

Minutes
City of Brookings
Common Council Meeting
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415
Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and newly elected Councilor, Ron Hedenskog, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Staff: City Manager Dale Shaddox, Administrative Services Director Paul Hughes, Public Works Director John Cowan, Lt. John Bishop, Treatment Plant Chief Operator Joe Ingwerson, Accounts Receivable Clerk Vicki Bailey, Communications Officer Susan Frisch and Administrative Assistant Joyce Heffington

Media: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Tom Hubka

Other: Approximately 27 citizens

Ceremonies

Three Certificates of Appreciation for service to the City were presented by Mayor Sherman. Five year service awards were presented to Communications Officer, Susan Frisch, and Accounts Receivable Clerk, Vicki Bailey, and a fifteen year service award was presented to Treatment Plant Chief Operator, Joe Ingwerson.

Mayor Sherman presented to Administrative Services Director, Paul Hughes, who accepted on behalf of his department and the City, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, 2005, an award bestowed by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States,

Helen May Riccio, Curry County Home Health & Hospice Care Coordinator, was on hand to accept Mayor Sherman's proclamation declaring November as Home Care & Hospice Month.

Appointments

Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilor Anderson and Councilor Gordon to represent the City to the HSD Rate Review Committee.

Scheduled Public Appearance

Jerry Marmon, Environmental Project Manager with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), presented a report on the Environmental Assessment for the Brookings Transportation Solution, which is now available to the public. Marmon advised that ODOT found no significant impact from Alternative 5 to the natural or built environment. The completion of this report allows the City to get on the list for funding of specific projects.

Committee Reports

Chamber President, Les Cohen, pointed out a write-up of Flora Pacific in Oregon Coast Magazine and announced that he has accepted an invitation to serve on the Board of the Southern Oregon Visitors Association (SOVA). Cohen also reported slight increases in visitor numbers and invited volunteers to help set-up the light displays for Natures Coastal Holiday. Cohen stated that the Chamber will be increasing its advertising budget for this event and that, with the collaborative

efforts of the Chamber, the Elks, Rotary and Lions Clubs, the plan is to have the lights up in two days.

Council Liaisons

Mayor Sherman attended a Townhall meeting with the County at the local Library and a meeting with the County Commissioners.

Councilor Gordon attended two special Port meetings, two special Del Norte Airport Commission meetings, and a Drug Coalition summit.

Councilor Mickelson attended a Planning Commission meeting and an Urban Renewal Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilor Anderson attended a Watershed Council meeting and participated in the School Board's self-evaluation process.

Councilor Willms announced that the Health Fair is set for January 20th. Willms also attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and several internal meetings.

Public Comments

Cody Miller and Becky Miller, 97921 Payne Road, and Heather Weckler, 754 1st Street, addressed Council regarding issues related to the Skate Park. Included were requests that Council consider the possibility of "bikers" being allowed to use the Skate Park, the safety of using Internet accessible surveillance cameras to monitor activity at the site, and the fairness of the new ordinance being proposed to enforce Skate Park rules. Cody Miller also provided for the record a written Mission Statement.

Yvonne Maitland, 15676 Oceanview Drive, addressed Council regarding the public's right to know about a "Cease and Desist" order she states was issued by the Army Corp of Engineers to Freeman Rock. She announced that she would return at a later meeting to present the order in full.

Regular Agenda

- Consideration and possible approval of engineering and design agreement for Water System Improvement Projects between HGE Inc. and the City in the amount of \$143,500.

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously, with an advisory vote from Ex Officio Ashley Gemmell, to approve the agreement for design services for Water System Improvement Projects between HGE Inc., and the City, in the amount not to exceed \$143,500.

- Consideration and possible approval to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a loan agreement, not to exceed \$4,000,000, with the Oregon Economic Community Development Department (OECDD).

Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously, with an advisory vote from Ex Officio Ashley Gemmell, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a loan agreement, not to exceed \$4,000,000, with the OECDD.

- Consideration and possible approval to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a loan agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for Biosolids Project.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously, with an advisory vote from Ex Officio Ashley Gemmell, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute loan agreements, not to exceed \$4,000,000, with DEQ for the purpose of funding the Class "A" Biosolids Project.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for October 23, 2006.
- Acceptance of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for September 26, October 3 and October 17, 2006.
- Approval of vouchers for October, 2006 in the amount of \$386,472.31.
- Approval of Liquor License Application for Go-Go's deli/sandwich shop located at 925 Chetco Avenue.
- Approval to schedule council meetings on November 29 and December 18th for the purpose of conducting public hearings.

Councilor Willms moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously, with an advisory vote from Ex Officio Ashley Gemmell, to accept the Consent Calendar as written.

Resolutions

- Discussion and possible approval of resolution 06-R-761, increasing water utility rates effective December 1, 2006, for the purpose of funding the debt service created from the OECDD loan.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously, with an advisory vote from Ex Officio Ashley Gemmell, to approve resolution 06-R-761, increasing water utility rates effective December 1, 2006, for the purpose of funding the debt service created from the OECDD loan.

Remarks

Mayor Sherman advised that she had sought from Council members comments regarding a possible resolution strengthening family and positive outcomes for children and teens. The consensus was that, although its something they support, there was no point in making a resolution without a way to enforce it.

Councilor Anderson remarked that he would like to see the City consider following the recommendation outlined in the Master Water Plan for going to a tiered water billing system.

Ex Officio Gemmell announced that donations of coats, sweaters and shoes were being accepted for the "Clothes Closet" at the high school administration office.

Adjournment

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder
this 30th day of November, 2006:



Paul Hughes
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder