

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
April 28, 2003 7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Linda Barker

III. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Bob Hagbom, Council President Rick Dentino, Councilors Larry Curry, Frances Johns Kern, and Craig Mickelson, a quorum present.

Council Absent: None

Staff Present:

City Manager, Leroy Blodgett and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

Other:

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Les Cohen,
And 4 other citizens

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Announcements

1. Proclamations

- a. *Back to School Week—April 28-May 2* – Kalmiopsis School Principal Chris McKay accepted a proclamation declaring April 28 through May 2 as Back-to-school Week in Brookings. Mayor Hagbom expressed the Council's appreciation of the invitation to a luncheon and tour of the school on April 30. McKay said sixteen visitors will tour the new school buildings and the old school. Second-graders will sing during the luncheon. Saying there was no reason to wait for back to school week, McKay remarked the school hosts groups all year long, such as VIPS and Smart Readers. All parents are invited twice a year.

- b. *National Pet Week—May 4-10* – Trish Gowman –Trish

Gowman from Town and Country Animal Clinic accepted a proclamation declaring May 4 through 10 as National Pet Week in Brookings. She outlined activities that are scheduled that week, including a coloring contest, pet food drive to benefit the South Coast Humane Society and Curry County Animal Shelter, and children fingerprinting and animal paw printing. On May 10 there will be a barbeque and petting zoo. She thanked the business community for their generous contributions this year.

V. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. *Chamber of Commerce*—Executive Director Les Cohen, saying that he had been coming to these meetings for 12 years, reported the Chamber held a planning workshop this past weekend and established the business plan for their fiscal year 2003/2004. New board members Lori Botnen, Daryn Farmer and Tim Patterson were elected and Marilyn Deards and Violet Burton were reelected. Azalea Festival planning is on line with only four weeks to go before the festival. Care of Leadership Vista has been taken over by the Kiwanis Key Club. The high-school aged members have installed a new sign and are very enthusiastic about the project.

Mayor Hagbom congratulated Cohen and Peter Spratt on the award recently presented by the Tourism Industry Council of Oregon to America's Wild Rivers Coast marketing program. The marketing consortium received the coveted Gene Leo Memorial Award for their regional marketing efforts to attract visitors to the natural beauty, wilderness area, quiet beaches, wild rivers and premier coastal experiences of the Southern Oregon-Northern California Coast.

Cohen added the America's Wild Rivers Coast board has scheduled a day-long retreat to plan for the future. He said the local Chamber of Commerce is showing an increase in membership while other Chambers state-wide are having trouble with declining memberships and revenues. This past month the Chamber board approved eleven new memberships. City Manager Blodgett said according to emails he receives, many cities and chambers don't have good working relations and he appreciates that we do in Brookings.

2. *Council Liaisons*
Mayor Hagbom called upon the Councilors before the Chamber's report, above, was given.

Councilor Johns Kern attended last Monday's school board meeting and a Pelican Bay Prison Advisory Council meeting. She said the Lions Club recently received a letter from the middle school seeking donations so the band can participate in a Jazz Festival in Reno, Nevada.

Councilor Dentino attended two Borax team meetings, one with the Board of Realtors and the other with city staff. He worked the Rotary Track meet on Saturday and participated in a Sewer Rate Committee meeting with Harbor Sanitary District representatives. He accompanied Councilor Curry to a Coos Curry Douglas Regional Budget meeting in North Bend.

Council Curry attended the CCD Budget meeting in North Bend.

- B. *Unscheduled*
None

VI. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. *City Manager*

1. *Sewer Rates*

City Manager Blodgett said it became apparent after the April 3rd public meeting on sewer rates that most citizens understood the need to increase sewer rates with some differing opinions on how the rates should be structured. Currently there is a higher rate for single-family residences than for multi-family residences. Stating staff has no preference either way, he gave proposed fees using different monthly rates for Single-family (\$37.95) and Multi-family (\$30.36); and even rates for both (\$35.95). In response to Councilor Johns Kern's question about basing sewer fees on water usage, Blodgett said this could penalize those doing a lot of outside watering as this water does not go into the sanitary sewer system but the storm water system.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to direct staff to prepare a final report and ordinances to be presented at a public hearing supporting a single rate for both Single-family and Multi-family residences.

3. *Other*

Blodgett reported the Sewer Rate Committee met today with Harbor Sanitary District. Only one small item has yet to be agreed on. That should be dealt with within a week or so.

The City's Budget Hearing will be held April 30 and the Downtown Development Committee will meet April 29. The Committee is writing a new downtown business district zone, setting building, architectural and parking standards. This draft code has been the subject of two meetings and one or two more will be required before the draft is complete.

The Council will decide at the first meeting in May whether to change the date of the May 26th meeting or to cancel it. May 26 is Memorial Day (and Blodgett's birthday).

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Port tomorrow for the new fueling station and public fishing dock. Afterwards there will be a reception in the Port's commercial complex.

Finally Blodgett told the Council that Public Works Supervisor Dennis Barlow will be retiring as of April 30

VII. CONSENT

A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*

1. *Minutes of April 14, 2003, Regular Council Meeting
(end Consent Calendar)*

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to accept the Consent Calendar as printed.

VIII. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

A. *Council-None*

B. *Mayor*

Mayor Hagbom and Blodgett made a trip to Salem last week, meeting with state legislators, ODOT officials and the Assistant Director for the Oregon Economic Development Department and attending a Coastal Caucus. Items of discussion included HB 2267 regarding tourism taxes; 911 revenue; transportation funding packages and legislative sessions. Oregon is one of only three states where the legislature is in session only every second year.

Hagbom continued that meetings with Borax for the development of their newly annexed lands are positive. Borax indicates they have had good success with wells producing copious quantities of water. Their system

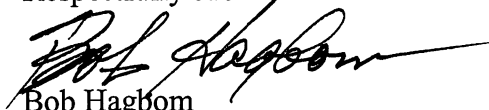
will loop into the city water system and includes large water storage planned for the north end of town.

Hagbom also addressed misinformation regarding the Urban Growth Boundary and the City's role in enforcing land use laws in the area. The City works with Curry County in those areas but until they are annexed they are under County controls. The City, through the Planning Commission, is given an opportunity to comment on development in UGB areas but this input is just that and the County can choose to implement the City's comments or not. UGB lands requiring a Master Plan are subject to City standards, which are more stringent than those of the County, and approval of the Master Plan must be given by the City before owners may develop the land.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before them, Councilor Dentino moved and the Council agreed unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 15 day of May, 2003.



Paul Hughes
Finance Director/City Recorder