

MINUTES
City of Brookings
Common Council Meeting
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415
Monday, December 8, 2008

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Anderson, Councilors Gordon, Hedenskog, Kitchen and Pieper; a quorum present.

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Public Works Director John Cowan, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Watson, Police Sergeant Terry Murray, Treatment Plants Chief Operator Ray Page, Attorney John Trew, Police Officer Kyle Kennedy, Communications Dispatcher Jessica Golden and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Other Present: Approximately 30 public and Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice.

Addition to Agenda

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to add the liquor license application for Gallery Restaurants as Item H under the Consent Calendar.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Anderson proclaimed the month of December in honor of the Civil Air Patrol's 67th Anniversary. Commander Scott Bakker accepted on behalf of the Brookings Civil Air Patrol.

Police Sergeant Terry Murray introduced new employees, Police Officer Kyle Kennedy and Communications Dispatcher Jessica Golden.

Mayor Anderson moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to appoint Hedda Markham to Budget Committee Position #2.

Council Liaisons

Councilor Gordon attended one Chamber Marketing meeting, two City meetings, a meeting of the Curry County Commission for Children and Families and a Border Coast Airport Authority meeting.

Councilor Hedenskog attended two City meetings.

Councilor Kitchen attended four Coos Curry Electric Cooperative meetings and one City meeting.

Councilor Pieper attended two City meetings.

Public Comments

Cam Lynn, 17844 Urchin Road, commented on compensation of Police Officers generally stating that low wages have been a problem for many years and that officer compensation might better be considered based on their duties and not what is going on in other areas of the state. In particular, Lynn generally stated Police Officers put themselves at risk in highly dangerous situations and the demands placed upon and authority given to Police Officers is unique.

Both their position in the community and the duties they perform should be factored into compensation related decisions.

Regular Agenda

Public Works Director Cowan reviewed the staff report recommending approval to proceed with the Water Intake Generator Project.

In general, Council expressed budgetary concerns in light of economic downturns and suggested waiting until the audit was complete to afford a clearer picture of the City's financial status and staff presents Council with its plan for handling budget shortfalls.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to table the item until an undetermined time in the future.

Public Works Director Cowan reviewed the staff report recommending approval of a fund exchange with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the 2007 Fund Exchange Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report regarding the budgeted purchase of a new Pumper/Tender for the Fire Department.

Assistant Fire Chief Watson generally stated that, due to its size, the City's current water tender, a tractor/trailer, had to be parked outside and is rapidly deteriorating. Further, Watson stated, the current water tender required a skilled driver, of which there are few. The new pumper/tender would be parked inside.

A representative for KME Fire Apparatus generally stated that new NFPA guidelines coupled with a projected 6% increase could add approximately \$49,000 to the cost of the equipment after the first of the year, and in 2010, new EPA guidelines were expected to add another \$10,000, along with an additional 6% increase to the cost.

City Manager Milliman pointed out that the first payment would not come due until 2010/2011.

After some discussion, Council generally agreed that, while the new equipment's purpose is important, the aging tractor/trailer is still functioning and thus able to complete the City's mission, it would be prudent to delay the purchase until they had a better understanding of the City's financial situation.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to reject all bids for purchase of a new Pumper/Tender.

City Manager Milliman reviewed the staff report regarding the Salmon Run Golf Course Lease Agreement.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amended Lease Agreement with the Claveran Group, LLC, with respect to the Salmon Run Golf Course.

Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of November 10, 2008 Council Minutes.
- B. Acceptance of November 4, 2008 Planning Commission Minutes.
- C. Acceptance of October 23, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes.
- D. Acceptance of October 14, 2008 Traffic Safety Committee Minutes.
- E. Approval of November 2008 vouchers in the amount of \$1,162,478.85.
- F. Approval of Liquor License Application for Bella Italia Ristorante, 1025 Chetco Avenue.
- G. Receive and file General Fund financial summary for October, 2008.
- H. Approval of Liquor License Application for The Gallery Restaurant, 515 Chetco Ave.

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

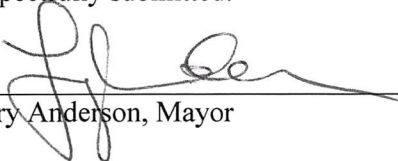
Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Anderson remarked that recent events, including a sewage back-up and a water break, both occurring after business hours, reinforced the need to have staff on call and commended Public Works staff for their efforts. He also remarked that the City Hall remodel was complete.

Adjournment

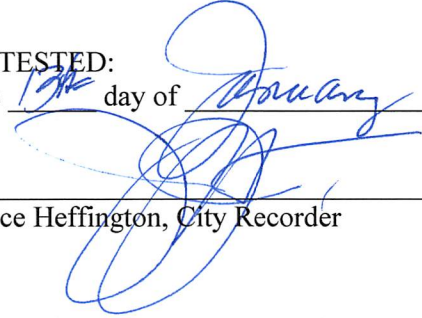
Councilor Kitchen moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 1st day of January 2009:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder