

**MINUTES**  
**City of Brookings**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon 97415  
**Monday      December 11, 2006**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Officer Caleb Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call***Council Present:* Mayor Pat Sherman, Council President Larry Anderson and Councilors Jan Willms, Dave Gordon and Craig Mickelson; a quorum present. Absent was Ex Officio Gemmell.

*Staff Present:* Administrative Services Director Paul Hughes, Lieutenant John Bishop, City Attorney John Trew and Administrative Assistant Joyce Heffington

*Media Present:* Tom Hubka, Curry Pilot

*Other Present:* Approximately eight other citizens.

**Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

Mayor Sherman announced that Fire Chief Bill Sharp was unable to attend the meeting and so the recognition of Department of Public Safety Standards Training (DPSST) earned by Fire Department Volunteers would be moved to a later date.

Lieutenant John Bishop introduced new employee, Police Officer Caleb Johnson.

**Scheduled Public Appearances**

Frank Van Meter, Curry County Veterans Service Officer, presented information on services available to Curry County veterans and the assistance offered by him to help veterans access these services. Van Meter also announced that he is currently available to assist local veterans at the Elks Lodge each Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Sherman requested a motion to add a item for reconsideration of an item acted upon at the December 7, 2006 meeting.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to add the reconsideration of an item acted upon at the December 7, 2006 meeting.**

**Council Liaisons**

Councilor Anderson attended five City related meetings and two meetings of the School Board.

Mayor Sherman attended a Special City Council meeting, the City's Holiday Open House, and a meeting of the South Coast Drug Free Coalition (SCDFC).

Councilor Mickelson attended a Coos Curry Douglas Development Corporation meeting, a Chamber Marketing meeting and a Planning Commission meeting.

Councilor Gordon attended the City's Holiday Open House, the Special City Council meeting, the SCDFC meeting, a Chamber Marketing meeting and Del Norte Airport Marketing Meeting.

Mayor Sherman reviewed the new Public Comment form.

**Regular Agenda**

A. Discussion and possible approval for City donation of \$50-\$100 from the Council Community Relations line item of the General Budget for the Bruin "Safe and Sober" campaign.

Mayor Sherman presented a proposal for a City donation of \$50-\$100 from the Council Community Relations line item of the General Budget for the Bruin "Safe and Sober" campaign.

**Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve a donation of \$100 for the "Safe and Sober" Campaign.**

B. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding attached memo from Mayor Sherman proposing possible partnership with Curry County to share the costs of accomplishing necessary street improvements on Railroad using available dollars from the City's Street System Development Charges Fund, Street System Replacement Fund and Street Maintenance Fund. Any financial decision on this matter will be made at a future meeting.

Larry Aslinger, 439 Buena Vista Loop, Brookings, addressed Council with questions and concerns regarding Regular Agenda, Item B. and presented a four page document for the record. Generally, Aslinger requested that the City pass a resolution removing Railroad Street from the list of streets requiring improvements by property owners until a master plan for improving Railroad Street is developed and approved by the City Council as it is not in the best interest of the public.

Mayor Sherman, in response to comments made by some people in the Community that the Council doesn't care about kids, stated that the Council cares very much about kids and that the Council tried very hard during the quasi judicial public hearing to find a solution that would work for the County while obeying the laws of the Federal, State and local government, to which the City Council is bound.

Mayor Sherman next presented information addressed in the memo which was included in the Agenda packet. In general, the memo introduced the possibility of the City partnering with the County in a public-public partnership. This partnership would entail the City sharing equally in the cost of completing the necessary street improvements.

Council discussion ensued and Mayor Sherman asked for a sense of direction from the Council. Generally, Council directed Mayor Sherman to see if there is interest in pursuing a partnership before further exploring the issue.

C. Reconsideration of decision from December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to have Councilor Anderson and Mayor Sherman enter into and negotiate an agreement with Dale Shaddox for consulting services.

Councilor Anderson advised he did not have time with the limited time frame imposed by City Manager Dale Shaddox's scheduled to fulfill this commitment and asked that another Councilor take his place, noting that Councilor Gordon had expressed interest.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to reconsider the motion from the last meeting authorizing Councilor Anderson to work with Mayor Sherman to enter into and negotiate an agreement for consulting services of Dale Shaddox.**

**Councilor Willms moved to appoint Councilor Gordon to replace Councilor Anderson to work with Mayor Sherman to enter into and negotiate an agreement for consulting services of Dale Shaddox.**

#### **Consent Calendar**

A. Approval to hold special Council meeting on December 19, 2006 for the purpose of holding public hearings.

B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes for meetings of November 7 and November 14, 2006.

C. Approval of vouchers for November, 2006 in the amount of \$574,429.05.

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

**Remarks**

Mayor Sherman remarked on an invitation from the Del Norte Board of Supervisors to enter into joint governance of the Del Norte County Airport. City Attorney John Trew was asked about the legality of such an agreement. Trew remarked he would need to review the request and explore the issues before offering advice. However, Trew advised it was in theory possible for the City to enter a compact with another state. Councilor Gordon advised that he had made it clear that the City would have no funds to bring to such a venture. Discussion ensued and Mayor Sherman advised she would get together with Councilor Gordon and write a letter in response, asking for more information.

Mayor Sherman also remarked on the possibility of Council considering a City ordinance, at some future date, prohibiting the feeding of pigeons and seagulls within City limits.

Councilor Gordon commended the Water Treatment Department on the great report it received from the Department of Environmental Quality.


Councilor Anderson thanked Mickelson for his many years of service to the City, adding that Mickelson would be missed. Councilor Anderson also remarked that City Manager Dale Shaddox, in resigning his position with the City, was leaving the City in a better position than that in which he had found it and wished him well.

Councilor Willms added her thanks to that of Councilor Anderson's [for Councilor Mickelson's years of service], reiterating that Mickelson would be missed.

**Adjournment**

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted by voice vote to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Pat Sherman  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder  
this 11 day of January, 2006:

  
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Paul Hughes  
Administrative Services Director/City Recorder