

CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
February 28, 2005 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 Joyce Heffington
- III. Roll Call  
Council Present: Mayor Pat Sherman, Council President Larry Anderson, Councilors Frances Johns Kern, Craig Mickelson, and Dave Gordon, a quorum present.  
  
Council Absent: Ex Officio Councilor Wes Enos  
  
Staff Present:  
City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Police Lt. John Bishop, Communications Officer Joyce Heffington, and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker  
  
Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Brian Bullock  
  
Other:  
Chamber of Commerce President Les Cohen and approximately 13 other citizens
- IV. **Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**  
A. *Ceremonies*  
1. *Proclamation—National Red Cross Month*  
Mayor Sherman presented a proclamation to Karen Degenais proclaiming March as National Red Cross Month in Brookings. Degenais accepted the proclamation and introduced Red Cross team members Barney Mason, Shirley Mason, Sarge Piper, Shirley Sheffel, and Bryon Newton, District Director. Newton said he was extremely proud of the Brookings team which is the largest in the district. He urged those present to support fundraisers for the Red Cross one of which was happening as he spoke: Bella Italia Ristorante was hosting a fund raising dinner.  
  
Although not on the agenda Mayor Sherman presented a proclamation to Councilor Johns Kern who accepted it on behalf of the Chetco Senior Center which will be celebrating its 25-year

anniversary Sunday, March 6. Johns Kern is currently vice-president of the organization and she invited all present to attend the ceremonies beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day.

Since Chief Wallace was in attendance at the meeting Mayor Sherman took time to comment on his ten-year anniversary with the City. Wallace was home sick at the last Council meeting and received his certificate when he returned to work. Sherman announced she hopes he stays fifty years.

**B. *Announcements***

**1. *Introduction of Joyce Heffington, new Police Department Communications Officer***

Chief Wallace introduced Joyce Heffington who has been working as a Brookings police dispatcher for approximately three weeks. Heffington said she and her husband moved to Brookings last October and she felt fortunate to apply and get a job as a communications officer. She said the job is very challenging and she is working with a great team.

**V. *Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience***

**A. *Committee and Liaison reports***

**1. *Chamber of Commerce***

Chamber of Commerce President Les Cohen was at the Pacific Northwest Sportsman Show at the time of the last meeting when erroneously the Chamber's annual report was listed on the Council agenda. Administrative Secretary Barker said Cohen had requested the annual report be on the February 28 meeting and she had, in error, added it to the meeting of February 14. Cohen said the time lag had given him the opportunity to review the report. He recapped it for the Council and said he is looking forward to another good year. The Pacific Northwest has the highest gas prices in the nation yet he said our visitor counts keep growing, perhaps because more people are taking shorter trips.

Last weekend he was at the Jackson Outdoor and Sportsman Show promoting both the Beachcombing Festival and the Salmon Derby.

Azalea Festival planning is underway. He reminded everyone to attend the Beachcombers Festival March 19 and 20 at Azalea School.

**2. *Council Liaisons***

Mayor Sherman said she attended the Mayor's Day at the Capitol, February 23, and met with Senator Kruse, Representative Krieger and her old friend, Senator Schrader. On February 24 she attended

a luncheon and later attended a town hall meeting with Representative Peter DeFazio.

Councilor Anderson attended the school board meeting and participated in interviews for the new Public Works Director.

Councilor Gordon attended a Port Commission meeting and the L.P.S.C.C. (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council) meeting in Gold Beach.

*B. Unscheduled*

Rex Atwell, 17169 Parkview Drive, spoke of his concern of the safety to children on the Parkview Drive/Dodge Avenue loop. He feels 35 mph is too fast and the speed limit should be reduced. City Manager Blodgett will contact the County Road Department to see who has jurisdiction on speed limits in the area.

**I. Staff Reports**

*A. Police Department*

*1. IES Interactive Training*

City Manager Blodgett recapped the staff memo requesting permission to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$65,950. The funds were donated to purchase a fully interactive stimulated judgmental trainer. Police Chief Wallace and Lt. Bishop answered Council questions on the use of the trainer. As the donor has requested, the equipment would be offered to all law enforcement departments in the area, including northern California. The portable unit will need an area approximately 10' X 20' although a larger space would be more desirable. Owning the unit will save a lot of travel time as the training is required by the State of Oregon.

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$65,950 to purchase IES Interactive Training.**

*2. Surplus Vehicles*

City Manager Blodgett said there are five city vehicles stored at the Wharf Street site that need to be declared surplus in order to be destroyed. There has been interest in one of them, the old VIPS car, which could be placed on public sealed bid. If no acceptable sealed bid is received then he requested this vehicle also be placed on the surplus list. The vehicles would be hauled away as scrap if they are declared surplus.

**Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to list the following city vehicles as surplus: VIN # 2FALP71W7TX197927, VIN # 2FALP71W2SX157320, VIN # 1FTBR10C1GUA63951, VIN # F60BRB50709, and to place one vehicle (VIN # 1G1BL5371PR123861) out for public sealed bid. If no sealed bid is received this vehicle will also be declared surplus.**

B. City Manager

1. *Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce special requests for 2005 Azalea Festival*
    - a. *Request to consume alcohol on city property-Azalea Park Chamber Mixer*
    - b. *Other requests*
- City Manager Blodgett said the Chamber's requests are basically the same as in past years.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce's request for permits and waivers of certain requirements for the upcoming Azalea Festival.**

3. *ODOT Cooperative Improvement Agreement*

City Manager Blodgett said ODOT is scheduled to make improvements to Highway 101 beginning Fall 2005. Undergrounding of utilities and street lights were requested by the City. The Cooperative Improvement Agreement requires the City to pay up to \$25,000 of the cost to place utilities underground and the City would pay up to \$55,000 for the increase cost of decorative lighting versus standard lighting. The underground utilities and decorative street lighting are part of the Downtown Master Plan and Urban Renewal Plan so the cost can be paid with Urban Renewal funds. Alternate funding sources could be out of the Street Funds in the budget.

Council Anderson asked about sidewalks north of Fifth Street on the east side of Chetco Avenue. Blodgett said existing sidewalks will be replaced and there will be new sidewalks to Arnold Lane. Anderson also asked about undergrounding the utilities from Fifth to Arnold as the City's share for the portion from Alder Street to Fifth was a very enviable price. He said from a planning standpoint this is an opportunity that if missed may not be available again. Blodgett said he will contact ODOT about this possibility and the costs involved.

**Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Cooperative Improvement Agreement with ODOT with the understanding that possible amendments could be made at future dates.**

4. *Other*

City Manager Blodgett thanked Councilor Anderson and Community Director Ed Wait for assisting in the interviewing process for the new Public Works Director position. He said a decision should be coming next week.

VII. *Consent Calendar*

A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*

1. *Minutes of February 14, 2005, regular Council meeting*

*End Consent Calendar*

**Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and the Council voted 4-0-1 (Councilor Mickelson abstaining as he was not at the February 14, 2005, meeting) to approve the Consent Calendar as written.**

VIII. *Remarks from Mayor and Councilors*

A. *Council*


None

B. *Mayor*

None

X. With no further business before it, the Council adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

  
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Paul Hughes  
Finance Director/City Recorder