

CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
January 13, 2003
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
Council President Larry Curry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Police Lt. John Bishop
- III. Roll Call
Council Present: Council President Larry Curry, Councilors Frances Johns Kern, Craig Mickelson, and Rick Dentino, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Mayor Bob Hagbom, excused

Staff Present:
City Manager Leroy Blodgett,
Community Development Director Leo Lightle,
Finance Director Paul Hughes,
Police Lt. John Bishop
Officer Marvin Parker, School Resource Officer
and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

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

IV. Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

A. Appointments

1. Election of Council President for Calendar Years 2003-2004

City Manager Blodgett read into the record a memo from Mayor Hagbom recommending Councilor Dentino for Council President for years 2003 and 2004.

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to elect Councilor Dentino as Council President for calendar years 2003 and 2004.

Councilor Curry introduced Councilor Mickelson as the newest member of the Council, being elected in the November 2002 general election. Mickelson thanked the voters and stated he looks forward to the next four years of service.

2. Traffic Safety Committee
Lt. Bishop introduced Officer Parker who explained the focus of the traffic safety committee and who had been nominated to be on the committee. Those nominated are: Don Tilton, representing the Chamber of Commerce; Chris McKay, representing School District 17-C; and members-at-large Phil Abbott, Jim Watson and Hope Hansen.

**Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed and the Council voted unanimously to appoint the following members to the Traffic Safety Committee:
Don Tilton, representing the Chamber of Commerce
Chris McKay, representing School District 17-C
Members-at-Large Phil Abbott, Jim Watson and Hope Hansen.**

3. Urban Renewal Advisory Committee
City Manager Blodgett recommended the Downtown Development Committee, which worked hard and gave much direction to the Downtown Master Plan and Urban Renewal Plan, be dissolved and the same group of individuals be appointed to an Urban Renewal Agency advisory committee.

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed and the Council voted unanimously to dissolve the Downtown Development Committee and create the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee consisting of members Jay Patel, Linda Kelley, Tim Patterson, Bryan Scott and Tom Kerr.

4. Budget Calendar and appointment of Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2003/2004

Council President Curry recommend Finance Director Hughes be appointed Budget Officer for Fiscal Year 2003/2004. City Manager Blodgett noted the Budget Calendar printed in the agenda had one date that had been changed. The Council Goals work session has been changed to Friday, January 24. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Brookings Inn Best Western Conference Center.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint Finance Director Paul Hughes as Budget Officer and approve the Budget Calendar with the change of date for the Council Goals Session to January 24.

5. Rate Committee

City Manager Blodgett explained that a Rate Committee reviews present rates for water, sewer or other fees and makes recommendations to the Council if changes are needed. The City has an agreement with Harbor Sanitary to have a rate committee to make recommendations for sewer rate adjustments. This committee has not been active for several years. To reactivate the committee each entity must appoint two members. Blodgett recommended appointing Councilors Dentino and Mickelson to the committee. The first meeting of the committee is set for January 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint Councilors Dentino and Mickelson to the Sewer Rate Committee.

B. Announcements

1. Introduction of new Police Department employees, Officers Michael Lane and Keith Rebman
Lt. Bishop introduced new police officers: Michael Lane and Keith Rebman. Both officers are from the Portland area and have served police departments there. Lane is from Forest Grove and moved to Brookings with his wife and three children. Rebman is also from Forest Grove and finds Brookings appealing with its nice weather and small town feel. Both officers commented that the Brookings Police Department is very progressive and very involved in community activities.

V. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. Chamber of Commerce
Executive Director Les Cohen reviewed recent history of the Beachcombers Festival which will be held on March 22 and 23. He requested the City waive sandwich board sign requirements and allow the Chamber to place two signs, one at each end of the City, from March 18 through March 23. He said the signs would be placed each morning and removed at dusk each night.

City Manager Blodgett stated the sign ordinance does not require a permit for signs for events of a community-wide nature but said a motion to waive the permit would be welcomed.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to allow the Chamber of Commerce to place two sandwich board signs, one at each end of Brookings, to advertise the Beachcombers Festival during the period of March 18 through March 23.

2. Council Liaisons

Councilor Mickelson attended the school construction open house. He was also reminded that he attended the swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected Councilors, he being one of them.

Councilor Johns Kern was at the Community Agencies meeting, the school construction tour, the Chamber forum, and the swearing-in ceremony. She thanked the voters for re-electing her and said she will do her best. She commented the money spent on the school construction has been wisely used and invited all to view the buildings upon their completion.

Councilor Dentino worked in Nature's Coastal Holiday, attended the swearing-in ceremony, Community Agencies meeting, and a Children and Family Services advisory meeting. In the Mayors place, he and City Manager Blodgett attended a SWACT meeting in Coquille.

Councilor Curry attended the Community Agencies meeting, Chetco Watershed Council meeting and the farewell dinner for Nancy Corrigan. Corrigan worked for the City's Finance Department for nearly 16 years before moving to Portland. Her last day was January 10. He was also at the swearing-in ceremony.

B. **Unscheduled**

Don Nuss, 815 Mardon Court, Brookings, congratulated newly and re-elected members of the Council. He asked if Councilors had received a letter from his attorney Paul Pierson. Each responded they had. He asked for a response. There was none.

He responded to statements made by Peter Spratt, Councilor Dentino and Mayor Hagbom at the last Council meeting. Council President Curry reminded Nuss of the five-minute comment period. Nuss said he has lots of evidence and information that demands an end to the Chamber's promotion contract with the City. He felt an overall solution is to change the transient tax and promotions contract. Citing Gold Beach and other cities' systems as examples, he proposed the City would co-sign all checks for promotion expenditures. He gave each Councilor a copy of Oregon non-profit laws. He also gave a copy of a recall petition to Councilor Dentino.

VI. Staff

A. City Manager

1. Chinese New Year—request for closure of Cottage Street
City Manager Blodgett read a request from George and Letty Lee to close a portion of Cottage Street from Pacific Street eastwardly to the end of the Lee's Dragongate Restaurant parking lot for the annual Chinese New Year celebration and to set off a single line of firecrackers during the event.

Councilor Johns Kern moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to close a portion of Cottage Street on February 8 and allow setting off a single line of firecrackers during the Chinese New Year celebration and to allow the street closure for the alternate dates of February 15 and 22, and March 1 if necessary.

2. Downtown Development Plan and Plan Appendix
City Manager Blodgett reported, after one year in the making with many community meetings and input from a broad range of stakeholders, the Downtown Master Plan and Plan Appendix was completed. If adopted by the Council these documents would become guidelines for urban re-development in the downtown area. Posters shown in the Plan are being copied in color and will be distributed in an 11" X 17" size to businesses. Larger copies will be on display at City Hall and the Chetco Community Public Library. He recommended approval of the Downtown Master Plan and Plan Appendix.

Councilor Mickelson moved, a second followed, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Brookings Downtown Master Plan and Master Plan Appendix.

3. Other—nothing

VII. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of December 16, 2002, Regular Council meeting
- B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of December 3, 2002, regular Commission meeting
- C. Approval of Vouchers for month of December, 2002 (\$297,672.26)
- D. Liquor License approval for "The Snug" (End Consent Calendar)

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

VIII. Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

- A. Council
Councilor Johns Kerns welcomed Councilor Mickelson to the Bench and congratulated Councilor Dentino for his election to the Council President position. She thanked Councilor Curry for the job he has done for the past twelve years as Council President.


Councilor Curry offered a bit of advice to Councilor Dentino, saying the Council President's position is the easiest job he's had, especially with Mayor Hagbom at the helm.

- B. Mayor-absent

IX. Adjournment

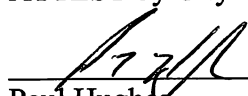
Councilor Mickelson moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. By a unanimous voice vote the entire Council concurred.

Respectfully submitted:



Rick Dentino
Council President

ATTEST by City Recorder this 29 day of January, 2003.



Paul Hughes
Finance Director/City Recorder