

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
April 12, 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 School Superintendent, Chris Nichols.

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: None

Staff Present:

City Manager Leroy Blodgett,
Community Development Director Ed Wait
Administrative Secretary Linda Barker
Administrative Assistant Donna Colby-Hanks

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Brian Bullock

Other:

Approximately 70 other citizens

IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

A. Ceremonies

1. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Debbie Fries

Sgt. Cooper introduced Debbie and Mayor Sherman presented a certificate of appreciation to her for 15 years of service.

2. Proclamation – National Volunteer Week

Chris Nichols, Brookings School Superintendent, accepted a proclamation declaring April 17 through April 23, 2005 National Volunteer Week. Ms. Nichols thanked all the volunteers for their work and encouraged everyone to volunteer.

B. *Announcements*

1. *Introduction of New Public Works Director, Walt Cook*
Leroy introduced Walt Cook's position as part of the reorganization of the City of Brookings. Walt said it was a 25 year journey to get here and he feels this is a great opportunity.
2. *Introduction of New Administrative Assistant, Donna Colby-Hanks*
Leroy introduced Ms. Colby-Hanks and she stated she was ready for the challenge.
3. *Yard of the Month/Most Improved Property for April*
Doug and Dottie Doane at 426 Memory Lane, received the honors for Yard of the Month. Walt and Lidiya Jurczenko, 301 South Hazel Street, were awarded the Most Improved Property award.

Mayor Sherman informed the audience the city will begin a Commercial Property of the Month award. She requested citizens of the community either stop by city hall or phone in their nominations.

V. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

A. *Committee and Liaison reports*

1. *Council Liaisons*
Councilor Mickelson attended the Tsunami Summit in Salem and OCZMA where members discussed ocean reserves for rock fish.

Councilor Anderson attended a watershed meeting, an emergency preparedness meeting, and a community agencies meeting.

B. *Unscheduled*

Sherman asked for a show of hands for speakers who would like to speak on transportation solutions or on the bio-solids issue. She instructed the transportation issue input would be under unscheduled and bio-solids would be later on the agenda.

Speaking to the Highway 101 solutions transportation issues:

Patti Patterson, 445 Pine Street, Brookings, was concerned about the future if Alt. 5 were chosen.

Rex Atwell, 17169 Parkview Drive, Brookings, was concerned with speed limits and safety of shoppers.

Mel Bonham, P.O. Box 2819, was concerned with the loss of parking for businesses and felt Alt.4 was the best choice.

Terry Patterson 609 Chetco Ave., Brookings, favored Alt. 4 as it didn't affect parking and visitor safety as much as Alt. 5.

Elliot Schwarz, P.O. Box 6667, Brookings, stated he felt Alt. 4 was a better solution than Alt. 5. However, he thought Alt. 6 (Railroad Avenue would become HWY 101) offered some advantages.

Cindi Beaman, P.O. Box 8002, Brookings, was concerned with the results of the telephone surveys and asked the Council to reconsider its decision.

Dan Nachel, P.O. Box 1238, Brookings, was concerned that Alt. 4 would destroy elderly couples' homes and add a higher volume of traffic by the library.

K.C. Erb, P.O. Box 425, Brookings, was concerned with infrastructure keeping up with growth. He felt Alt. 4 would be better able to handle the traffic.

Jim Benson, 315 Memory Lane, Brookings, was concerned with the loss of homes and the increase in truck noise as results of Alt. 4

Joyce Tromble, 825 Midland Way, Brookings, felt Alt. 4 would be the most pedestrian and parking friendly.

Bev Nachel, P.O. Box 1238, Brookings, stated she felt the people of Brookings didn't want the couplet and discussed projects to improve the area with Alt. 5.

Tim Patterson, P.O. Box 82, Brookings, felt Alt. 6 would have the greatest potential to fulfill the vision of studies done in 2000 and 2002. Patterson felt Alt. 4 would be better than Alt. 5.

Jeff Holmes, 17350 Holmes Drive, Brookings, felt Alt. 5 would be better able to handle the increase in traffic expected in the future.

Pete Chasar, 935 Marina Heights Road, Brookings, felt parking concerns could be addressed and was more concerned with the expense. He felt Alt. 5 was the best choice.

Marianne Runyan, P.O. Box 6537, Brookings, was concerned with the speed limits not being increased and felt if Alt. 4 was used there would be no way to go back.

Leslie Wolf, 17440 Bluff, Brookings, was in favor of Alt. 6 but would vote for Alt. 4 over Alt. 5 as she felt it would be easier to move the traffic.

Yvonne Maitland, 15676 Oceanview Drive, Brookings, was in favor of Alt. 5 and encouraged everyone to do something for the community.

Barbara Nysted, 427 Buena Vista Loop, Brookings, stated concerned citizens needed to be involved from the beginning of the process and was disappointed this was being revisited.

Jim Collis, 17346 Holmes Drive, Brookings, stated knowledgeable people would make the necessary recommendations and he would like to see each Alt. temporarily installed to see how well they functioned.

VI. Staff Reports

A. *Public Works Department*

1. *Award of Bid for Dump Truck*

City Manager Blodgett reviewed the staff report.

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to accept the bid for a Sterling Truck by Papé Machinery in the amount of \$62,600.00.

B. *City Manager*

1. *Biosolids Disposal Alternatives*

Mayor Sherman announced public input had been submitted previously and only information regarding the alternatives was being requested. City Manager Blodgett reviewed the staff report.

Jerry Jacopetti, 1049 Wharf Street, Brookings, expressed his concerns about the proximity of the site to the water intake. He stated our greater responsibility is to health and welfare of the community and we should err on the side of protection.

Tamara Pettinger, 239 Memory Lane, Brookings, stated she was representing friends with small children and these problems have been ignored for many years. Her biggest concern was the site being next door to the drinking water.

Cam Lynn, P.O. Box 1334, Brookings, stated the decision needs to be based on facts. He said the idea of spreading the bio-solids close to water makes people uncomfortable; however, he interpreted the facts to show there was no problem.

Brian Berny, 99800 South Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings, stated it doesn't make sense to apply bio-solids anywhere near the water.

Doug Lewis, 17886 Rainbow Rock Road, Brookings, requested the issue be voted on using facts not emotion and expressed concern with the additional fuel needed to haul the bio-solids to Grants Pass.

Vince Strauss, 312 Maple Street, Brookings, questioned spending money on a solution when the facts don't show we have a problem.

Ed Gross, 177 Julia Way, Brookings, stated he is a retired soil scientist and has heard very little factual information. He explained the breakdown process of bio-solids.

Keith Smith, 99590 North Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings, stated his ranch, a 3rd generation operation, has been using bio-solids as a fertilizer for 25 years. He didn't feel the application created an odor or fly problem and suggested more testing.

Tim Patterson, P.O. Box 82, Brookings, stated he drives the Gardner Ridge Road four times a week and there was a very strong odor last summer.

Tom Moody, 550 Velopa Court, Brookings, stated people have moved next to a farm and don't like the odor. He suggested the issue be decided using the facts.

Marianne Runyan, P.O. Box 657, Brookings, suggested people should go to the farm and observe the bio-solids being applied and requested qualified people determine whether this resource was safe to use by the farmer.

Frank Dunn, 315 South Hazel, Brookings, stated the decision needs to be made after reviewing the facts. He doesn't believe there is a problem with the water which comes from the north fork.

Stuart Ehrenreich, 97666 North Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings stated there was a lack of adequate water testing and there were not a lot of facts. He explained the testing was accomplished only during high water and the water flows fluctuate greatly. He suggested whatever alternative was voted on needs to be coupled with more intense testing.

Susan Lynch, 99544 North Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings, stated she felt it was unwise to continue to use this site and problems with the accuracy of facts make it difficult to choose an alternative.

Jim Benson, 315 Memory Lane, Brookings, questioned the reason for the discussion as there was not a problem. He stated other contaminants are put in the river by bears, raccoons, and salmon.

Frank Smith, 97882 Marks Lane, Brookings, stated he did not see any problems with the river and questioned the expense of hauling bio-solids out of town. He stated burning the bio-solids as more costly but more effective in the future.

Lorie Wraith, P.O. Box 6645, Brookings, stated she lives on Gardener Ridge and the odor was much worse this past summer. She suggested the best alternative would be to dewater and haul to Grants Pass.

Pauline Olsen, 317 Memory Lane, Brookings, stated the garden club visited the site the day after the bio-solids were spread and didn't recall any odor.

Jeff Holmes, 17350 Holmes Drive, Brookings, stated the bio-solids should not be spread close to the city well. He suggested adopting the program of hauling if an appropriate site couldn't be found.

Kathleen Tomko, 318 Memory Lane, Brookings, felt the problem wouldn't be solved by changing the program and more testing needed to be done.

Kim Stubbs, 16905 Crown Terrace, Brookings, was concerned about the safety of the drinking water and felt more tests needed to be completed.

Mayor Sherman requested a five minute recess at 9:13 pm and the meeting reconvened at 9:21 pm.

Mayor Sherman closed the meeting to public testimony. Steve Wilson, Brown and Caldwell Consultants, Paul Kennedy, DEQ bio-solid expert, and Jon Gasik, Medford DEQ attended the meeting to answer questions from the Council.

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to further explore alternative 3.1 (dewater and haul bio-solids to Grants Pass) and bring back an implementation plan to the April 25, 2005 City Council Meeting.

Gasik stated he would contact the appropriate person regarding the formation of a Well Water Protection Committee.

A recess was taken at 10:35 pm and the meeting reconvened at 10:41 pm.

2. *Relief from damages caused by unscheduled water turn-off—Elliot Schwarz, Suzy Q's Bakery*
City Manager Blodgett reviewed staff report. Elliot Schwarz and the Council discussed the cause of the damage to Suzy Q's Bakery.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to pay damages in the amount of \$801.46 to the claimant.

VII. Consent Calendar

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
 1. *Minutes of March 28, 2005, regular Council meeting*
- B. *Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes*
 1. *Minutes of February 24, 2005, regular Commission meeting*
 2. *Minutes of March 16, 2005, special Commission meeting*
- C. *Approval of vouchers for the month of March, 2005, (\$434,836.72)*

End Consent Calendar

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

VIII. Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders

- A. *Resolutions*
 1. *Resolution No. 05-R-735, a resolution recommending Alt. 5 as the preferred alternative for the Downtown Brookings-Highway 101 Transportation Solution*

Council discussed the community and their concerns with Alternative 5. Mayor Sherman stated the Stakeholders Committee studied all the issues, pros and cons and gave their recommendation.

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, the Council voted 2-3 (voting for: Councilor Anderson and Mayor Sherman; voting against: Councilors Johns Kern, Gordon, and Mickelson) to approve 05-R-735 (a resolution recommending Alt. 5 as the preferred alternative for the Downtown Brookings-Highway 101 Transportation Solution) as written. Motion failed.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed, the Council voted 3-2 (voting for: Councilors Mickelson, Gordon, and Johns Kern; voting against: Councilor Anderson and Mayor Sherman) to recommend to PDT to follow Alternative 4. Motion carried.

2. *Resolution No. 05-R-736, a resolution support initiating the formation of a Countywide Public Transit Service District*

City Manager Blodgett reviewed Countywide Public Transit Service District Resolution.

Councilor Anderson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to support, 05-R-736, initiating the formation of a Countywide Public Transit Service District.

IX. Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

A. *Council*
None

B. *Mayor*
None

X. Adjournment

With no further business before it the Council adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Pat Sherman
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 26 day of April, 2005.



Paul Hughes
Finance Director/City Recorder