

# City of Brookings

## City Council Meeting MINUTES

**Monday, June 11, 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, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Public Works Director Loree Pryce, Fire Chief William Sharp and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: No media and approximately 6 others.

### **Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

Mayor Hedenskog proclaimed the week of June 10 through June 16 as Supreme Americanism Week.

Council, along with Chief Wallace, Chief Sharp, Director Pryce and City Manager Milliman, wished Planning Director Morris well in her pending retirement and spoke highly of her performance and contributions to the City.

### **Staff Reports**

*Authorization to execute Planning Services Agreements.*

Director Morris provided the staff report.

Councilor Gordon asked how the contracts would be used and Morris explained that they would be used on a cost recovery basis and only as needed.

Councilor Hodges asked if this would increase costs to the applicant, and Morris said that it could, but application and appeal timing restrictions, limited staff resources and the occasional need for specialized knowledge could make it necessary to utilize these services from time to time.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute Planning Services Agreements with Parametrix and further authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with CSA Planning, Ltd.**

City Manager Milliman asked if Council would consider hearing a request from members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who were in attendance in anticipation of their request for fireworks funding being on the agenda. Council agreed to hear their request as a Public Comment.

### **Public Comments**

Jim Emerick, Brookings, asked the City to consider paying the cost of housing for two fireworks technicians for two nights during the Fourth of July Fireworks event which had previously been covered by the Chamber at a reduced rate from the owner of the Wild River Motor Lodge. Emerick said he'd received a letter suggesting that the VFW request

funding for lodging from the City as the Chamber would no longer be involved in providing tourism promotion for the City after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Bremer, Brookings, commented that the VFW was having trouble getting donations and could use the City's help with the rooms.

Mayor Hedenskog asked if the request was for both the room rental and the \$1,000 already paid to them by the Chamber and Bremer said the Chamber had asked the VFW to return the Chamber's \$1,000 donation if they were able to acquire an equivalent amount of funding from the City.

Councilor Gordon asked if the Chamber had designated the \$1,000 for promotional purposes and Bremer said they had not.

Councilor Pieper requested that the matter be placed as a request for financial assistance for fireworks without any reference to the Chamber.

City Manager Milliman told the VFW they would receive a private donation of \$150 toward the rooms the next day.

Following a brief discussion, Council directed staff to place the request on the next agenda to allow the public to comment.

### **Staff Reports**

Ratification of General Employee and Teamsters Union Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

City Manager Milliman gave the staff report.

Mayor Hedenskog and Councilor Hodges complimented staff on their hard work throughout the union contract process.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to ratify the document "City of Brookings General Employee and Teamsters Union Union No. 223 Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014."**

Approval of cost of living adjustment (COLA) and health insurance program and contribution amounts for all non-union City employees, exclusive of the City Manager.

City Manager Milliman provided the staff report.

**Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve of 3.0 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) for all non-union City employees, exclusive of the City Manager, effective July 1, 2012 and to adopt the same health insurance program and same employer contribution amounts as provided in the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 223 police unit.**

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for May 29, 2012.
2. Approve Liquor License Application for Chetco Pharmacy, 890 Chetco Ave.
3. Accept May 2012, Vouchers in the amount of \$253,788.13.

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

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Gordon remarked that, thanks to the City Manager's efforts, there is a program in place to help minimize the effects of Morris's retirement.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted:



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Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

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this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012:

  
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Joyce Heffington, City Recorder