

**CITY OF BROOKINGS**  
**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
March 11, 2002  
7:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by the Honorable Judge Richard L. Harper

**III. ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Bob Hagbom, Councilors Frances Johns, Rick Dentino, and Ex-Officio Student Councilor Noël Connelly, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Council President Larry Curry and Councilor Lorraine Kuhn, both excused due to illness

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, City Attorney John Trew, Finance Director Paul Hughes, Finance Department Accounting Specialists Nancy Corrigan, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Police Lt. John Bishop, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Reporter Susan Schell from the Curry Coastal Pilot Newspaper

Other: approximately 8 other citizens

**IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Announcements**

1. Fifteen Years of Service - Finance Department Accounting Assistant Nancy Corrigan/March 2, 1987  
Finance Department Accounting Assistant Nancy Corrigan was acknowledged for her fifteen years of service with the City of Brookings. Finance Director Paul Hughes not only expressed his own appreciation for Nancy's loyalty and dedication, but read a prepared statement provided to him for the occasion by

prior Finance Director Bev Gasper. ( a copy of the statement is included as a part of these minutes)

**V. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- A. UMPQUA Community Development Corporation (Umpqua CDC) Representative Ernie Luna - "one stop" regional housing collaborative  
Umpqua CDC representative Ernie Luna presented the regional housing center concept to Council. The Center would provide low and moderate-income households with services such as first-time homeowner programs, housing rehab programs, weatherization, and down payment assistance. He noted this regional concept leverages CDBG funding to obtain additional funding from other sources that allows the participating entities access to funding which may have been difficult to obtain in the past. The concept has been implemented in several regions of the State and is currently being developed for Coos and Curry Counties. Various agencies have come together to support Umpqua CDC in managing the programs. Due to recent lobbying for funding, he asked for the City's immediate support in form of a letter of intent to participate for their grant application purposes. There will be more formal documentations for the future. City Manager Blodgett acknowledged his long term successful working relationship with Luna and recommended Council approve a letter of support. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Dentino moved, with a second following, and Council unanimously approved sending a letter of support provided by city staff with the intent of becoming a SOCHOP (South Oregon Coast Housing Opportunities Provider) provider.

- B. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 757 - Secretary Steve Dryden  
VVA member Steve Dryden of Brookings requested the City to donate \$750 toward the purchase of fireworks for their 7<sup>th</sup> annual sponsorship of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display at the Port of Brookings-Harbor. Some discussion ensued, including details of this years celebration which will include food booths and entertainment.

Councilor Dentino moved, a second followed, and Council unanimously approved a donation of \$750 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 757 to purchase fireworks for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

**VI. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- A. Committee and Liaison reports  
1. Chamber of Commerce  
There was no report

2. Council Liaisons

Councilor Dentino attended the Port of Brookings-Harbor Commissioners meeting, an American Music Festival meeting, the Community Agencies meeting at the Chetco Senior Center, the Governor's Community Solutions Team breakfast meeting, and participated in last week's Immersion Week organized by the RBF Consulting's Urban Design Studio. Also, on behalf of the Mayor, he attended a SWACT meeting in Roseburg, and on behalf of Councilor Kuhn, the Planning Commission. He will attend the Harbor Sanitation District meeting tomorrow.

Councilor Johns attended a three hour 17C School meeting and also participated in the Immersion Week. She also set up for the Community Agencies meeting at the Chetco Senior Center.

Ex-Officio Councilor Noël Connelly reported the golf season had started and that she was on the team. Also, her Sophomore Class recently raised \$900 for the class.

Mayor Hagbom recalled his and Council President Curry's involvement last year with the Girl Scouts whereby the scouts sent individual hand made cards to our military personnel overseas. Hagbom read a letter received from USAF Col. Stephen L. Wolborsky thanking Curry, Hagbom and the Girl Scouts for the "wonderful cards your city government and Girl Scouts sent to my deployed airmen." (His letter is made a part of these minutes.) Hagbom encouraged the citizens to write our military service personnel. Mayor Hagbom relayed information secured at the recently attended Mayor's meeting, which included the increased costs and lowered income for city governments. He stated 65% of the communities in the State of Oregon have a smaller population than Brookings, and encouraged the involvement of youth in our community. He concluded with praising our current youth involved on our City Council, Planning and Parks & Recreation Commissions.

B. Unscheduled

Citizen Don Nuss of 808 Pioneer, Brookings, complimented Council on Urban Design Studio Workshop. He continued with reading a public petition regarding the Chamber's use of bed tax dollars. City Manager Blodgett stated the Chamber of Commerce had a contract whereby no bed tax dollars were used for promotion of the recently produced Brookings Brochure and that it was paid for by purchased ads in the brochure. Nuss argued.

There was no further unscheduled communications from the audience.

**VII. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. City Manager**

**1. Regional Marketing Effort**

City Manager Blodgett presented the staff report regarding regional marketing efforts being made by the cities, counties, ports, and Chamber of Commerce's of Curry and Del Norte counties. He recommended Council support the recommended marketing efforts.

Councilor Johns moved, a second followed, and the Council unanimously approved to support marketing of Curry and Del Norte counties as a region. And, use of the 'America's Wild Rivers Coast' brand in ways to support the regional marketing effort.

**2. Other**

Blodgett reported on the Governor's Community Solutions Team meeting made up of State Department Heads (ODOT, DEQ, LCDC) and the Governor's office itself, of which fourteen (14) were in attendance and discussed the challenges facing our City, the Oregon Coast and our State. The team appreciated our City's input and stated they wanted to help us with our efforts to deal with these challenges.

He reported the Downtown Development Committee's Immersion Week went great. It was a good process and ended with participants being asked if anyone got everything they wanted, the answer being NO; if anyone got some parts they wanted, all raised their arms; and if anyone could support the project 100% - all raised their arms. Everyone present had an opportunity to give input and in about six weeks, the Urban Design Team will be back with a draft plan.

Blodgett also reported the Parks and Recreation Commission's Parks Master Plan project is in the making and they would be asking for public input with a community wide survey and a similar public workshop.

**B. Municipal Court**

**1. Judge Richard Harper - Annual Report**

Judge Harper gave an over view of the Municipal Court's Annual Report. Richard L. Harper is the department head and the clerk is Sharon Ridens. Court is held on the third Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m., unless Court demands scheduling for a different time or date. Only City Ordinance violations are cited in to this Court. All active prior cases are monitored by the Clerk, and addressed as time allows regarding financial obligations,

probation obligations, alcohol treatment obligations, etc. Failure to comply results in sanctions on defendants' drivers licenses and eventually being brought in to Court to address their non-compliance or phone calls from the defendants, because they wish to clear their driving records.

Receipts are received in two forms. One is the result of new charges by our officers cited into the Circuit Court in Gold Beach and the other is from efforts of the Municipal Court's monitoring of existing files and new City Ordinance violations. The calendar year 2001 brought in \$15,101.54, from the State Courts, and \$3,297.00, from the accounts receivable collections - totaling: \$18,398.54. More time given to the monitoring of the prior active Court cases, could result in additional income. Our Municipal Court docket for 2001, included City ordinance violations regarding control of domestic animals and dog bites, noise control, burning, youth curfews, skate board issues, and scattering rubbish.

There were no questions from Council.

C. City Attorney

1. Annual Report

Briefly, City Attorney John Trew discussed his routine obligations, but stated "Brookings is never boring." Blodgett stated he appreciated Trew's responsiveness and the relationship has been good and productive.

**VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of February 25, 2002, Regular Council Meeting

B. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

1. Minutes of January 24, 2002, regular Commission Meeting

C. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes

1. Minutes of February 5, 2002, Regular Commission Meeting

D. Approval of Vouchers (\$149,385.38)

(end Consent Calendar)

**Councilor Johns moved, a second followed, and the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as presented.**

IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

A. Council

There were no additional comments from the Council.

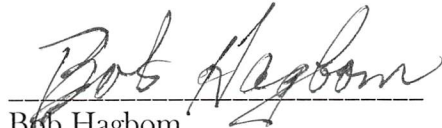
B. Mayor

There were no additional comments from Mayor Hagbom.

XII. ADJOURNMENT


Council and Mayor Hagbom unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom  
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 26th day of March, 2002



Paul Hughes  
Finance Director/City Recorder



Nancy

Corrigan

March 2, 1987

prepared  
stunt read  
at 3/11/02  
cc mtg

Seldom do we have the opportunity to work with individuals who are consistently committed to giving their best. Consistency is one of the most desired traits in a coworker, and one of the most elusive. Nancy has been this for the City of Brookings for fifteen years. Those rare individuals who choose to commit and perform at a higher standard are priceless, and Nancy has done this for all of us who have worked with her at the City. Fifteen years ago, after interviewing Nancy for a new position with the Finance Department, I knew immediately that she was the right person for the position. I followed her down the hall calling her name as she was leaving, and she actually turned around in amazement looking at a person who had just "professionally" interviewed her and was now chasing her and yelling her name! This started a 15 year relationship which will last a lifetime. I think it was her integrity that made the decision to hire her so easy ~ we have been so fortunate to have her and have never for a moment been sorry for this decision. Not only is she very knowledgeable and helpful to everyone, she is loved by all who know her. No small feat...

The only criticism that I have of Nancy is that she is somewhat colorblind early in the mornings, or easily distracted. One morning she came to work with one blue shoe and one black shoe. The really awful part about it was that none of us noticed till Nancy noticed later in the day when the sun rose enough for her to see her feet!! ☺ I think there was one other time she just wore her house slippers to work. I guess she figured we wouldn't notice that either.

All in all, I want to give Nancy my heartfelt thanks in appreciation for many, many wonderful years in service to the City of Brookings. My only regret is that I can't be there with her tonight, March 11, 2002, to thank her in person. I only hope that all present may understand and also appreciate the goodness, dedication, and absolute rare individual that you have in Nancy.

Sincerely,

Beverly Gasper



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
28TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING-ENDURING FREEDOM  
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Colonel Stephen L. Wolborsky  
Vice Commander, 28<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing  
APO AP 96490

Mr. Larry Curry  
City of Brookings  
898 Elk Dr.  
Brookings OR 97415

Dear Mr. Curry

Thank you for the wonderful cards your city government and Girl Scouts sent to my deployed airmen. I cannot tell you how heartwarming it is for our folks to get such kind letters from the home front when we are so far away from home ourselves. It is wonderful and reassuring to know the American people are fully behind us as we continue the fight against terrorists and those who support them.

While I do not know how long the war will last, or how long we will be deployed, I do know we are fighting for a very worthy cause. Please let the children know that we appreciate them and will work to our utmost to make this a better and safer world for them as they grow up.

God Bless you and God Bless America!

Sincerely

STEPHEN L. WOLBORSKY, Colonel, USAF

P.S. Please pass my thanks also to "Mayor Bob"—the cards did not have his last name.

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PC - Mayor  
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