

**CITY OF BROOKINGS**  
**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415**  
**September 29, 2003**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Luci LaBonte

**III. Roll Call**

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

Council Absent: Frances Johns Kern

Staff Present:

City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Finance Director Paul Hughes, and Economic and Urban Development Director Ed Wait

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

Other:

Curry County Commissioners Lucie LaBonte and Ralph Brown  
And approximately 25 other citizens

**IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements**

None

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

None

**VI. Staff Reports**

*A. Police Department*

*1. Purchase of Vehicles*

City Manager Blodgett said the Police Department has budgeted \$40,000 for new police vehicles to replace its aging fleet. Staff recommended entering into an agreement with Chetco Federal Credit Union over four years to purchase five vehicles. Blodgett stated the City did not go through the traditional bid process as these vehicles would be purchased from Auto Additions, Inc. which is approved through the State bidding process.

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to enter into a loan agreement with Chetco Federal Credit Union to purchase five police vehicles from Auto Additions, Inc. in the amount of \$153,437.95.**

**B. *City Manager***

**1. *Improved Health Care Presentation***

Mayor Hagbom said findings show that the Brookings Harbor area has the largest population in Oregon without a hospital so acute medical needs are not being met in the area. He and City Manager Blodgett traveled to Washington DC and met with Oregon's legislators to discuss health care in the area. They received favorable responses from the legislators. Working with the Office of Rural Health a utilization study was done to help determine if a hospital was warranted in the area and based on the information submitted the Office of Rural Health established a hospital is warranted. Questions such as how to pay for it, where it would be located, or who would build or run it are unanswered. City Manager Blodgett with the aid of Economic and Rural Development Director Wait, Finance Director Hughes and Mayor Hagbom then gave a Power Point presentation outlining the need for and options of securing a hospital for the area. He said the next step would be preparing a Statement of Need where all the unanswered questions will be addressed. Comments were taken and questions from the public were answered. Blodgett stated the public will be continually informed on this subject through the media.

No action was taken on this matter.

**2. *Other***

**VII. *Consent Calendar***

None

**VIII. *Ordinances/Resolutions/Final Orders***

None

**IX. *Remarks from Mayor and Councilors***

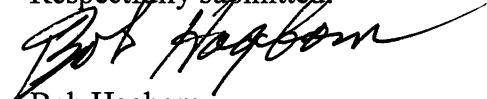
**A. *Council-none***

**B. *Mayor-none***

**XIII. Adjournment**

With no further business before it the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Hagbom  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 14 day of October, 2003.



Paul Hughes  
Finance Director/City Recorder