

City of Brookings City Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, January 28, 2013

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415

Call to Order

Mayor Hedenskog called the meeting to order at 7:08pm, following the Joint City/County Workshop.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Finance & HR Director Janell Howard, Public Works & Development Director Loree Pryce, City Attorney Martha Rice Parks & Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron, Planning Manager Donna Colby-Hanks and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Pilot Reporter Jane Stebbins and approximately 12 others.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to appoint Carol Bayne to the Budget Committee.

Staff Reports

Discussion and direction on City comment to proposed Department of State Lands rule concerning motorized vehicles on Chetco River.

City Manager Milliman provided the staff report.

Public Comments: Dianna Blazo and Lois Kirby both commented that they were against the rule.

Councilor Hodges said he opposed the rule and having any additional restrictions on the river's use. "We have this somewhat rogue group," Hodges added, "that's acting on its own accord to impose these rules and for some reason they think we need to bend and compromise, and this is a situation [where] I don't feel the least bit inclined to do that."

Councilor Pieper said the "sole purpose" of the group responsible for proposing the rule was "to promote an extremist, radical environmental agenda." And that the group was "literally on par with religious extremists that just can't be reasoned with." While there were some uses that should be looked at to protect and improve the river, because of who was proposing this rule, Pieper said he was "adamantly opposed to it." He added that the City Council, as community leaders, "should send a strong message that this doesn't fly here; that we don't support them or their agenda."

Councilor McClain said he was against the rule and that he'd seen no more than 10 vehicles making the crossing in the four years he lived here. McClain said there was no scientific proof that vehicle crossings were harming the water and he thought the proposed rule was "an overreaction."

Councilor Hamilton said he was against the rule. He said that, because he had difficulty walking, for a time he'd enjoyed being able to take his vehicle out and fish off the tailgate and he'd seen maybe 15 vehicles crossing the river in the three years he fished there.

Mayor Hedenskog said his goal, when he'd initially reviewed the rule, had been to make sure that it was clear that the restriction was for the main body of the river, not sub-channels and that he'd never made a stand on the issue itself.

Mayor Hedenskog reviewed three alternatives prepared by the City Manager to be submitted to the state as a letter or resolution and Councilor Pieper said he thought a resolution was more fitting.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 13-R-999 using Alternate 2, [stating that the Brookings City Council opposes the proposed rule as it is an attempt to address an environmental degradation issue that is unproven, and unduly restricts Brookings residents who have used the Chetco River as a recreational and economic resource for decades].

Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders

Public Hearing on file LDC-2-12, proposing existing airport as outright uses in Brookings Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 17.40, Public Open Space (P/OS).

Mayor Hedenskog opened the legislative public hearing in the matter of file LDC-2-12 at 7:39pm.

Under exparte, Councilor Pieper stated that he lives close to the airport and sees it frequently. Hearing no declarations of conflict or personal interest, or objections as to jurisdiction, Mayor Hedenskog reviewed the guidelines and Planning Manager Colby-Hanks reviewed the staff report. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:43 pm.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve text adding existing airports as an outright use in Chapter 17.40, Public Open/Space of the Brookings Municipal Code.

Ordinance 13-O-707 amending Section 17.40.020, Permitted uses, of Chapter 17.40, Public Open Space (P/OS) District.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a first reading of Ordinance 13-O-707 by title only.

Mayor Hedenskog read the title.

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a second reading of Ordinance 13-O-707 by title only.

Mayor Hedenskog read the title.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 13-O-707, [amending Section 17.40.020, Permitted uses, of Chapter 17.40, Public Open Space District].

Resolution 13-R-998 revising the appeal process for Public Art Committee decisions.

Planning Manager Colby-Hanks reviewed the staff report, explaining that there were conflicting processes for appeal and the proposed change would resolve that conflict.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 13-R-998 revising the appeal process for Public Art Committee decisions and repealing Resolution 08-R-905.

Resolutions 13-R-996 setting System Replacement Fees and 13-R-997 financing infrastructure related to November 19, 2012 storm.

Director Howard provided the staff report.

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-R-996 setting System Replacement Fees

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 13-R-997 financing infrastructure related to the November 19, 2012 storm.

Staff Reports

Authorization to execute contract with GRI for geotechnical design and construction support for the Beach Lift Station Site Restoration project in an amount not to exceed \$42,250.

Director Pryce gave the staff report.

Mayor Hedenskog asked about the cost of last year's storm damage and City Manager Milliman said it was around \$550,000 and that storm replacement fees can also be used to replace worn out infrastructure.

Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with GRI to provide geotechnical engineering design and construction support for the Beach Lift Station Site Restoration project in the amount not to exceed \$42,250.

Acceptance of City of Brookings Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Director Howard provided the staff report.

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to accept the City of Brookings Audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for January 28, 2013
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a one year contract with U.S. Geological Service to continue recording water levels for the Chetco River
3. Receive monthly financial report for December, 2012

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

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Pieper remarked it might be a good time to assign some tasks to the Public Art Committee and asked that this be a future agenda item.

Councilor McClain said that the airport annexation was coming across as being more complicated than it was and he hoped a joint City/County workshop could be held to discuss this issue.

Mayor Hedenskog said he would like to have another workshop on the annexation.

Councilor Pieper said that it was "a waste" of his time to go over the County's financial problems as Council had been through it before.

Mayor Hedenskog said the County needed the opportunity and venue to discuss and educate the local community about its financial issues and proposed allowing the County to present at a Council meeting.

Councilor McClain said he would be interested in hearing some creative ideas on the County's financial issues, but was not interested in hearing about the tax. He mentioned that City Manager Milliman had presented some good ideas that Council should have a chance to talk about.

Milliman said he could provide an informational piece on ideas that the County had, and had not, implemented as well as a report on the direct impact the County's financial problems could have on the City.

Adjournment

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 8:19pm.

A meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 13th day of February 2013:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder