

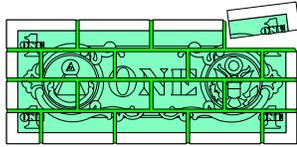


# NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

March 2001



## WATER AND SEWER RATES SET

Following the public hearing held on March 8 City Council decided to leave the water and sewer rates as they are for the next year, as recommended by the Public Works & Streets Commission.

During the public hearing, Mayor Corbin reported that the revenue receipts for the current fiscal year are at budget, while the expenses are a little under budget so far.

Ann Chandler, member of the Public Works and Streets Commission, told City Council that the Commission recommended that the rates remain the same because the water and sewer studies have not been completed. The sewer system study will not be done until some time next year because there has not been enough rain this winter to assess the inundation problem that occurs during high rains.



## PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED

Lawrence Musial was reappointed to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission. He has been a member of the Commission for about one year.

Lee Everett was appointed as a new member on the Planning Commission. He has lived in Yachats for about two years. Everett said that he wants to have a voice in the City's development.

Former Commission Member, Rod Smith, did not seek reappointment when his term was over because of timing conflicts with his employment. The City Council thanked Smith for his work in the past four years.



## IN OTHER COUNCIL NEWS

- City Council adopted Ordinance # 219 - An Ordinance Ratifying Amendments to the Intergovernmental Agreement, Which Created Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments.
- City Council adopted Ordinance #220 - An Ordinance To Create An Intergovernmental Entity To Be Known As Central Coast Water Council By Intergovernmental Agreement. This was the final and last step required to become a member of the group that is looking at a regional water source at Rocky Creek north of Newport.
- City Council agreed to remove the old, rusty chain link fence on the south side of the parking lot behind the Commons.
- City Council appointed Mayor Lee Corbin and Councilor Jerry Kraft to serve as the City's representatives on the South County Water Committee. This group also includes members from the City of Waldport and Southwest Lincoln County Water District. They are looking at options specific to the southern county water providers.
- City Council reviewed recommendations from the Finance Committee.
- Council approved relief for a water billing for Mr. and Mrs. Burd Bicksler.
- City Council directed staff to do a "top to bottom" analysis of the meter reading and billing procedures.

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### THE TRANSIENT RENTAL ORDINANCE

Yachats Municipal Code, Section 4.08, relates to the use of private dwellings as transient rentals. The

transient rental license ordinance was drafted in recognition of the desire of many owners to rent their property on a short term basis and to provide for the orderly use and regulation of those rentals. A transient rental is a single-family dwelling, duplex or triplex which is rented or available for rent for a period of less than 30 days. The dwelling may be individual units or be in a contiguous form to be considered a transient rental dwelling, however, each individual unit is considered to be separate and a license is required for each. All licenses must be obtained prior to any rental of the property, and the license must be renewed annually.

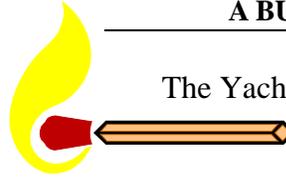
In order to get a transient rental license the property owner must meet certain standards. A contact person or agent within the local calling area who is available by phone at all reasonable times. Off-street parking spaces must be provided, except for any dwelling built prior to November 9, 1978, or for any house which has received a variance or exception. The traffic generated can not exceed what is reasonably expected within a residential neighborhood. There should not be any noise, litter or odor noticeable at or beyond the property line. The owner must provide garbage receptacles and be responsible for disposal. And, the use shall not adversely affect the residential character of the neighborhood.

Neighbors who have complaints may contact City Hall, if they have exhausted other remedies such as, but not limited to, contacting the contact person/agent and the sheriff's office, if appropriate, on at least two separate occasions for two different incidents involving the transient rental dwelling in their complaint.

If there is a transient rental in your neighborhood the best time to call City Hall to get the name of the local contact person is before there is any problem.

Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about the standards, the complaint procedure, or licensing.

### A BURNING MATTER



The Yachats Rural Fire Department has a few suggestions for burning materials in an open burn.

- Be a courteous neighbor. If you plan to burn, and know one of your neighbors has a respiratory illness, let them know ahead of time, so they can close their windows and avoid breathing the smoke.
- Follow the DEQ open burn regulations; these include being in attendance while burning, and having a hose and shovel at hand.
- Start your fire with a good hot fire, it will burn more quickly and efficiently.
- Check with the fire department before burning, as during dry conditions permits may be required, or a burn ban may be in place.
- If you have any questions, call the Yachats Fire Department at 547-3266.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE



Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Budget Civic Meeting Room, Yachats Commons

- April 17, 2001     **5:00 P.M.**  
 April 18, 2001     **5:00 P.M.**  
 April 24, 2001     **5:00 P.M.**     If needed  
 April 25, 2001     **5:00 P.M.**     If needed

The purpose of the first meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. The purpose of the following meetings is to take public input and review the budget. Any person may appear at the meetings and discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Additional meetings may be scheduled. The meetings will be audio taped. Minutes of all public meetings are available for review in the City Office. The meeting place is handicapped accessible.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 2, 2001, at City Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



#### **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Rod Carrasco reported to City Council that

- On February 18 the sewer line next to the Adobe Motel became blocked and began backing up. Waldport public works crew members responded to assist with the emergency.
- The City has a new agreement for sludge disposal.
- The Public Works and Streets Commission is working on a curtailment ordinance for City Council's consideration. The ordinance would be put in place during draught conditions.
- The City is planning to construct a containment pond on City owned property. This pond should be constructed by August, which will help during the dry months ahead.

#### **LANDSCAPING**

Planning with water conservation in mind is especially easy here on the central coast. Many native plants thrive in this area and that means conservation landscaping can be more than "rocks and cactus."

In addition, the native plants are resistant to the wind, slugs, and animals. Resistance to wind is the most important factor when considering water conservation. Wind robs the plants of moisture and if the plant is not hardy, extra watering is necessary.

Planning is the most important part of successful conservation landscaping. Begin by deciding if you want to entertain, have privacy, provide area for children to play, or have a garden. You must also consider the areas where sun, shade, terrain and drainage will affect the plants you choose.

While it is best to consult a local landscaping architect or nursery for specific information, the following tips are true everywhere:

- A tree's shade lowers air and soil temperature, this in turn reduces the moisture requirements of nearby plants.
- Reduce grassy areas whenever possible and separate it from other plantings so it can be watered separately.
- Place plants with high water requirements in areas that receive a lot of water naturally.
- Slopes and hills should have a ground cover or spreading plant that keeps erosion down.
- Place shrubs away from the house's foundation watering may damage its foundation.
- Mulches cover and cool the soil and discourage evaporation.
- Soil improvement allows for better absorption and retention of water.
- Group plants with similar water needs together to avoid water waste and reduce maintenance.

#### **VISIT THE CITY OF YACHATS ON THE INTERNET!**

The City web page is the place to check out information about:

- *City Council and Commission Members, Minutes, and General Government*
- *The City Code, Comprehensive Plan, and Land Use*
- *The Commons, Little Log Church, and Library*
- *News*
- *History*

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