

City of Brookings

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, June 10, 2013

Call to Order

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

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 & Human Resources Director Janell Howard, Public Works & Development Director Loree Pryce, Fire Operations Chief Jim Watson, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Pilot Reporter Jane Stebbins and 10 others.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to add agenda item D-4 [under Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements, to consider approval for the Mayor to meet with the County Commissioners on June 11th, 2013].

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Hedenskog proclaimed June 9th through June 15th as Supreme Americanism Week.

Mayor Hedenskog introduced new Public Works Utility Employees, Timothy Brush and Dennis Tippetts (Parks).

Mayor Hedenskog announced June Yard of the Month Awards:

- Best Residential – Melanie Eaton, 311 Maple Street
- Best Commercial – Chiman & Meenaxi Patel, Westward Inn, 1026 Chetco Ave

Mayor's meeting with County Commissioners regarding the proposed sales tax measure.

Mayor Hedenskog said the meeting was the result of a Council approved letter to the Commission from the three mayors requesting a joint meeting to discuss the tax levy.

Councilor Hodges said it was an open meeting and any Council member could attend.

City Attorney Rice said she would not recommend more than two Council members attending but she would look into any possible exceptions, one of which might be a noticed meeting by another public body.

City Recorder Heffington said the pertinent issue relating to public meeting law was whether or not Council would be discussing something with the Commission which may later come up for a vote before Council and Rice said she would get back to the Council on the matter.

Councilor Pieper said he was okay with the Mayor meeting with the Commissioners as long as the Mayor did not state a City position.

Mayor Hedenskog said he would only be supporting the citizen's right to have this on a ballot.

Councilor McClain said he was for establishing a lower rate with rounding to a ¼ cent and that the Commission should not be forced to allocate everything to public safety. He also said

more time was needed before the measure was put on the ballot and that November made more sense.

Councilor Hamilton said he would also like to see the measure on the November ballot and was against putting a sunset on the tax.

Councilor Hodges said he was okay with the Mayor attending the meeting.

Councilor McClain said implementation of a Transient Occupancy Tax should be included in the measure to reduce the burden of the sales tax and that he was still not 100% convinced that a sales tax was the right thing to do.

Councilor Pieper cautioned the Mayor that having input into the measure could be construed by the County as a strong indication of endorsement, and by association, be seen as having the support of the Council.

Councilor McClain said the most important point was that the citizens were being rushed.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor meeting with the Commissioners [on June 11, 2013 regarding the proposed tax measure].

Staff Reports

Status of various State and legislative regulatory matters.

City Manager Milliman provided an update on the outcome of the Chetco River Rulemaking and current status of House Bills 2186, 2206 and 3453, and Senate Bill 173.

Councilor Hamilton said the state would have trouble enforcing the Chetco River rule.

Renewal of amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District (UCFPD).

City Manager Milliman gave the staff report.

Chief Watson reported on the work being done to attract volunteers and on the station itself. The City's equipment being stored there, he said, is routinely exercised and used in training.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to renew a three-year Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Brookings and the Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District with the addition of Section 4.05, Volunteer Recruitment, to commence July 1, 2013.

Consent Calendar

- Approve Council minutes for May 28, 2013.
- Accept May 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$415,270.53.

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

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor McClain said he wanted to reiterate to the County that Brookings is interested in finding a good solution to the fiscal crises.

Adjournment into Executive Session

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 7:44 PM into Executive Session in the City Manager's office, under authority of

ORS 192.660(2)(f), "to consider information or records that are exempt by law," and under the authority of ORS 192.660 (2)(e), "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions."

Respectfully submitted:



Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 26 day of July 2013:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder