

City of Brookings

City Council Meeting MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, October 12, 2015

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Ron Hedenskog and Councilors Jake Pieper, Kelly McClain, Brent Hodges and Bill Hamilton; a quorum present.

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Public Works & Development Director LauraLee Snook, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Jane Stebbins and approximately 13 others.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Hedenskog proclaimed the week of October 26 through October 31st, 2015 as Red Ribbon Week.

Staff Reports

Discussion and presentation regarding the proposed annexation to the Curry Health District.

Curry Health District CEO, Ginny Razo and Mayor Ron Hedenskog presented a slideshow regarding the proposed annexation into the Curry Health District (CHD). Laurie Van Zant, CHD Board member and PAC Chair, said she wants to live here until she dies and these health services are needed.

Councilor Hamilton asked who would appoint the ex-officio positions and Razo said it would be the Curry Medical Board.

Councilor Hodges asked if the state would allow another emergency room in the South County and Razo said they would not, so Sutter Coast, for example, could not have a standalone emergency room here. She said if an organization wanted to open a hospital here it would need to do a Certificate of Need (CON), which is a lengthy and expensive process. And when the CON was completed, she said, they would most likely find that the area could not support a third hospital.

Councilor Hodges asked if the Emergency Department (ED) would go away if the measure didn't pass and Razo said CHD would operate an ED as long as long as it didn't run too far into the red.

Mayor Hedenskog said people needed to put themselves in the position of the North County. If the ED loses money, you close the doors. ED's are supported, he said, with other services.

Councilor Pieper asked if it will open even if the measure doesn't pass and Razo said it would.

Mayor Hedenskog said people need to be realistic about the outcome if they choose not to contribute.

Councilor Pieper asked if the ED would take the place of Urgent Care and Razo said they will still have same day care but the level of care would be expanded. Pieper then asked what assurances there were regarding the expansion of services if the measure passed and Razo said CHD was working on the HUD/NDRC grant with the City and if their project was approved, they would be required to complete the project as described in under two years. Dialysis, she said, was a big question now that Sutter Coast had partnered with the group with which she'd been working, but she was actively looking for other options. She added that she was glad to see that dialysis would be more readily available to people in the South County.

Councilor Pieper said there was no question this was needed and he just hoped that the taxpayers would be able to stomach a relatively small tax compared to the benefits.

Councilor McClain said the City had looked at every alternative and this was the most logical direction to go. As far as the cost of being a decent community, he said, this was a small tax and the addition of the ED would save lives, help raise property values and create jobs. He said people are going to get what they pay for and the NDRC grant could be affected if this doesn't pass as the grantors are looking for community support.

Mayor Hedenskog said if the clinic were fully developed, when the "big one" comes, the ED would have the expertise and accommodations necessary to provide assistance.

Discussion regarding the private storm drain easement at 815 Chetco Avenue.

Director Snook gave the staff report.

Councilor Pieper asked if City Attorney Rice had prepared a response and Rice said she had not been asked to form an official response but it seemed a reasonable accommodation.

Councilor Pieper asked about the pipes the City had chosen to line instead of replacing.

City Manager Milliman said it was a common practice and replacing the line would be very expensive and disruptive due its depth and this would be a good compromise. Snook pointed out that the City would likely repair the line upstream using the same method so it would be an unreasonable expectation to have them replace that portion of the system.

Councilor McClain asked how long the lining would last and Snook said around 50 years. McClain then asked if a new pipe would last longer than 50 years and Snook said not by much. McClain asked why the existing pipe no longer met City standards and Snook said metal and concrete use to be allowed, but no longer.

Councilor Hamilton asked if there was any danger of rusting metal falling into the drain and causing a blockage and Snook said part of the lining process was to remove any loose materials before the lining was applied. Hamilton then asked if the last storm drain survey had been done in 2013 and Snook said it had.

Mayor Hedenskog said he wanted the contracting engineer to study the hydraulics and Snook said that had already been done and the smoothness achieved using this process offsets the smaller diameter pipe. Hedenskog then said this appeared to be an

acceptable method but he had a problem with the City taking it over. The City should probably use a land use attorney to look at this, he said.

Councilor Pieper said the real issue was that the pipe would be lined instead of being brought up to City standards. The City, he said, wouldn't replace it, they'd line it.

Councilor Hamilton asked about the possibility of replacing it with a parallel line at a higher elevation and Snook said they had looked into that but the cost was prohibitive.

Mayor Hedenskog said he would like to see what the standards are for this kind of thing and wanted the City Attorney and a land use attorney to work on it. Council Pieper said he didn't think a land use attorney was appropriate and the bottom line was that the City would reline it and forget about it, to which Mayor Hedenskog said that maybe the standard should be changed.

Councilor McClain said he didn't see any more data coming in on this and didn't think a land use attorney was needed.

Councilor Hodges said if the City was using the same exact method he couldn't see how they could not allow it.

Mayor Hedenskog said the question was whether the City had to take it over and Rice said the offer is that if McDonalds' lines the pipe, the City takes it over. Rice said if the City is not willing to take it over it is likely McDonalds will withdraw their proposal and the City could end up repairing it without any assistance.

Staff was directed to work the City Attorney to prepare an MOU and bring it back for consideration.

Approval of request to waive event fees for Coastal Christmas parade.

City Manager Milliman provided the staff report.

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to give [Coastal Christmas] a gift of \$76.00 [in fee waivers].

Authorization to execute letters of commitment to provide funding for the NDRC Water Resiliency and Sewer System Repair Projects.

City Manager Milliman gave the staff report, adding that an additional motion was needed to Participation Agreement to include the sewer project.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute Intent to Provide Funding letters for the NDRC Water Resiliency and Sewer Repair Projects.

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to amend the [NDRC] Participation Agreement to include the sewer project.

Approval of Amendment 1 to Portland State University Annexation Study Contract.

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve Amendment 1 to Portland State University Annexation Study Contract #37319/251313 in connection with the Harbor Annexation Study.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for September 28, 2015.
2. Accept Parks and Recreation Commission minutes for July 23, 2015.
3. Accept Public Art Committee minutes for August 3, 2015.
4. Accept September 2015 Vouchers in the amount of \$385,251.51.

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Hedenskog thanked Council for partnering with CHN.

Councilor Hamilton said adding an ED was the direction we needed to go. He said the tax was not too big, it was the right thing to do, and speaking from personal experience, time was of the essence. He also said that his heart and prayers were with those affected by the Umpqua Community College shooting.

Adjournment

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted:



 Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 28 day of October 2015:



 Joyce Heffington, City Recorder