

City of Brookings CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2013

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

Call to Order

Mayor Hedenskog called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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, City Attorney Martha Rice, Parks & Technical Services Supervisor Tony Baron, and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Pilot Reporter Jane Stebbins and two others.

Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders

Ordinance amending Brookings Municipal Code to provide an exception for unleashed dogs in designated areas of City-owned parks.

Supervisor Baron provided the staff report.

Councilor Hodges asked if staff had received requests for an unleashed dog area and Baron said people frequently had to be reminded to keep their dogs on leashes; the change would allow a provision for a designated park area. Baron said there were no unleashed dog areas inside City limits.

Councilor Hamilton suggested the back area of Stout Park as a good location.

Mayor Hedenskog asked if the Parks & Recreation Commission would be providing a proposal providing an area, signage, and rules and regulations and Baron said they would and added that there were good models available.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a first reading of Ordinance 13-O-708 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-708 by title only.

Mayor Hedenskog read the title.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 13-O-708, amending Brookings Municipal Code Subsection 12.25.012 (A)(8), Rules and Regulations Specific to City-owned Parks.

Staff Reports

Status report on Brookings Airport Area Annexation.

City Manager Milliman gave the staff report, adding that Commission had approved the Consent for Annexation on March 6th and added that the condition that the City confer with

the County, as owner, and develop a plan for improvements was not unusual and staff did not see it as onerous.

Councilor McClain asked if there was any requirement to immediately run sewer lines up to the Airport and Milliman said that would not happen until June. He added that there was no requirement but he thought there was an expectation that the City would go forward. McClain then asked if the timeline would be affected and Milliman said he did not think it would.

Mayor Hedenskog asked if a traffic study would be undertaken and Milliman said he didn't know. Hedenskog asked if it would be part of the annexation and Milliman said he believed it would.

McClain asked how the Mayor how he felt about moving forward without an IGA with the County and Hedenskog said he felt satisfied and that he thought preliminary engineering was a small initial commitment. The Consent to Annexation, he said, indicated that the County was interested in entering into an IGA.

Authorization for Mayor to sign letters in opposition to House Bills 2206 and 2168, reallocating local property tax revenues and allocating proceeds from property sold for delinquent property taxes, respectively.

City Manager Milliman provided the staff report.

Councilor McClain said he found it "troubling" that the State and County thought it was okay to burden the cities. Revenues, he said, needed to be distributed equitably and added that it was important for people to realize that City residents also pay County taxes.

Mayor Hedenskog pointed out that the County had historically benefitted from timber revenues while the City's had not.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to authorize Mayor Hedenskog to execute a letter in opposition to House Bill 2206 relating to State reallocation of local property tax revenues and to execute a letter in opposition to House Bill 2168 relating to the allocation of proceeds from the sale of property sold for delinquent property taxes.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Special Council Meeting minutes for February 19, 2013.
2. Accept February, 2013, Vouchers in the amount of \$283,025.60.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Hedenskog remarked that he'd heard from four to five citizens about receiving delinquent bills from previous owners and Councilor McClain said he had received two similar complaints.

Councilor Pieper said that he thought this was a landlord issue, not an owner issue, and anyone citizens were welcome to bring these issues to Council if unsatisfactorily resolved by staff.

Councilor McClain said citizens should not have to go to Council over another property owner's bill.

City Attorney Rice said the City would need to have a lien placed prior to the property changing hands in order to collect.

Executive Session and Adjournment

Council adjourned into Executive Session in the City Manager's office under ORS 192.660(2)(e), "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions," at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 20th day of March 2013:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder