

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
**Monday, January 9, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Hedenskog called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Swearing In of Elected Officials**

Municipal Judge Richard Harper swore in Jake Pieper as Mayor and Brent Hodges and Bill Hamilton as Councilors.

**Roll Call**

Council present: Mayor Jake Pieper, Councilors Bill Hamilton, Brent Hodges and Dennis Triglia; a quorum present.

Staff present: City Manager Gary Milliman, City Attorney Martha Rice, Public Works and Development Director Paul Stevens, Parks Supervisor Tony Baron, Management Analyst Chrissy Bevens, Municipal Judge Richard Harper and City Recorder Teri Davis.

Media Present: No media was present

Others Present: Eighteen audience members.

**Ceremonies**

Each of the seated Council members and the City Manager thanked former Mayor Ron Hedenskog for his service to the Council and to the City. Mayor Hedenskog was presented with a plaque commemorating his service.

*Declaration of Vacancy*

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Two individuals requested to address Council. Connie Hunter of 1310 English Court, Brookings, addressed Council recommending it re-appoint Ron Hedenskog to the vacated seat. Skip Hunter of 1310 English Court, Brookings also addressed Council recommending it re-appoint Ron Hedenskog to the vacated seat.

Councilor Hodges recommended that Council wait until the next meeting to gage if there is interest from other individuals to fill the position.

Mayor Pieper indicated that an appointment requires a unanimous vote from Council, and he was not prepared to take that vote tonight. He also pointed out that there has been a tradition of taking applications.

Councilor Triglia agreed that no action should be taken at this meeting as it gives a better public perception.

Councilor Hamilton agreed wishing to "give voice to the people."

**Councilor Triglia moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to declare Council Position #3 vacant and determine procedure for filling the position by appointment.**

*Nomination and approval of Council President*

Mayor Pieper recommended that Councilor Hodges be appointed to the position of Council President.

**Mayor Pieper moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilor Brent Hodges to the position of Council President.**

### **Appointments**

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to re-appoint Trace Kather to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilor Triglia moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to appoint Bob Murdock to the Public Art Committee.

Council interviewed two candidates for the position of Student Ex Officio representative to City Council.

Shanon Cowan and Shawntisha Bailey were both present for the interviews.

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to appoint Shawntisha Bailey as the Student Ex Officio representative to City Council.**

Judge Harper presided over the Oath of Office for Ms. Bailey. Ms. Bailey will assume the position at the January 23, 2017 Council meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

*Youth Employment Grant*

Parks Supervisor Baron presented the staff report.

Councilor Triglia commented that it seems like a "win-win" situation.

Councilor Hodges asked if there was a match. Supervisor Baron indicated that the employment was the match.

**No Council action was needed on the item.**

*Amendment to ODOT Agreement 30278*

Public Works and Development Director Paul Stevens presented the staff report.

**Councilor Triglia moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to agreement 30278 with the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation that limits work described by agreement 30278 to preliminary engineering work only.**

*ODOT Local Agency Agreement 31774*

Public Works and Development Director Paul Stevens presented the staff report.

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute agreement 31774 with the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation to fund engineering and construction work on Railroad Street in Brookings, Oregon.**

### **Scheduled Public Appearances**

*Carolyn Johnson of Curry County Community Development*

Ms. Johnson addressed Council to thank it for entering into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County for the provision of inspection services.

Councilor Hodges commented that the building community is happy with the arrangement.

### **Resolutions**

*BCRAA Representative*

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Councilor Triglia asked if City Manager Milliman could assume the lead representative role. Mr. Milliman advised that the preference is that the lead is taken by an elected representative.

Council took no action until a decision is made regarding the Council vacancy.

*Elmo Williams Day*

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Carolyn Milliman was invited to address Council regarding the resolution. She spoke in favor of passage.

**Councilor Triglia moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 17-R-1095 proclaiming April 30 as Elmo Williams Day in the City of Brookings.**

### **Oral Requests and Communications from the audience**

- No others requested to address Council

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for December 12, 2016

2. Accept TPAC minutes for November 17, 2016
3. Accept Mary Geyer resignation from TPAC
4. Receive monthly financial report for November 2016

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

**Non-Action Items**

1. There was no discussion regarding the December Vouchers.

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Triglia noted that he had seen the article in the pilot about the new hires in the Police Department and Dispatch. He believes Brookings has one of the best Police Departments around.

Mayor Pieper added that one of the new hires, Donny Miller, was originally from Brookings and has now returned.

Councilor Hodges commented that the City is lucky to have him.

Councilor Hamilton also congratulated the two police officers who received promotions.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jake Pieper, Mayor

ATTESTED:  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2017:

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Teri Davis, City Recorder