1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca Ruede called the meeting of the Dunes City Council to order at 7:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Fred Hilden, City Recorder.


Absent and Excused: Councilor Dick Anderson and Councilor Richard Koehler.

Also Present: City Recorder Fred Hilden and several citizens.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All who were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilor Scarberry made a motion to approve the Agenda. Council President Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Scarberry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council President Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

The results of the election were announced with congratulations going to the current Council President Jamie Mills, Councilor Ed Scarberry, Mayor Rebecca Ruede and future Councilor Maurice Sanders. Mayor Ruede read the announcements as presented on the Agenda. Artwork displays by Dalbeck were noted throughout the Council Chambers. A November Birthday for Council President Jamie Mills was announced. Recorder Fred Hilden introduced Road Secretary Laurale Lorentzen as his assistant in preparing future Council minutes. Mayor Ruede read a note addressed to the Dunes City Council and signed by three Dunes
City citizens expressing appreciation for the demonstration of compassion regarding the lien on the lots on Hilltop Drive and the sense of community they felt as a result.

7. **Citizen Input**

**Mr. Gene Cockeram, Dunes City Resident**
Mr. Cockeram from Boy Scout Road explained that several months ago he requested that a sign on Parkway be changed, and it was. As a demonstration to Council, he held up a make-shift sign facing the wrong way; he asked if the sign was readable and Mayor Ruede said no, because the sign was turned sideways. He stated that because people miss the sign or cannot read it because it’s turned the wrong way, always turn around in his driveway. He stated that last week someone turned the sign around and both Councilor Troy Sathe and Recorder Fred Hilden agreed that as far as they know, no one on the Road Commission or the City has turned the sign around. Councilor Sathe offered to look at the situation tomorrow and Mayor Ruede assured Mr. Cockeram that the sign’s correct position would be reinstalled. On another subject, Mr. Cockeram questioned whether it is still a state/county requirement that a well be installed at least 100 feet from a septic tank. He commented that if this is still true, and the water is used for household purposes, he doesn’t understand how the current septic issue applies.

**Mr. Del Riesenhuber, Woahink Lake Association Secretary**
Mr. Riesenhuber read his citizen report for the record as follows: Mayor Ruede, Councilors, and members of the audience: The agenda for tonight’s meeting and the related Siuslaw News article prompted my speaking regarding proposed Ordinance 218. The City appears to be considering a second try at repealing Ordinance 203. One can only wonder whether the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remand was understood. You will recall that after 203 was repealed and replaced by Ordinance 211A, the action was taken to LUBA and remanded it back to the City. LUBA concluded that, in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, the City is required to have a plan for septic system maintenance and Ordinance 203 established that plan. It seems clear that if the Council chooses to again repeal Ordinance 203 and adopt a new Ordinance that reduces the standards set by 203 or places such an action on the ballot, the issues will be taken to LUBA again. It is unclear why the Council would again undertake the cost of defending its action before LUBA, but I can assure you that it will be necessary. These comments are not intended to be threatening to the City, rather they are simply to assure the Council of the consequences. Why have 30-percent of the septic systems in Dunes City not been inspected? Is it that these systems would fail an inspection? We are aware of the hardship argument. It is a cost that can be amortized over time and as a solution might the City provide loans to cover these expenses rather than pay attorney fees. The Woahink Lake Association has stated more times that I care to remember that we are willing to work with the City to improve Ordinance 203. Once again you are invited to work cooperatively with the Association in this regard, for the long-term benefits to Dunes City and its residents (end of letter). Mayor Ruede asked Mr. Riesenhuber when the next scheduled meeting was for the Woahink Lake Association. The Mayor said she would plan to attend their next meeting, and Mr. Riesenhuber said that would be okay and he would let her know the date and time.
Mr. David Bellemore, Dunes City Resident

Mr. Bellemore announced that he would like to speak regarding the proposed Ordinance 218. After reading the Whereases of the Proposed Ordinance one of them on page 2 it says, WHEREAS, it is not to the benefit of all Dunes City residents to require mandatory septic inspections, evaluations or pumping on a firm schedule because too frequent pumping of septic systems may actually cause such systems to fail. He stated, my question is, where is there a shred of scientific evidence that pumping a septic system more frequently causes failure. Where is the evidence that pumping a septic system no more than once every five years is harmful? There isn’t any evidence because it’s not true. This is the kind of ignorance and misinformation being propagated by some individuals to go backwards so we can make all the environmental mistakes that have been made in the past, like in the 19th century. You want to make the septic maintenance voluntary; for sure some residences will then voluntarily not maintain their septic systems because as long as they push down the handle on the commode and everything disappears, everything is fine and it is not necessary to spend any money on maintenance. And it is absolutely guaranteed that sooner or later some of those not maintained systems are going to fail. Then neighbors will then be drinking what disappears when they push down the handle on the toilet. The lakes are polluted until the City is forced by the state of Oregon to put in a municipal sewer and water system. Believe me, the cost of paying for that, I’ve been through it; thousands of dollars in an assessment and most likely monthly fees that will easily run into the 200-300 dollar range. That will cost a lot more than the cost of septic maintenance and some of the people in this town and a lot more of them will not be able to afford septic maintenance as we’re not going to be able to afford any sewer water at all. So, think about that. You’re heading in the wrong direction. You talk about the hardship it presents on people. A septic system properly maintained is the cheapest sewer system you can have. The water we pump out of our wells or out of the lake is the cheapest water we can possibly have, and it all depends on keeping the lake clean. If the lake is polluted or the state of Oregon who controls the lake and the drinking water says it’s not safe to drink anymore or you can’t drink it, it’s going to get real pricy.

Mr. Jerold Wasserburg, Dunes City Resident

Citizen at 84606 East Lakewood Drive

Mr. Wasserburg addressed Lady Mayor, members of the Council, and members of the community. I have come here because of the fact that new business appeared on the menu, which I found quite hard to understand. When I listened to some of the arguments made, particularly by some members of the Council, and I find that really a bit surprising. I’d like to think, I thought about it a little bit and said well, High Schools of the State run education programs for driving; that’s perfectly reasonable thinking, but the State is the issuance of the driver’s licenses. The State collects the fees for the driver’s license and the State regulates when you must have your test again to renew your driver’s license. The authority of the City in this matter is perfectly clear; the City issues the Ordinance or the authority to put in the septic tank, and has the authority to control that. The notion that one is to go turn an education program into the functions of the State or the City, I find extremely difficult to understand. I certainly think that the Ordinances written out need some tuning to back off on certain issues which these members have raised here and which are clear and would in fact be a burden, but that could be done by relatively minor modifications, like eliminating the inspection for septic tanks for which are not in use for 10 years or so. All these are straightforward, but the
notion that an education program is the inspection and maintenance program is very difficult for me to understand, and it seems to me that the City would aggravate its responsibility and its authority by saying well, we’re just going to have an education program. I doubt the blue book will concur of such an action, and the cost of another lawsuit is going to be pretty heavy. I thought some of the comments I heard by members of the Council saying that there is no way of enforcing it because we have no courts and we could certainly hire a judge for all the cases involved in the septic systems violation to the trying of cases with far less cost than we would have in running a lawsuit which I think it’ll prove to be futile and frivolous and would be an injury to the City. Thank you. Mayor Ruede thanked Mr. Wasserburg for his comments and stated that we don’t take these comments lightly.

8. Public Hearing:
   A. Conditional Use Permit Application (5666 Peninsula Road – Herbert).
      Lot Line Adjustment – Combining two Tax Lots.

Mayor Ruede introduced this matter as a Public Hearing then asked if any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest or bias. Councilor Sathe asked if he should step down on this issue as he has been involved with this matter with the Road Commission. Recorder Hilden and Mayor Ruede agreed that his involvement with the Road Commission didn’t involve a conflict of interest in and of itself; Councilor Sathe agreed. Mayor Ruede asked if the audience wished to challenge the Councilors in partiality. Hearing no challenges, the Public Hearing was opened at 7:24 pm.

City Recorder Fred Hilden read an abbreviated version of the 8-page staff report. It was noted that the Planning Commission unanimously accepted the conditional use permit staff report. Mayor Ruede asked the Councilors if they had any questions related to the staff report. None were raised; Mayor Ruede offered to take testimony and comments from anyone from the audience. Mr. Herbert explained the process, and with no questions for Mr. Herbert, the Mayor asked for any proponents regarding this issue. The Mayor asked for testimony from opponents, and with no further questions for Mr. Herbert, Mayor Ruede closed the public hearing at 7:30 pm. Councilor Troy Sathe made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Bruce Herbert at 5666 Peninsula Road, tax lot numbers 19-12-14-40-00113 and 19-12-14-40-00114. Councilor Duke Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Ordinance No. 217 (Vacating a portion of Peninsula Road)
   Exchange for Right-of-Way on Cedar Lane

Mayor Rebecca Ruede announced a Public Hearing on a City-initiated petition for a partial street vacation on the southwest corner of Peninsula Road in Dunes City; it was noted that these proceedings would be recorded. After asking for any conflict of interest or a bias from the Councilors, Mayor Ruede asked if any members of the public wished to challenge the Councilor’s impartiality. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was opened for the consideration of the proposed street vacation at 7:33 pm. City Recorder Fred Hilden presented a verbal staff report. He explained that Exhibit A is part of the Ordinance that is the second edition to Whoahink Acres (the original plat) which dedicated Peninsula Road to the public. He went
on to point out that Exhibit B is a diagram which was prepared by Gene Wobbe of Florence who is a licensed land surveyor. Recorder Hilden explained that the map indicates the area that will be vacated in exchange for the area that will be dedicated to the City by the property owner on Cedar Lane. He noted that both the areas are 1319 square feet and that the crux of this matter is to provide the City with the ability to relocate Cedar Lane (which at the north edge is failing into a gully and there is already cracks in the pavement of about 8 to 12 inches). He stated that this is a win-win situation for both the City and the property owner. The City attorney drafted the version of Ordinance 217 and it covers what the staff would want to see happen. He stated that the staff recommends approving Ordinance 217 with no changes and as it is being presented. Mayor Ruede asked who is responsible for the payment and the recording. City Recorder Hilden stated that Dunes City is responsible. He also went on to point out that the Road Commission has been at the heart of this discussion and they recommend approval of the vacation of Peninsula Road exchange knowing we would be incurring the cost. Also, on November 1, the Planning Commission passed a motion recommending approval of Ordinance 217 by a vote of 3 in favor and 1 abstain (1 wasn’t clear on the issue).

Mayor Ruede asked Councilors if they had any questions regarding the staff report. Councilor Sathe made a statement addressing the importance of this issue because the road (Cedar Lane) would cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix (without the realignment). He also noted that this benefits both the City and the property owner and the funds would come out of the Road Commission’s budget and not the City’s general fund. With no further comments for or against this issue, Mayor Ruede closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 pm.

Council President Jamie Mills made a motion to approve Ordinance 217. Councilor Troy Sathe seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

A. Dunes City Web Site Email Addresses (F. Hilden)
City Recorder Hilden stated that since the Council requested email addresses, his research resulted in 20 responses from different cities stating that it is important and a common practice for the City Recorder to receive copies of emails that are addressed to City Council. He explained not only is it considered public record, it is also required for records retention for the State. After explaining different options, Recorder Hilden asked if Council had any preference regarding the initial set-up of the email address. Councilor Troy Sathe stated that he recommended “troy.sathe@dunescity.com.” With Councilor Sathe's recommendation being the consensus, Fred said he would follow through with the set up next week.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 218 Septic Maintenance (E. Scarberry)
Repealing Ordinance No. 203 & Establishing a Septic Maintenance Education Program

Councilor Scarberry explained that at the last meeting he requested putting the septic maintenance program up for a vote of the public. In response to Mayor Ruede’s requested input from the Councilors, Councilor Sathe expressed that he felt that instead of bestowing this is-
sue upon the Council, the people of the community should be given the opportunity to speak by a vote. In further discussion, Mayor Ruede reminded everyone that we have been dealing with this ordinance for a very long time, and she too believes that we need to hear from the citizens in order to gain knowledge of what the majority of them want. She stated that we are going to go through this process, take it slow, cover every detail and input will be encouraged along the way, and then when it is on the ballot and everyone can vote, then maybe this issue can be put to rest. Mayor Ruede stated that she would embrace whatever the outcome is and move forward based on the outcome in order to bring the community together. She also stated that this is an arduous task and will take a lot of work to make it happen.

Councilor Wells agreed with the Mayor’s response stating that we have been working on this issue for 2 years, and now we are back to square one and the community needs to have a say in this matter. Councilor Scarberry went on to point out it’s the democratic process to vote, it’s big-boy time in Dunes City, and regardless of how it turns out, we will live with whatever the outcome is. Mr. Wasserburg asked what would appear on the ballot, and Mayor Ruede explained that it is not yet clear, but we will let you know. She further stated that in order for this to go on the ballot, an ordinance needs to be adopted as a Council, and then bring that ordinance as a referendum to the ballot.

City Recorder Hilden explained the process by first providing some background by stating that at the last council meeting in October, the staff was given some direction as to what it would take to facilitate having the septic ordinance on the ballot for the May 2013 special election. Being a resident of Dunes City in the past 12 years has made it clear to him that nothing has put such a split between the community like the septic issue, and although everyone will not be satisfied with the results (as Councilor Scarberry put it so eloquently), it is the most logical way to resolve the issue. He also commented that it has to be clear to everyone that even though this goes to a ballot, does not mean it will not prevent a LUBA appeal. The second thing to be aware of is there are other options before the Council and one is to amend the Comprehensive Plan so that the septic ordinance will no longer be considered as a land use issue. Some critical dates would be to notify the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) by December 7; a public hearing before the Planning Commission in January; a public hearing before the City Council no later than February 2013 in which it would be referred to the ballot -- which is a tight timeframe. No special CCI program or readings are required because there would be adequate opportunity for citizen involvement and public comments during the two public hearings. The question before the Council would be, do we have time to get this done by the May special election or whether it needs to go to the regular November election? Recorder Hilden went on to note that Staff would support whatever Council decides to do.

Councilor Wells made a statement that he would like to see this go to an election, but cost-wise it would be cheaper to amend the Comprehensive Plan and go back to what LUBA recommended and that was to introduce the education program we already have prepared. Several other Councilors added additional input expressing 1) looking forward to the vote of the people and what they have to say, 2) the Comprehensive Plan can be worked on at the same time, and 3) we need to move forward now with a decision. Councilor Sathe made a motion to have staff notify the Department of Land Conservation and Development that...
we intend to move ahead with a septic ordinance; an adjustment to the septic ordinance on the May special election ballot. Councilor Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Citizen Riesenhuber asked how much the special election cost the City. According to Council President Mills, if no other community has a question on the ballot at the same time, the full cost to the city for Dunes City would be $1.36 per registered voter. If there are other measures on the ballot, the price drops. She commented that she thought it would be approximately $2,500 to $3,000.

B. Budget Committee Appointments.
One Application and Three Openings (all term ending 6/30/2015)

Mayor Ruede announced that there was one application for the Budget Committee. She recommended an appointment by the Council to accept the one applicant, April Dumas. Councilor Sathe made a motion that April Dumas’ application be accepted for appointment to the Budget Committee. Council President Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. REPORTS

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Ruede stated she was happy that the election is over and we can get down to business. She stated that education meetings are planned for the Council members so we can all come into January, get sworn in and hit the floor running.

Communication & Education Committee Report: Councilor Anderson was absent; Recorder Fred Hilden read his report into the record.

Conservation Committee Report: No report; no activity.

Community Center Report: Councilor Wells read his written report. Mayor Ruede asked a question regarding a comment she received from a citizen pertaining to difficulty hearing meeting reports on Channel 10. After much discussion including a previous problem with Charter Communications and the fact that the digital audio recording will soon be on the website, Recorder Fred Hilden agreed to look into the issue.

Site Review Committee Report: Councilor Wells read his written report into the record.

Ordinance Review Committee Report: Council President Mills reported that the Committee did not meet in October.

Water Quality Committee Report: Council President Mills read her written Water Quality Committee Report. She stated that the Haunted Hall fundraiser event made $732 for the Water Quality Committee. As she handed the funds to the Mayor, there was a round of applause

Weir Ad Hoc Committee Report: Council President Mills stated that the Committee did not meet in October and no meeting scheduled at this time.

Emergency Services Report: Council President Mills read the written report for the record.

Revenue Committee Report: Councilor Scarberry reported that the Committee did not meet last month, but a meeting is scheduled for next week. The Committee has two openings; Maury Sanders will be leaving, so in January there will be three openings.

Road Commission Report & October RC Draft Minutes: Councilor Sathe discussed several projects that are underway at this time and announced he will be stepping down as Road Commission Chairman in January and the plan is that future Councilor Maurice Sanders will fill his position. Council President Mills reported a portion of the road collapsing on Parkway Drive.

City Recorder/Planning Staff Report: City Recorder Fred Hilden read his report into the record.

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Ruede: Thanked Siuslaw Fire and Rescue team for rescuing one of our Dunes City citizens.

Councilor Wells: Job well done to Jamie Mills on the Haunted Hall.

Councilor Sathe: Applauded Ed Scarberry for his endeavors on Ordinance 218.

Council President Mills: Comprehensive Plan change and consideration of property rights; looking forward to goal (setting) sessions this year.

Councilor Scarberry: Certain people in the community feel that “what is yours is mine,” and this just isn’t right at the City level. This is why the people need an opportunity to vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruede requested a motion for adjournment. Councilor Scarberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was not seconded and no vote was taken. Mayor Ruede adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

APPROVED BY THE DUNES CITY COUNCIL ON THE 13th DAY OF DECEMBER 2012.

[ Signed copy available at City Hall ]
Rebecca Ruede, Mayor

ATTEST:

[ Signed copy available at City Hall ]
Fred Hilden, City Recorder
The Communication & Education Committee did not meet last month due illness, but we urge everyone to freely use our new website and suggest additions and improvements.

Thank you,

Councilor Dick Anderson
Site Review Committee Report to Council
November 8, 2012 ~ Prepared by Duke Wells

The Site Review Committee meeting was held on October 18, 2012 at 3:15 pm.

Members present were David Dumas and Milton Farrand. Ken Platt was absent and excused.

New Business included presentation of a rough draft of courtesy letter on the Health and Safety issues on property and structures on Little Woahink Drive to Site Review Committee members for approval. We discussed possible changes and for me to get actual real property tax lot number.

We drove to property on Woodland Lane to look over property for collected assorted debris and junk: boats, ATV parts, and possible unsafe trees. The Site Review Committee found property in process of being cleaned-up. Trees appear to be a non-issue for Dunes City.

Next meeting of the Site Review Committee is November 18, 2012 at 3:00 pm at Dunes City Hall.

Thank you,
Duke Wells
Site Review Chairman
DUNES CITY ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL
November, 2012

The Ordinance Review Committee did not meet in October. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th, at 10:00 a.m.
The Water Quality Committee met on October 10th. A chart demonstrating Woahink Secchi depts. from 2008 through 2012 was presented, reviewed and discussed. The committee recommended sending in an expedited sample for species identification. David Dumas will organize water testing for the next few months. Steve Hager gave a report on the TMDL Stakeholder meetings and the various technical working groups. A report was given on the success of “Fall in the Water” which was an event held at Woahink last month. The event is organized by the Surfriders and the Woahink Lake Association. A discussion was again had regarding the herbicides being used by Roseburg on its property. Perhaps a future meeting will bring in herbicide experts to describe the risks of various chemicals on water quality.

The next Committee meeting will be November 14th at 3:00 p.m.
The Weir Task Force Committee did not meet in October. No meeting has been scheduled at this time.
In the absence of Fred Hilden, I attended the October 15, 2012 meeting of the West Lane Emergency Operations Group.

Chief Buchanan reported on the meeting with Senator Wyden and the action being taken regarding the tsunami debris field. Federal money should be coming in soon to help defray the expenses of local jurisdictions in removal of the debris.

The committee approved submission of the ODOT Application to use the Siuslaw Bridge access.

A report was given on stackable containers that can be used for water or dry storage.

The last of the supplies for the mass casualty response trailer should be in soon.

Jean Busby reported that many area churches have agreed to acquire containers and fill them with emergency supplies for 100 people. She also reported on her findings regarding a high energy biscuit that is supplied immediately following a disaster. She explained that if a community or organization will go through the credit process and set up an account with the company, when the event occurs, the company will airlift the biscuits in. This is what was being done in Haiti, Chili, and other places word-wide. The committee instructed the City of Florence representative to pursue getting appropriate credit and establishing an account.

Dave Davis reported the next tabletop drill will be December 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Frank Nulty reported that they will be organizing training for building inspectors so that following an event, buildings identified as emergency evacuation centers and assembly areas can be assessed prior to putting them to use. These will be called Rapid Assessment Classes.

The Shakeout scheduled for October 18th at 10:18 a.m. was announced and all encouraged to participate. It was reported that to date some 110,000 Oregonians had signed up to participate.

The next meeting will be November 19, 2012.
October permits totaled nine, most of which were electrical and other miscellaneous repair work. We still have four new homes under construction in Dunes City. Copies of permits to Lane County and Lane Council of Governments continue on schedule.

Staff is still working on compiling the final version of Chapter 155, Zoning and Development. The new target date for completing this task is November 27, 2012. We still need to schedule the CCI meeting to gather citizen input on the ordinances amending the CCI process and the buildable lands inventory portion of our Comprehensive Plan.

The RFP to replace our Contract Planner has been completed and a public notice posted in the Siuslaw News on November 7, 2012. We have also sent copies of the RFP to five individuals who have indicated interest in doing this work for the City. Replacing our Contract Planner will provide significant and much-needed support to Staff.

Work continued on the Puzzle Forest, LLC partition (formally Gordon Robertson) and we received their final partition plat application on October 22nd. Final reports were received from the City Engineer and Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue on October 24th. The staff report and recommendation was prepared and the final partition plat was approved by the Planning Commission on November 1st.

Staff completed work on a Conditional Use Permit to combine two tax lots at 5666 Peninsula Road. At a public hearing on October 25th the Planning Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to the City Council to approve this conditional use permit.

Staff also continued work on a right-of-way exchange to facilitate a future relocation of the pavement at the south end of Cedar Lane, including a vacation of the Southwest portion of Peninsula Road. A public hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the November 8th City Council meeting.

Site visits were conducted with the Road Commission at two addresses on Woahink Drive and one location on Spruce Lane regarding vegetation removal in the right-of-way and materials stored in the right-of-way. These items will be on the agenda for the November 19th Road Commission meeting.

I am continuing work on our 2011-2012 fiscal year financial review.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Hilden
City Recorder