

City of Brookings

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 10, 2011

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Public Works Director Loree Pryce, Fire Chief William Sharp, Planning Director Dianne Morris, City Engineer Steve Major, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Steve Kadel and approximately 10 public.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Anderson proclaimed the week of October 9th as Fire Prevention Week.

Staff Reports

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Tiger II grant application letter of support.

Director Morris presented the staff report regarding the City's intent to apply for Tiger II grant for the bicycle/pedestrian path.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve Mayor to sign the letter [of support] in the staff report [regarding the Tiger II grant application].

Authorize the Mayor to sign the new Curry County Mutual Aid Agreement.

Chief Sharp gave the staff report, generally stating that the new agreement will have all of the original signatures on one document.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the new Curry County Mutual Aid Agreement.

Reject proposal to install an alternative sewer system designed by Orenco Systems.

Director Pryce presented the staff report and a revised recommendation to include an Infrastructure Financing Agreement for the purpose of outlining "...the use of a portion of the developer system development funds contributing to the cost of a conventional system."

Deborah Newsome, Riverside RV Resort, Brookings, generally commented that initial costs associated with the Orenco system makes it a more viable option and asked Council to look closely at the statistics provided by Orenco.

David Lepre, Orenco Systems, Sutherlin, Oregon, questioned the number of EDU's being used by the City Engineer in his report, generally stating that operations and maintenance (O&M) costs are significantly less than presented. Lepre also commented that the Orenco system would initially cost less than a gravity system, would offer a "huge environmental benefit" over a gravity system and incur minimal costs for treatment at the plant.

Ron Tribble, Brookings, generally reinforced Lepre's comments, adding that projects would not go forward without the Orenco system and asked Council to allow it.

Marianne Padilla, Brookings, asked Council to keep an open mind about the proposal and generally commented that the addition of waterfront homes and additional property taxes would be a benefit to the City and the local economy.

Mayor Anderson stated, for the record, that this item is somewhat unique in that Council was considering it in advance of an application being submitted due to the potential application costs to the proposer.

City Engineer Steve Major said that he is aware of situations where STEP systems are appropriate, but with the potential number of EDU's involved the long term costs for O&M are significant higher.

Councilor Hodges asked if it would be feasible to put in a gravity system after the STEP system was in place, and Major said it would not be feasible because the STEP system uses a smaller diameter pipe than a gravity system does to pump solids.

Mayor Anderson said that while he shared some of the developer's concerns, he was a little concerned that a local improvement district wasn't being considered for this area.

Councilor Hedenskog said that, as far as actual costs are concerned, it becomes a "he said, she said," situation, and he was unable to make a decision based on O&M costs. Hedenskog said his biggest concern is that developers who are ready to "rock and roll" could end up locking the larger area into a type of system others may not want. His recommendation was for the formation of a local improvement district.

Councilor Hodges said that, in the long term, the deferral of costs associated with a STEP system would seem to benefit the developer, and not the City, and could pose a possible hindrance to future development in that area.

Councilor Pieper said that he agreed with Hedenskog that it's a "he said, she said," situation, and added that, "... basically it comes down to who you trust more or who you pay more, or something to that effect." In his view, Pieper said, the biggest problem was "...saddling everyone else up there with using the same system," and added that it seemed to him there must be another type of alternative system that could work.

Councilor Gordon said that Council's responsibility was to look at long term issues and he did not want to support a project that would ultimately cost more. Gordon also expressed concern that if this system was approved, it would make it difficult to say no to another developer wanting to put in the same kind of system somewhere else.

Councilor Hedenskog asked if there was a combination system that could work and Major said that it's possible to have a combination system, but the question was what the City would require as criteria to determine if and when a STEP system would be appropriate so that this type of system wasn't going in everywhere.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to accept staff's recommendation to reject the proposal from the North Bank Landowner's Group [to install an alternative sewer system designed by Orenco Systems].

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to direct staff to consider a combined system in that [North Bank Chetco] area.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously that an Infrastructure Financing Agreement be created that outlines the use of a portion of the developer system development funds contributing to the cost of the conventional system.

Award contract for construction of Final Effluent Line Relocation Improvements to Central Pipeline, Inc.

Director Pryce presented the staff report.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to award contract as per dialogue given by the Public Works Director [for construction of Final Effluent Line Relocation improvements to Central Pipeline, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$125,808, and authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents].

Public Hearings/Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders

Resolution 11-R-972, accepting jurisdiction of that portion of Parkview Drive that lies within the City limits.

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 11-R-972, accepting jurisdiction of that portion of Parkview Drive that lies within the City limits.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for September 26, 2011.
2. Approve cancellation of November 28th and December 26th Council meetings.
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute Legal Services Agreement with the Law Offices of Robert Black to provide City Attorney services for the period September 14, 2011 to September 14, 2013.
4. Accept Planning minutes for May 3, June 7 and August 2, 2011.
5. Accept Parks and Recreation minutes for July 21 and August 25, 2011.
6. Accept September 2011 Vouchers in the amount of \$678,154.68.

Councilor Gordon 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 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 25th day of October 2011:


Joyce Heffington, City Recorder