

# City of Brookings CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

**Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

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

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Roll Call**

Council Present: Mayor Ron Hedenskog, Councilors Dave Gordon, Jake Pieper, and Brent Hodges; a quorum present.

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Administrative Services Director Janell Howard, Public Works Director Loree Pryce, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Jane Stebbins and approximately four public.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to move Item G [Staff Reports] up on the agenda [to follow Ceremonies, Appointments and Announcements].**

## **Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

*Swearing in of Mayor Ron Hedenskog.*

Judge Richard Harper swore Ron Hedenskog in as Mayor.

*Review timeline for filling vacant Council Position #4.*

City Manager Milliman reviewed the timeline.

*Parks & Recreation Commission appointment.*

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to appoint Garth Richey to Parks & Recreation Commission Position #2.

*Announcement of Yard of the Month Awards.*

Mayor Hedenskog announced May Yard of the Month Awards as follows:

- Best Residential – Tom & Joye Kerr, 1029 Seventh Street
- Best Commercial - Bi-Mart Corporation, 248 Wharf Street

## **Staff Reports**

*Wastewater Treatment Plan Hillside Stabilization Project Statement of Assurances and Letter of Commitment to apply for federal relief funds.*

Director Pryce reviewed the staff report.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute the Statement of Assurances for Maintenance form and the mayor to sign the Letter of Commitment to apply for federal relief funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Hillside Stabilization Project.**

*Curry Transfer and Recycling (CTR) rate increase.*

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report.

Pete Smart, CTR owner, said that while it is available to go for the full CPI, they were trying to keep the increase low due to the tough economy.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve a new rate schedule to be effective July 1, 2012 for refuse collection and recycling services provided by Curry Transfer and Recycling, such schedule reflecting a 2.53 percent increase in rates.**

**Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders**

*Ordinance 12-O-697 amending Brookings Municipal Code Chapter 13.05, Water, and Section 13.15.022, Sewer Service Account Fee.*

Director Howard reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a first reading of Ordinance 12-O-697 by title only.

Mayor Hedenskog read the title.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a second reading of Ordinance 12-O-697 by title only.

Mayor Hedenskog read the title.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 12-O-697, [amending Brookings Municipal Code Chapter 13.05, Water, and Section 13.15.022, Sewer Service Account Fee].**

*Resolutions adopting Water and Sewer Rates and System Replacement Fees for Fiscal Year 2012-13.*

Director Howard reviewed the staff report.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-R-981, adopting Water Rates for 2012-13.**

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-R-982 adopting Sewer Rates for 2012-13.**

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-R-983 adopting System Replacement Fees for 2012-13.**

*Public hearings and adoption of resolutions declaring the City's election to receive state revenues and adopting the City's budget, declaring tax levied, and making appropriations for FY 2012-13 and categorizing the levy.*

Director Howard reviewed the staff report and Mayor Hedenskog opened the public hearing at 7:34pm. There were no comments and the hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-R-984, declaring the City's election to receive state revenues for 2012-13 fiscal year.**

Councilor Pieper asked if Director Howard could review the financial impact and background/discussion portions of the agenda report and Howard did so. Pieper said that the rate increase was due in part to a lack of development and asked Howard if the total percentage of rate increase to fill that gap was about 20% and Howard said that

was correct. Pieper also remarked that the City was using some of the SDC funds this year to fill that gap, but that next year would likely see a similar increase in rates and that once the gap was covered the increases would likely decrease significantly.

Councilor Gordon asked Howard to address the comment made by one of the applicants for Council Position #4 regarding the City not having a balanced budget and Howard said that the budget is balanced as required by Oregon law and that the City had done the correct things in the budget to ensure that there is no short-fall and so was unaware to what the applicant was referring.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 12-R-985, adopting the City of Brookings' budget, declaring tax levied, making appropriations for 2012-13 fiscal year, and categorizing the levy.**

**Oral Requests and Communications from the audience**

Tony Parrish, Redwood Street, commented on the condition of the sidewalk from the Triangle Garden to Oak Street, saying it was "unwalk-able" due to weeds and the drains are not working properly, as well as looking bad. The area in question is under ODOT's jurisdiction but he hoped the City would ask the state to take care of it.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for May 14, 2012.
2. Approve Liquor License Application for Khun Thai Restaurant, 925 Chetco Ave.
3. Receive monthly financial report for April, 2012.

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

**Adjournment**

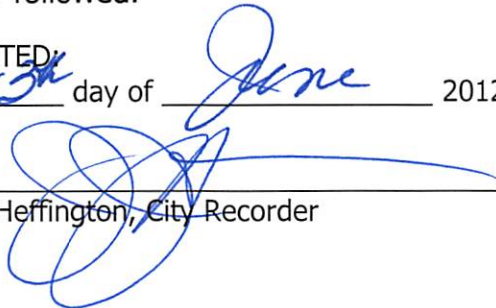
**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 7:46pm.**

A meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

ATTESTED:  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012:

  
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Joyce Heffington, City Recorder