, youth representation on City committees, partnerships with school districts, the education corridor, the establishment of the Enough is Enough Committee to help deal with youth drug abuse, the purchase of Cherry Hill, the construction of the new police station, the construction of new docks on 3rd Street, the construction of bicycle trails and extension of Centennial Trail, the newly established a Parks Foundation to assist tax dollars in creating City Parks. He expressed his appreciation for playing a role in the partnership with EMS, which turned a near-bankrupt organization into a viable operation. During his tenure has also be a part of having enough snowgates to cover 100% of city streets, hosted two AIC Conference, and the efforts to construct a new library. One of the more serious issues that he has worked through is the Aryan parades. Lastly, he thanked the City family (city staff) for all their expertise, dedication and hard work and he will greatly miss them all.

OATHS OF OFFICE: City Clerk, Susan Weathers, gave the oaths of office to incumbents Dixie Reid and Ron Edinger and newly elected Al Hassell, III for the office of City Council.

RECESS: Mayor Bloem called for a recess at 7:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk, Susan Weathers, completed the roll call of the new Council.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTED: Motion by Goodlander, seconded by McEvers to elect Dixie Reid as Council President. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Bloem assigned the City Council to the following Committees: Public Works Committee - Dixie Reid, Chairman, Ron Edinger, Woody McEvers; General Services Committee - Ben Wolfinger, Chairman, Deanna Goodlander, Al Hassell. Councilman McEvers will serve on the EMS Board. Councilman Hassell was also assigned to the Park and Recreation Commission and to serve as Council liaison to the Parks and Recreation Departments.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wolfinger, seconded by Reid to recess this meeting to January 14, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. for a joint Committee of Nine/LCDC Workshop. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m.

Sandi Bloem, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan K. Weathers, City Clerk