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Gary Robertson

Chamber and the Parks ...

Parks
 "And there will be lots and lots of food," added Clancy who gave the Parks report and noted that a clean up of the park was scheduled for last Saturday to "cut down a lot of ivy."

Port of Port Orford/Watershed

The Port of Port Orford report was given by Luhr: "Rep. Peter DeFazio has forwarded to the Appropriations Committee two applications," said Luhr, indicating that this was a significant step forward in the possible granting of the funds requested; \$850,000 to rebuild the cannery and \$810,000 for dredging.

"Not very many get by (to this point)," said Luhr, who added a point about the South Coast Watershed Committee.

"The committee met last night and voted to sever any relationship with the city government of Port Orford," said Luhr.

At the last meeting of the P.O. council a request by the Watershed Committee for some funds for a study was rejected due to lack of funds. It was suggested that the Watershed's actions might be linked to this rejection, which Luhr met only with arched eyebrows and a slight smile.

"Well, we wish them well in the future," said McArdle, to general assent of the councilors present.

Mayor's report
 In the mayor's report, Auburn noted a new wrinkle in the efforts to build a new visitor's center at Battle Rock City Park. Seems Auburn checked with the Oregon Department of Transportation and "their right-of-way (from Highway 101) runs right through the existing Visitor's Center," he said.

As serious as this might sound, it was noted that the problem resulted from old agreements overlapping and the general consensus was that it would be dealt with.

"A handshake agreement that probably happened 30 years ago," said Murphy.

A new ordinance
 Next the council considered adoption of City Ordinance 2010-02, Exemption of Water Connection SDCs for Fire Suppression Systems.

"I think that there should be (included) a contribution to the (general fund)," suggested Luhr to the council.

"Have you done a study on the city's that have done this (exemption)?" asked Smith.

"The majority (of Oregon cities) exempt fire suppression systems, but not all," said Murphy.

"Well, we should encourage businesses to put fire suppression systems in," continued

Smith. "It's good for both the business and the (safety of) the businesses around them."

Clancy opposed the ordinance, feeling that it reduced the fees which might have been generated for the city.

At the conclusion of discussion the council voted along 3-2 lines in favor of adopting the new ordinance, with Luhr and Clancy voting against.

Community Garden
 The next item, a right-of-way for the new Port Orford Rotary First Harvest Community Garden adjacent to the ball field at Buffington Park, was much more quickly adopted, 5-0.

"This is a good idea," said Auburn. "I hope a lot of people take advantage of the Community Garden and it produces a lot of food."

For anyone who would like information, participation, or your own plot of rich soil to grow in, call McArdle at (541) 332-0947.

Consent calendar
 The consent calendar, consisting of recognition of Visitor Center volunteers; Jim Billings, Jim Hajek, Mary Colozzi and Steve Roemen was quickly passed, 5-0, with accolades offered for the work of those honored.

A new appointment
 Next the council considered the appointment of Gary Robertson to the Planning Commission.

This was preceded by a strong endorsement by Smith, who noted "Gary's experience in building design and that he's a member of the Tribe."

However, this potential appointment provoked some opposition from Clancy, who noted that in her estimate Auburn only appointed "his friends" to the Planning Commission.

This remark left Auburn momentarily speechless, before he protested "Caroline, half of the people in this audience ...," and paused.

Looking around the room the politician in our mayor asserted himself and he picked up his sentence where he had left it hanging

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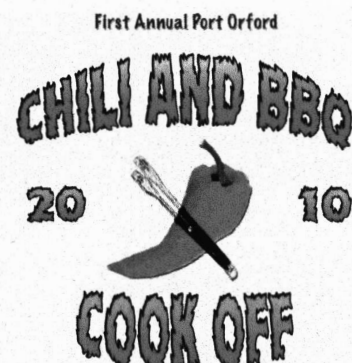


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