

# City of Brookings

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
Tuesday, November 12, 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, Public Works & Development Director Loree Pryce, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

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

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to remove Item F.5 [the Staff Report item on Street Pavement Projects] from the agenda.**

### Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Hedenskog proclaimed every day as Trash Dog Day and the second Sunday in December as Worldwide Candle Lighting Day.

### Staff Reports

*Agreement to provide \$700 in Transient Occupancy Tax funding for Azalea Festival Car Show expansion.*

City Manager Milliman provided the staff report.

Councilor Hamilton said the car show brought visitors who stay in hotels and eat in restaurants and did a lot for the community with net proceeds going to local non-profits, like the Boy Scouts and Food Bank, and he would like to give them \$1,000 if the budget allows as the event receives a lot of out-of-town participation.

Councilor McClain said he liked the idea of the car show becoming a stand-alone event.

Mayor Hedenskog asked if adding an additional \$300 would break the budget and Milliman said it would not.

Bob Pieper, Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee (TPAC) member, said the committee was stretching every dollar and asked if the City would consider splitting the difference.

Councilor McClain said he would like to see TPAC's budget used more for projects like this and take the focus off of TV ads and the like, but would leave the car show funding at \$700.

Councilor Pieper asked if the Cruisers had requested an increase and Mayor Hedenskog said, they had not, but it was an important event.

**Councilor Hamilton moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement providing \$1,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax funding to the Curry County Cruisers for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Azalea Festival Car Show expansion.**

*Agreement to provide \$4,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding for the Southern Oregon Crabfest event planned for January 15, 2014.*

City Manager Milliman gave the staff report.

Councilor Hodges said he was hearing a lot of buzz in the community about the proposed event and was excited to see how it would shake out. He said he had worked with Grosz before and thought the event would be successful.

Robert Grosz, Crabfest event organizer, said he was already getting interest from vendors and had 15-20 people lined up to help out. He said he had a lot of experience organizing events from the San Diego sheriff's department involving from 500 to 1000 people.

Councilor McClain pointed out that TOT funds were only generated by hotels inside the City limits, and asked Grosz to keep that in mind.

Councilor Hamilton asked about the prospects for having crab available for the event and Grosz said the event was planned to coincide with the season.

**Councilor McClain moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Robert Grosz to provide \$4,000 in Transient Occupancy Tax funding for the Southern Oregon Crabfest event planned for January 25, 2014.**

*Modified fund exchange agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Old County Road Slope Stabilization project.*

Director Pryce presented the staff report.

Councilor Hamilton asked if anything was to be attached to the "nails" being used to stabilize the slope and Pryce said a web-like connecting material would be used.

**Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to execute a modified fund exchange agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation exchanging the Bud Cross Park sidewalk extension project with the Old County Slope Stabilization Project.**

*Amendment #1, to Task Order 18A for Wastewater Treatment Plan Stabilization Project engineering.*

Director Pryce provided the staff report.

Councilor Pieper asked if this would still be funded by the loan and Milliman said it would.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to execute an amended task order with Dyer [Partnership] to provide additional design and contract management service and increase by \$35,900 in an amount not to exceed \$52,040.**

*Submission of Connect Oregon V grant application for \$400,000 as match for a Runway Safety Area Improvement project at Del Norte County Airport.*

City Manager Milliman gave the staff report.

Mayor Hedenskog asked about the mitigation and Milliman said they pertained to a sensitive habitat area which will require the airport to acquire additional property to replace the area to be mitigated, in a larger scale.

Mayor Hedenskog asked if the airport was running in the black and Milliman said Del Norte County had been funding everything to this point.

Councilor McClain asked if this project would be in competition with the City's other *ConnectOregon V* grant application and Milliman said the projects would be scored separately, so either project could end up higher up on the list.

**Councilor Hodges moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to submit a Connect Oregon V grant application for \$400,000 to provide the local match for a Runway Safety Area improvement project at Del Norte County Airport.**

*Charter Cable Franchise Negotiations Status Report.*

City Manager Milliman provided an update on Charter Cable Franchise negotiations. In particular Milliman pointed out that Charter wanted to add language that would require 4.2 hours a day of original programming, created within the jurisdiction, to be aired on the PEG channel, with an allowance for only three to four repetitions of the same video material. Milliman said there was no federal regulation for this requirement which was an attempt by Charter to regulate the City's use of its PEG channel. Milliman said they were making every attempt to work with Charter, but when it came to the public's ability to view City meetings on the PEG channel, there would be no negotiation.

Mayor Hedenskog said that streaming video over the internet was the way to go, and Milliman said staff was working toward being able to offer that option.

Councilor Pieper said the PEG channel was still needed for those who weren't using advanced technologies.

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for October 28, 2013.
2. Accept September 24, 2013 Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee minutes.
3. Accept October 2013 Vouchers in the amount of \$ 393,370.78.

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

### **Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Mayor Hedenskog remarked that typhoon in the Philippines served as a reminder for the city to be preparing for such events.

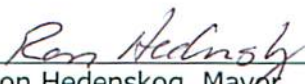
Councilor McClain remarked that adding "winter flowers" to the Welcome Brookings sign might be considered to fill the open sign space that was being defaced.

Councilor Pieper congratulated the Curry Health Network on passage of the bond measure and said he'd heard a lot of positive things about the Network's leaders.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

ATTESTED:  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013:

  
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Joyce Heffington, City Recorder