

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

Monday, July 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Cathie Mahon

III. Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Pat Sherman, Council President Larry Anderson, Councilors Jan Willms, Dave Gordon, and Craig Mickelson, Ex Officio Ashley Gimmell; a quorum present.

Staff Present:

City Manager, Dale Shaddox

Public Works Director, Don Wilcox

WWTP Supervisor, Joe Ingwerson

Treatment Plant Operator, Jim Wheatley

and Administrative Assistant, Joyce Heffington

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter, Valliant Corley

Other: approximately 9 other citizens

IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

A. Announcements

Mayor Sherman presented a certificate of appreciation to Jim Wheatley for five years of work with the City. John Wimberly and Mike Wilson also received five year certificates but were not present at the meeting.

V. Scheduled Public Appearances

A. Presentation and discussion of Ordinance No. 93-0-342A (transient room tax)

Don Nuss presented information on the transient room tax in different areas of the state and how its handled. He also cited specific sections of our ordinance and suggested it be repealed and changed to use 50% of the tax for tourism promotion and broaden the use beyond tourism. City Manager Dale Shaddox said we cannot repeal it due to state law and recommended to Council that they look at this ordinance, annually, during goal setting.

VI. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. Chamber of Commerce - NONE
2. Council Liaisons

Councilor Willms attended ½ dozen meetings

Councilor Anderson attended 4 city meetings and 1 school board meeting

Councilor Mickelson attended an Airport Commission meeting

Councilor Gordon attended 2 Curry County Commission for Family and Children meetings, a Port Committee meeting and a few other meetings.

Ex Officio Gemmell attended a school board meeting

Mayor Sherman also attended a few meetings, and received an email from Jim Collis that they need someone from the Council to attend their Habitat meetings. Councilor Willms, depending on the dates, and Ex Officio Gemmell, offered to attend.

B. Public Comment

Dom Petracelli, 538 Cushing Court, spoke on behalf of the Tanbark Neighborhood Association. After thanking the council for helping with several issues in the past, he discussed a problem with an easement off of Tanbark that is being illegally blocked. He requested the City do something about it. City Manager, Dale Shaddox, advised that the City owned that easement and intended to take action by notice.

Cathie Mahon, PO Box 1296, 900 block of Krista Lane along with Joanne Murray, 891 Jodee Lane and Dr. Fillmore Earney, 860 Jodee Avenue, spoke of an ongoing problem with speeders on Fifth Street. At issue, was the lack of speed signs and the possibility of community members in the area paying for signs and speed bumps to help resolve what they view as a dangerous problem. Dr. Fillmore also mentioned the lack of sidewalks along Fifth Street.

Mayor Sherman suggested an educational component might help and wanted to know when the City would get back to the Fifth Street group regarding this issue. City Manager, Dale Shaddox said this situation would be taken up by the Traffic Safety Committee at the next meeting and directed Public Works Director, Don Wilcox, to both look at the design of the street improvement projects in that area and review administrative options and take whatever immediate action could be taken.

VII. Regular Agenda

A. Water Projects – Funding status and request for approval NTP to HGE for design of water system booster station and parallel line projects.

Public Works Director, Don Wilcox, presented the staff report. Councilor Anderson asked if we were replacing or running a parallel line and Wilcox said it would be parallel. As funds are already allocated for this, Mayor Sherman asked if there were any objections to the staff proceeding with this project. There were none and staff was directed to proceed.

B. Approval of City sponsorship with pledge of \$250 for next winter's Brookings/Harbor Health Fair.

Councilor Willms cited that money for this is available in the general fund and that she was applying for a small grant from the Elwood Foundation. Councilor Gordon asked that a list of services be provided and Councilor Willms said she would write this into the grant application.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to accept staff recommendation to sponsor the event and contribute \$250 from the general fund.

VIII. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting of July 10, 2006

B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes

1. Meetings of June 6, 2006 and June 15, 2006

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as published with Councilor Gordon abstaining due to his absence from the last meeting.

IX. Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

A. Council

Councilor Anderson said that it is his opinion that there needs to be a re-evaluation of the current annexation policy in terms of infrastructure/water issues. Specifically he cited a section of the Land Use code that refers to services being "reasonably available," and would like to see more specific criteria for determining whether services are adequate. Discussion ensued with Mayor Sherman agreeing that criteria should be more specific. City Manager Dale Shaddox said staff would review the language and come back to Council with recommendation.

Councilor Gordon commented on ODOT approval for the trees along Chetco Avenue.

Ex Officio Gemmell advised as the correct way to say the Pledge of Allegiance and congratulated Councilor Anderson on being elected to chair of the school board.

Councilor Willms commended Police Chief Wallace for assisting the motorist with the trapped dog.

B. Mayor

Mayor Sherman commented on the PERS rate being lower than projected which results in a \$48,000 cost savings to the City.

X. Adjournment

Councilor Gordon moved and the Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 15 day of August, 2006.



Paul Hughes
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder