

MINUTES
City of Brookings
Common Council Meeting
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415
Monday, October 13, 2008

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Staff present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Senior Planner Donna Colby-Hanks, Public Works Director John Cowan, Public Works Foreman Tim Rettke, Administrative Services Director Patti Dunn, City Attorney John Trew and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Other present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice and approximately 10 public.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Anderson recognized Public Works Foreman Tim Rettke for 5 years of service to the City and proclaimed the month of October as Community Planning Month; Planning Commission Chair Hedda Markham accepted the proclamation.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to accept Stanley Baron's resignation from the Budget Committee and directed staff to advertise the vacancy.

Mayor Anderson announced the presentation by the U.S. Forestry Service of a plaque recognizing the City for its generosity and ongoing support of the Wheeler Ridge bombing site.

Public Hearings

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing in the matter of File LDC-11-08, revisions to Chapter 17.52, General Commercial, (C-3) of the Brookings Municipal Code at 7:10pm.

Under ex parte, Councilor Hedenskog declared a conversation with an auto dealer the extent of which was to encourage the dealer to attend the public hearing, and Councilor Kitchen declared having a conversation with one of the auto dealers about what was they would like to see happen.

Under personal bias and interest, Councilor Pieper declared that he is a minority stakeholder in a company that owns property on Chetco and resides on Spruce, but did not believe that this presented a bias on his part.

Senior Planner Colby-Hanks reviewed changes incorporated from feedback at the last meeting.

Rick Bishop, PO Box 267, generally stated that he would like his dealership to be a permitted use as it was "back when it started."

Ron Walker, PO Box 8100, generally stated that the change was unfairly made, that staff had a bias against car dealers, and the City "should let the free-market do the housekeeping."

Les Cohen, PO Box 940, generally stated that the display of vehicles is integral to auto sales and suggested that they be "grandfathered in" rather than treated as a conditional use, and that, while

there should be conditions as to what is sold on the main street, he would like to see displays allowed without having to wait for 4 occasions a year to do so.

The public hearing was closed at 7:33pm.

Councilor Pieper generally stated that auto sales should be a permitted use, and that more stringent language was needed regarding the kinds of goods to be displayed on the main street.

Councilor Hedenskog generally proposed that auto dealers be allowed with certain conditions, such as mitigation for noise and lighting, ingress and egress on and off the highway, and limits to hours of operation, in order to protect residents.

Councilor Kitchen generally stated that, while having car dealers in the center of town is not desirable, due to current economic conditions, he would recommend that car dealers have a permitted use.

Councilor Gordon generally stated that he was torn between today's economic climate and the future appearance of the downtown area, but was concerned that car dealers could become a prominent aspect if left unchecked and supported the ordinance as presented.

Mayor Anderson generally stated that he supported language changes to the outdoor display of merchandise but perceived the conditional use of off-site space as being too costly and time consuming of a process and felt that existing auto dealerships should somehow be protected.

City Attorney Trew recommended caution regarding "grandfathering in" a use and against taking any action at this time.

Councilor Hedenskog moved a second followed and Council voted unanimously to refer the matter back to staff to look into provisions for outright use of auto sales in the C-3 zone.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed, and Council voted unanimously to continue the hearing of LDC-11-08, to the next Council meeting on October 27.

Scheduled Public Appearances

Carolyn Milliman, Chair, thanked the City for its support of the 2008 KASPER summer program which served 82 children with 139 volunteers and provided a power point pictorial report.

Liaison Reports

- Councilor Hedenskog attended 1 City related meeting.
- Councilor Gordon attended 2 City related and 1 Drug Free Coalition meeting.
- Councilor Pieper attended 3 City related meetings, the Volunteer picnic and the League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference.
- Councilor Kitchen attended 1 City related and 3 Coos Curry Electric Cooperative meetings.
- Mayor Anderson attended 8 City related meetings.

Regular Agenda

Planning Director Morris provided a brief summary report on the status of Urban Services Agreements.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Council Minutes for September 8 & September 22, 2008.
- B. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes for September 9, 2008.
- C. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Minutes for July 24 & August 28, 2008.
- D. Approval of vouchers for September 2008 in the amount of \$297,827.55.
- E. Approval to cancel November 24 & December 22, 2008 Council meetings due to the City remodel and holidays.

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

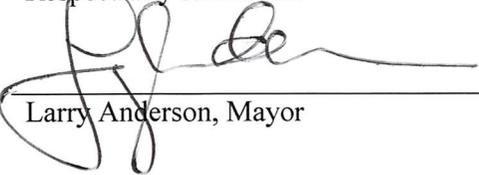
Remarks

Mayor Anderson thanked Coos Curry Electric Cooperative for their donation of \$3,000 toward the communication radio tower and announced that approximately 267 volunteers affiliated with 18 groups donated over 21,000 in service to the City this past year, and that the Volunteer of the Award went to Councilor Dave Gordon for his years of dedicated service.

Adjournment

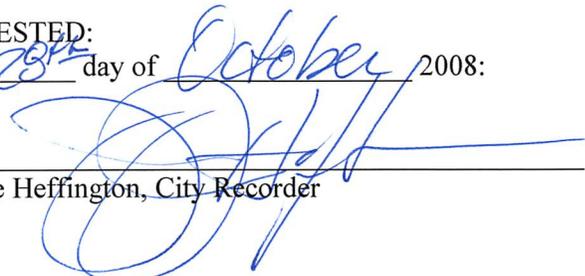
Councilor Hedenskog moved a second followed and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 28th day of October 2008:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder