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## Council Finishes Year's Business By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on a rainy, windy Monday night. All councilors and mayor were present though several were not feeling well.

Nearly half the two hour meeting was taken up by H.G.E. engineer Matt Gray. His presentation concerned the water system master plan Revised Priority I budget. This included several changes from city council's previously approved budget but the bottom line cost remains \$1,542,240. Gray also had a short list of additional project components he presented to the council at a cost of \$46,000. Councilor Ralph Donaldson was interested in how much money the city could get from granting agencies. He advised letting city manager Dotti Myers find how much the granting agencies will give Port Orford. Donaldson made it clear that water rates would not be determined by any vote the council took that evening. Councilor George Kennedy made a motion to approve the Revised Priority I budget with the additional components. The motion passed 5-1. Donaldson then made a motion to authorized the city manager to advise H.G.E. to go out and seek funding for the project and that this in no way financially obligates the city council. It passed 5-1.

Ralph Donaldson gave a brief public works report. He said the city owed the public works department a debt of gratitude for the many extra hours they have been working during the recent storms. He thanked Janelle Haller for donating strip heaters to the Youth Center. He announced the city has hired a new public works director. His name is Jerry McNurlin and he will begin work on December 26. Donaldson said Alan Wagner continue with the city as assistant director of public works at his current salary.

The mayor filled several vacancies on city commissions. Midge Hayes was named to the watershed council. Ed McQuade was appointed local zone manager for the Enterprise Zone. Ellen Warring and Justin Bauman were reappointed to the planning commission. Don Chambers and Janelle Haller were appointed to fill two vacancies on the planning commission.

The council discussed the BMI draft ordinance on cross connections. The councilors had many concerns about this draft ordinance including if it is mandatory and what is required. A motion was made to table discussion of this issue. Dotti Myers will check with the city manager of Brookings to see how they are handling this as well as finding out the

minimum the city can do under the mandates of the cross connection ordinance.

The council approved a contract to hire a RARE intern with the cost to Port Orford not to exceed \$2,200 with the rest of the cost coming from grants. This person will work on the city master recreation plan.

The council approved a motion requesting ODOT locate a Wayfinder's Sign in Port Orford.

The council set dates for evaluating the municipal judge, police chief and city manager. The judge and police chief will be evaluated before January 31, 1997 and city manager between March 1 and 18, 1997.

Dotti Myers gave a brief management report. She said the city had raised \$10,000 more than anticipated from traffic fines. She recommended hiring a second police officer in January with another grant from the Federal "COPS" program.

The council will not hold a workshop meeting this month. Therefore unless an emergency comes up this was the last council meeting for Delaine Kennedy as mayor and George Kennedy and Martha Weaver-Britell as councilors. Their terms

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Date	Midnight to Noon				Noon to Midnight				Sun		Moon		Phase
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set			
Thu Dec 12	1:07a	7.0	6:17a	3.2	12:11p	8.7	7:11p	-1.5	7:38a	4:45p	9:36a	7:34p	
Fri Dec 13	1:54a	7.1	7:10a	3.2	1:01p	8.4	7:58p	-1.2	7:39a	4:45p	10:21a	8:40p	
Sat Dec 14	2:43a	7.2	8:08a	3.1	1:54p	7.9	8:46p	-0.7	7:39a	4:45p	11:05a	9:47p	
Sun Dec 15	3:33a	7.3	9:13a	3.0	2:54p	7.2	9:36p	0.0	7:40a	4:46p	11:41a	10:54p	
Mon Dec 16	4:26a	7.5	10:25a	2.8	4:03p	6.5	10:30p	0.8	7:41a	4:46p	12:14p	12:00a	
Tue Dec 17	5:20a	7.6	11:42a	2.4	5:24p	5.9	11:27p	1.5	7:41a	4:46p	12:47p	1:04a	IQ
Wed Dec 18	6:14a	7.8	12:56p	1.7	6:50p	5.6			7:42a	4:47p	1:19p	2:08a	
Thu Dec 19	12:28a	2.2	7:07a	8.0	2:02p	1.0	8:12p	5.6	7:42a	4:47p	1:53p	3:10a	

### Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford  
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sun Dec. 1	50	40	.15
Mon Dec. 2	53	41	.75
Tue Dec. 3	55	42	.17
Wed Dec. 4	54	44	2.69
Thu Dec. 5	54	43	.61
Fri Dec. 6	55	43	.68
Sat Dec. 7	53	46	3.01

### Senior News

By Mary Yoder

Sunday, December 8th was the breakfast - really turned out nice. Food was special, as always. These volunteers really did a good job: Thelma Lagace, Greta Carver, Marge Kyle, Beth Newkirk, Kay Neal, Lou Tubbs, June Dennison, Lee Hyle, Art Klima and as always Clair Stahl - as cashier. This is why the large turn out - there also was the rummage sale with

Henry Kron and what's his name doing selling an all the work - nice fellows.

The Board meeting was December 11th. There will be Eye and Ear exams on December 17th from 9am till noon.

Saturday, December 14th will be a Christmas luncheon from 11:30 till 1:30 and also a rummage sale at the same time.

Found out for sure - Sing Alongs will be singing. Bet you a nickel I'll be there. They sing so nice and the songs they sing - you will like it too - best come. If you need a new outfit for the dance you can probably find it at the sale. Next, on December 25, Christmas there is to be a pot luck luncheon. The center is furnishing the meat - everyone is to bring a favorite dish - hope there will be some home made rolls. Nearly forgot - no van on Christmas day.

December 31st will be the New Years dance from 7:30 till? June Dennison said for me to tell you all - bring finger food -

are deviled eggs finger food? Different music from Brookings - I hear tell - I better tell you now that there will not be a Membership meeting this month as it falls on Christmas. I'll leave you with this: The joy of living fills my heart; and, father God I pray- That I may share this joy with all who cross my path today.

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Highlights of this year's house include the upstairs children's bedroom where the North Curry Families' and Children's

Center decorated a tree and displayed throughout the room an extensive collection of dolls and other toys.

Those visiting the house with someone special should be sure to tour the upstairs where the Port Orford Community Response Team (CRT) hung a mistletoe ball from the chandelier. And, the CRT filled every bedroom with elegant Christmas decorations.

Downstairs the Sunset Garden Club set the table in the dining room for Christmas Eve dinner and hung a tree with handmade country ornaments. The Point Orford Heritage Society decorated the master bedroom with Christmas greenery and the Friends of Cape Blanco set out a wonderful Christmas tree in the front parlor.

Visitors could stop by the men's parlor to purchase hand painted Christmas ornaments, books or a three dimensional Victorian house puzzle, as well as become members of the Friends of Cape Blanco. Last but certainly not least visitors were treated to hot cider and home baked cookies in the kitchen to fortify them before they left the warmth and Christmas cheer of the House.

The Hughes House will be open again the weekend of December 14 and 15 from 2:00 to 6:00pm. For further information call board member Martha Weaver-Britell at 332-9775.



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The first performance will take place at Ocean Crest Auditorium in Bandon on Saturday evening, December 14, at 8:00pm. The second will be on Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 2:00pm at the Little Theater on the Bay in North Bend.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advanced at The Bon Marche in North Bend's Pony Village Mall, Farr's True Value Hardware in Coos Bay, and Old Town Emporium and Christmas Company in Bandon, or charged by phone by calling The Box Office at 268-2720 or 1-800-676-7563. Seating for both performances is not reserved and tickets will be available at the door.



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Port Orford's Coast Guard Lifesaving Station was essential to the local economy for many years. Primarily protecting fishermen and providing lifesaving services on the remote south coast, the coast guardsmen stationed at the Heads also saw dramatic action during WW II when a Japanese submarine torpedoed an oil tanker and launched the first plane to drop a bomb on American soil. "The State Historic Preservation Office experts say that our site will be listed in the National Register. Probably in early 1997," Cuatt claims.

Meanwhile, a trip to Port Orford's former Coast Guard Station is a beautiful excursion for a Saturday afternoon. The public is invited to join Heritage Society members for refreshments and tours between 1pm and 5pm on Saturday, December 14, 1996. "Let's celebrate the season and remember our heritage of good faith, family and friends," President Cuatt concludes.

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## Letter To The Editor

Let's set the record straight.

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In the Port Orford News it was stated that 11 members were going to resign. That number was greatly exaggerated and the fact is most of the members that signed the petition later signed a second petition

stating they would stay on the department regardless of the outcome of the Joanne Ruoff matter.

In the Port Orford Today! it was stated that Brice Wagner did not support the Chief or back up the department during the crisis.

Brice Wagner was one of many firefighters that stayed on the department and did not resign over a personal problem and put fellow firefighters and

the community at risk.

We are an all volunteer organization and donate our time to help the community we live in and risk our lives everytime we respond to a call.

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## Letter To The Editor

I am writing to object to the printing of the letter written and signed by the 17 members of the fire department. I assume this letter is part of the public record of the city council meeting; if not, it should be. However, to print it in your paper is not appropriate as far as I am concerned. There are only a couple of issues involved here: 1. If Chief Gehrke



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had the right to fire an officer in the department and 2. If he followed correct procedures in doing so.

Why Ruoff was fired and the resignation of the 17 other members of the fire department should be dealt with in a closed executive meeting, if indeed the city council had to be involved on any level other than the above issues. I also assume the city has a grievance procedure which I'm sure Ruoff will avail herself of, as is her right.

Please note, I am not objecting to the firing, to the letter, or to the clarification of the issues. I am objecting to the printing of the letter.

I personally wonder why it took two meetings and a call to the attorney general's office to clarify a personnel issue which should have taken 15 minutes to figure out. It's holiday season, folks, can't we take the high road on

some of these issues, learn to work together, and create an atmosphere where a positive outlook and attitude could prevail, not just now, but during the whole year? Special thanks to all the fire department members for the terrific job they do all year long. I hope things will go better for all concerned.

Paula Cracas

*[Ed Note: We agree that discipline hearings should be held in executive sessions unless the person requests otherwise. Since this hearing was public, we feel it is better to report the facts than to leave it to the rumor mill. Evan & Valerie Kramer]*

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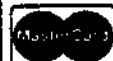
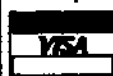


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**GOLD COAST FLEA** and collectibles market. Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 8am. Curry county Fairgrounds, Gold Beach. Buy, sell and trade. (541) 247-7165.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## Sablefish

The Pacific Fishery Management Council adopted an equal allocation management plan for the 1997 Primary Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery. All LE GF Sablefish-Endorsed Permits have three weeks to fish up to the same limit, estimated to be 33,500 lb. At the end of the fishing period, the landings will be totaled, and there will be a mop-up fishery

Equal limits management is a significant departure from how the fishery has been managed in the past. It addresses safety and better marketing conditions; yet the Council expressed concern about the reallocative effect of equal limits. This has been a hotly contested allocation battle between two industry groups. The Council continues to be under heavy pressure to base any long-term management plan on historical landings.

If this equal limits plan is to remain on the table for future consideration, the Council and NMFS must hear from supporters of the plan. We have to off-set the tantrum and heavy lobbying being done by that segment of the industry determined to have historic catch be the only basis for an allocation plan.

There is a second reason NMFS and the Council need confirmation that they made the right decision; the industry group supporting historic landings allocation has declared their intent to sue the Council due to the reallocative effects of the '97 plan. The most valuable thing we can do in support of equal limits is to rein-

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force to Council members that they made the correct decision.

Let's get together and strategize how to be effective in supporting equal limits management for the 1997 Sablefish fishery, and develop a strategy for long-term management of the fishery.

There will be a meeting on December 14, from 10am till 2pm at the Port Orford City Council Chamber. This meeting will be to develop a strategy to use to support the Pacific Fishery Management Council in their decision for the 1997 Sablefish season. The meeting will also be to develop a strategy to send a message to the Pacific Fishery Management Council that all groundfish management should be uniform; Sablefish managed with monthly trip limits, adjusted during the year as necessary.

Presently, groundfish management is based on a year-round fishery. A twelve month season for Sablefish would require very small monthly trip limits to be set. What is a better length of season for the Sablefish fishery? Before discussing uniform management of groundfish, there needs to be complete analysis of how groundfish is presently being managed, any changes being considered or developed for groundfish management, and the direction the trawl fleet is moving on how they want the fishery managed.

Attend this meeting: Help ensure a long term Sablefish management plan we can live with.

## Council Finishes Year's Business Continued from Front Cover

of office are over on January 1, 1997. They will be replaced by new mayor Gary Doran and councilors Jim Campbell and Ruth Jamieson.

Mayor Kennedy read a statement to the public and council. "Thanks for the opportunity to serve. It's been a sometimes rewarding, sometimes frustrating, but always an enlightening experience."

"A lot of things have happened during my 4 year term - most of them for the good. It's my opinion that the two best things have been Norma House and Dotti Myers."

"Thanks to my supporters. I've always appreciated the words of encouragement, pats on the back and hugs."

"Thanks also to my detractors. I have learned many things about government and people because of them."

"To the present council - we sure haven't been boring! I appreciate all your efforts and it has been a pleasure serving with you. It's now time for me to devote more time to my family, my work and myself."

"To the new mayor, new councilors and continuing councilors and all city employees remember the Serenity Prayer - God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference. Thank You!"

Let me finish this article by thanking Delaine Kennedy, George Kennedy and Martha Weaver-Britell for serving on the city council. They attended many meetings and devoted a lot of their time to the City of Port Orford and whether I agreed or disagreed with them on the issues I appreciate their work on the council.

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