

City of Brookings

MEETING Minutes

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 12, 2010

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

Council met in **Executive Session** at 6:00pm in the City Manager's office at City Hall under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(h), "to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, and under ORS 192.660 (2)(e), "to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions."

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, Administrative Services Director Janell Howard, Fire Chief William Sharp, Utilities Superintendent Ray Page, City Attorney Martha Rice and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Others Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice and approximately 5 public.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Anderson proclaimed July 12th through the 18th as Southern Oregon Kite Festival Week and announced July Yard Awards as follows:

- Yard of the Month, Marsha Burkhalter, 913 Third Street.
- Most Improved, Tod and Eve Whalen, 808 Fawn Drive.
- Commercial, Tim and Terry Patterson, 625 Chetco Avenue.

Staff Reports

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the proposed Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District Agreement.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted to authorize the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Brookings and the Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the proposed North Bank Chetco Sewer Service Feasibility Study, stating that the City's Land Use Attorney had provided the requested opinion.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and the motion passed 4 to 1, with a "No" vote from Councilor Hedenskog," to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with the preliminary feasibility study for providing sewer service to North Bank Chetco River Road area properties within the Urban Growth Boundary at a cost no to exceed \$12,000.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the Council Technology Implementation Plan, proposed by Council. The Plan would allocate \$12,000 toward the purchase of laptops for Council members use and other upgrades to allow Council access to electronic City files.

Councilor Gordon asked what this plan would provide, other than access to a computer at meetings, that wasn't already being provided by paper? Is this a benefit to staff? Will the laptops be the property of the City?

City Manager Milliman responded that this was a request initiated by Council members, and it would be the choice of each Councilor to have or not have a laptop which they could use to access electronic files at meetings or at other times. It would not be a savings to staff as in some instances it would require the duplication of information that already exists in paper or elsewhere in the City's system. The laptops will belong to the City.

City Recorder Heffington added that this would not provide access to all City records as files are stored on multiple drives, but rather to a dedicated drive space where staff would store documents pertinent to matters being considered by Council. Implementation of the plan will require staff to learn new skills, as well as take additional effort on the City Recorder's part as the agenda will have to be posted in such a way that it doesn't slow things down.

Councilor Pieper moved, Councilor Hedenskog seconded, and the motion to authorize staff to proceed with the Council Technology Implementation Plan as outlined in the Council Agenda Report dated July 12, 2010, passed, 3 to 2, with Councilor Hodges, Councilor Hedenskog, and Councilor Pieper voting "Yes," and Mayor Anderson and Councilor Gordon voting "No."

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the request for direction from Council regarding the suspension of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to non-union employees, voted on at the last Council meeting. The budget, as approved by the Budget Committee, contains a 3% COLA for all union employees and a 2.3% COLA for non-union employees.

Councilor Pieper asked if the non-represented COLA had been suspended. City Manager Milliman said that it had.

Mayor Anderson generally stated that he felt that anything in this area should be shared equally and not fall on any one segment of employees and this matter would be better handled during the collective bargaining process which will take place next year and that "...for \$32,000, the Council would be buying a lot of ill-will from key employees of the City."

Pieper stated that the COLA had been suspended and asked what motion was needed, unless Council wanted to change direction.

Councilor Gordon asked for clarification and Mayor Anderson stated that the COLA for non-union staff has been suspended and that staff is asking for direction as to how to proceed.

Councilor Gordon asked if this would be for the 2.3% or 3% COLA.

Mayor Anderson stated that this would be part of the motion.

Mayor Anderson moved, Councilor Dave Gordon seconded, and the motion failed, 2 to 3, to direct staff to follow the Budget Committee's recommendation to the Council to honor the 2.3 COLA for non-union employees, with Mayor Anderson and Councilor Gordon voting "Yes," and Councilor Hodges, Councilor Hedenskog, and Councilor Pieper voting "No."

Mayor Anderson asked for a motion to amend the agenda to allow a Public Comment request that was received after Council had moved past this item.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to allow the Public Comment [at this point in the agenda].

Public Comment

Barbara Nysted, 427 Buena Vista Loop, read a letter addressed to Council regarding burning, generally stating that, on June 21st, her house filled up with smoke from a permitted open burn near her home; that she is concerned about the effects of open burns due to health issues; and is against allowing construction burns. She requested that burning within City limits be revisited by Council with opportunity for public input and that she be given advance notice of that meeting. Her letter is on file with the agenda packet.

Mayor Anderson stated that it was his understanding that construction burning was not allowed and that there had been no change in City policy.

City Manager Milliman said he would research the matter.

Consent Calendar

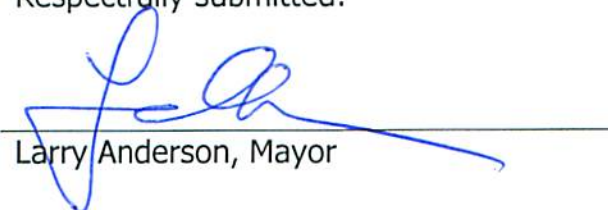
1. Approval of Council minutes for June 14, 2010.
2. Approval of Council minutes for June 28, 2010.
3. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation minutes for May 27, 2010.
4. Acceptance of June, 2010, Vouchers in the amount of \$489,111.09.

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 the Agency voted unanimously to adjourn by voice vote at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 27th day of July 2010:

Joyce Heffington, City Recorder