

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, August 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pat Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by audience member

III. Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Pat Sherman, Council President Larry Anderson, Councilors Jan Willms and Craig Mickelson; a quorum present.

Council Absent: Councilor Dave Gordon, Ex Officio Ashley Gemmell

Staff Present:

City Manager, Dale Shaddox,

City Attorney, John Trew,

Public Works Director, Don Wilcox

Planning Director, Dianne Snow

Public Works Foreman, Bob Schaefer

Administrative Assistant, Joyce Heffington

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter, Valliant Corley

Other:

Approximately 10 other citizens

IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

A. Announcements

1. *Yard of the Month* – Sheldon and Gro Lent, 520 Redwood Avenue
2. *Most Improved Property* – Chuck and Stephanie Boren, 331 Railroad Street
3. *Commercial Property* – Pancho's Restaurant, 1136 Chetco Avenue

Mayor Sherman announced that Elmer Hitchcock, who served as Mayor from January 1979 to December, 1980, passed away over the weekend. She also asked Don Wilcox, Public Works Director, to speak to the issue of the street lights along Chetco Avenue.

Wilcox explained that the street lights do not meet Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) coding requirements and the irregular placement of a few lights along the Chetco Bridge were due to alignment issues with lines for the force main for the sanitary sewer system. He advised that all problems were anticipated to be resolved in 6 to 10 weeks with the possibility of some additional cost to the City.

Dale Shaddox, City Manager, commented that the non-compliance issues were between ODOT and their suppliers and he anticipated no additional costs to the City.

Mayor Sherman then announced the recipients of the Yard, Most Improved Property, and Commercial Properties of the Month.

V. Scheduled Public Appearance

A. ODOT presentation on the Constitution Way Traffic Congestion Mitigation Study

Thomas Guevara, Project Leader, Region 3 Planning, ODOT, presented information regarding short, mid and long-term solutions resulting from the Constitution Way Traffic Congestion Mitigation Study.

Public Comments:

Don Nuss, 650 Mardon Court, advised of a possible solution that may have been missed by ODOT.

Yvonne Maitland, 15676 Oceanview Drive, asked what assumptions were being used to calculate the growth rate.

Thomas Guevara explained the criteria used.

VI. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. Council Liaisons

Councilor Mickelson attended a Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Sherman attended meetings of Curry County, Work Force Housing, BHEF and the Azalea Park Foundation. She also shared information from the annual Oregon Mayor's Association Conference she attended.

Councilor Anderson attended three City related meetings.

Councilor Willms attended an Azalea Park Foundation meeting and announced the purchase and installation of three new benches at the park.

B. Public Comments

DonNuss, 650 Mardon Court, addressed the Council with follow up to the guest tax issues he addressed at the last meeting, requesting the Council take action to cancel the current contract and open up the subject to public debate.

Dale Shaddox advised that this topic would be on the schedule for a work/study session in January of 2007.

VII. Regular Agenda

A. Discussion and possible action on staff report/proposal by League of Women Voters to provide water conservation education programs for the City of Brookings.

Mayor Sherman announced that the League of Women Voters requested a postponement of their proposal until September or October.

B. Discussion and possible action on proposal to sponsor the Watercolor Society of Oregon with an allocation of \$50.00 from the general fund for this purpose.

Mayor Sherman recommended that the Council support this proposal citing that the Art community has stepped forward to support the town in their own way and asked for a motion for a \$50.00 sponsorship.

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed and the Council voted unanimously to approve a \$50.00 sponsorship for the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

C. Purchase recommendation for Brush Cutter

Don Wilcox presented a staff report recommending the purchase of a 2004 model brush cutter due to the retirement of the current poorly performing brush cutter used for roadside maintenance.

Councilor Willms moved, a second followed and the Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a purchase contract with Western Equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$57,000 for a 2004 John Deer Model 6420 Brush Cutter.

D. Construction Contract Award of 5th Street Public Improvements Project.

Don Wilcox presented a staff report reviewing bids and recommending the award of a construction contract for 5th Street Public Improvements with Hanson Concrete.

Councilor Willms moved, a second followed, and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a Construction Contract with Hanson Concrete LLC for a not-to-exceed amount of \$49,570 for Public Improvements on 5th Street.

VIII. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting of July 24, 2006

B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes

1. Meeting of July 11, 2006

C. Approval of vouchers for month of July, 2006 (\$1,056,807.85)

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

IX. Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

A. Council

Councilor Anderson requested a report from the City Manager regarding the changes and potential additional costs to the City in relation to the street light issues.

Dale Shaddox stated his position that the City would not spend any additional funds to correct a problem that is ODOT's responsibility to resolve and advised he would provide a memo to that effect.

Councilor Willms complemented the new landscaping work done by the Mayor in front of the police department and by professionals in front of City Hall. Councilor Willms also announced she will be running for Council again.

Councilor Mickelson requested that staff address, to conclusion, the 2 strips of land at issue on Tanbark Circle. Discussion ensued and a site review will be scheduled in conjunction with Parks and Recreation.

B. Mayor

Mayor Sherman announced that she had filed to run again for Mayor.

X. Adjournment

Councilor Willms moved, and the Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

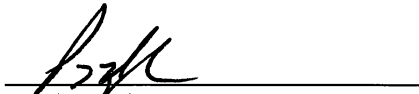
Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman

Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 8th day of September, 2006.



Paul Hughes

Administrative Services Director/City Recorder