

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
September 8, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled meeting, a joint work session was held with the Planning Commission. Ingrid Weisenbach, Long Range Transportation Planner with ODOT along with Ron Hughes, Region III Access Management Engineer gave a presentation on the Access Management Plan. In attendance were Mayor Hagbom, Councilors Dentino, Johns Kern, Mickelson and Curry; Planning Commission Chair Gorman, Commissioners Freeman, Gilmore and Collis; Planning Director Bischoff; Curry County Planning Director Young, City Manager Blodgett and Administrative Secretary Barker. Representing the media was David Courtland, Curry Coastal Pilot.

City Manager Blodgett said the City and ODOT had been working together on an Access Management Plan (AMP) and a final draft had been prepared by ODOT. Weisenbach explained that access management provides access to land development while preserving the safety and efficiency of the transportation system. Hughes explained the importance of access management in safety terms saying the focus of state highways is mobility and recognizing in communities that we must get people onto these highways. Therefore access must be balanced with mobility. As some current access points will be closed ODOT representatives have been meeting with property owners since spring to keep them a part of the process. The AMP is for the area from the Thomas Creek Bridge to the Dot Martin Bridge on the Chetco River but discussion at this meeting primarily centered on the area within the City Limits. ODOT will absorb costs of repositioning existing access points for existing buildings. If the couplet is approved an AMP for Railroad Street will also be done.

ODOT will bring this draft plan to the city for consideration in November, on the 4<sup>th</sup> to the Planning Commission and on the 24<sup>th</sup> to the City Council. Curry County will also have to approve that portion of the plan within their jurisdiction which includes the Urban Growth Boundary. The AMP may be done in the form of an amendment to the Transportation System Plan or it may be in the form of an intergovernmental agreement. The ACM must be completed before the OTEA project or we could loose funding. The joint meeting concluded at 6:53 p.m.

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the regular Common Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen.

### **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, Summer Recreation Program Director Pam Callaway and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

Other:

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, and approximately 10 other citizens.

### **IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

#### **A. Announcements**

1. *Proclamation-National Emblem Club Week*  
Eight members of the Brookings Emblem Club accepted a proclamation from Mayor Hagbom declaring September 14 through September 20 as National Emblem Club Week.
2. *Acceptance of Certificate of Appreciation from Vietnam Veterans of America*  
Jerry Hartzell, President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 557 presented the City with a framed certificate of appreciating thanking the City for its support of veteran projects in past year. Mayor read the certificate aloud stating he is very proud of the relationship of the two entities.
3. *Yard of the Month/Most Improved Property of the Month*  
Mayor Hagbom announced winners for Most Improved Property and Yard of Month. Signs will be placed in the yard of the Most Improved Property, Ed Oar and Peggy Sullivan, 204 Cedar Street. Yard of Month goes to Dolor and Alvina Almeida at 862 Jodee Lane. These properties were nominated by citizens in the area.

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

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

1. *Chamber of Commerce*  
Chamber Executive Director Les Cohen addressed the Council with a short report. Over the Labor Day weekend Cohen manned a State Fair booth promoting the Brookings-Harbor and the Wild Rivers Coast areas. An electronic kiosk is up and running outside

the Chamber office. It provides information on lodging, dining, and area attractions. Cohen said this could be a proto type for a similar touch-activated kiosk in the down town area. He stated tourism continues to show strong numbers for this season and Chamber membership has exceeded all previous expectations for renewals and new members.

2. *Summer Recreation Program report-Pam Callaway*

The Summer Recreation Program Director for the second year, Pam Callaway, reported on program activities held this summer. She said the location at Azalea Middle School was wonderful with plenty of room, inside and out. She presented a budget summary which is attached and made part of these minutes.

3. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor Mickelson attended a Chamber of Commerce promotions committee meeting September 8.

As liaison to the School District, Councilor Johns Kern attended an oversight committee meeting and toured the three new school buildings and then the next morning attended a continental breakfast to welcome new school employees. She went to the Community Agencies meeting last Wednesday.

Councilor Dentino attended the Community Agencies meeting, participated in the annual flag raising ceremony at Kalmiopsis School, an airport expansion meeting and the work session with the Planning Commission just before this meeting. He also took part in the Family Fun Fair at Gold Beach over weekend.

Councilor Curry attended the Community Agencies meeting which was one of most interesting ones he had attended for a long time, due in part to the comprehensive report given by the director of Curry Transit. Curry also attended a Crimestoppers meeting Thursday morning, and finished the day by attending a Chetco Watershed Council that evening.

Johns Kern thanked the committee who worked hard to make the Volunteer/Employee Appreciation Picnic so successful.

Mayor Hagbom reported he had gone to the Mayor's Annual Conference in LaGrande and then on to Alaska for halibut fishing. He spent last week in Washington DC with the City Manager where they met with all three Oregon legislators: Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden and Representative Peter DeFazio. The legislators seem committed to helping the City obtain better

medical service for the Brookings-Harbor area. The two attended Police Chief Wallace's graduation from the FBI Academy after meetings with the legislators.

City Manager Blodgett remarked he had the privilege to spend time with the Mayor on Hagbom's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- B. *Unscheduled*  
*None*

## VI. Staff Reports

- A. *City Manager*
  - 1. *Other*

Blodgett said an OSHA inspector was here today and in a surprise visit toured all the City facilities. At the conclusion of the visit the inspector reported Brookings is one of best operated cities he has ever seen. He concluded it is well run and the employees do a great job. He had about a page of suggestions while most inspections result in 12-20 pages of violations.

Blodgett reported the Salmon Derby held over Labor Day weekend was a resounding success even with its short planning period.

## VII. Consent Calendar

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
  - 1. Minutes of August 25, 2003, regular Council meeting
- B. *Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes*
  - 1. Minutes of July 24, 2003, regular Commission meeting
- C. *Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes*
  - 1. Minutes of August 5, 2003, regular Commission meeting
  - 2. Minutes of August 12, 2003, work-study session
- D. *Approval of Vouchers for month of August, 2003 (\$206,201.15) (End Consent Calendar)*

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

## VIII. Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

- A. *Council*

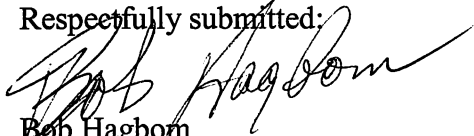
Councilor Dentino noted September 14 will be last AMF concert this season with the Humboldt State Marching Lumberjacks performing.
- B. *Mayor*

*None*


**IX. Adjournment**

At 7:45 p.m., Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Bob Hagborn  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 24 day of Sept., 2003.

  
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Paul Hughes  
Finance Director/City Recorder

**City of Brookings Summer Recreation Program 2003  
Budget Summary  
9/8/2003**

<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
	<b>Expended</b>	<b>8,494.00</b>

<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>\$11,700.00</b>
	<b>Expended</b>	<b>4,951.52</b>

<b>Total Income (Fees)</b>		<b>\$3,174.00</b>
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<b>Total Refunds</b>		<b>\$212.50</b>
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**Pam Callaway  
Director, Summer Recreation Program 2003**