

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
September 23, 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 Fire Chief Bill Sharp

III. ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: none

Staff Present:

City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Fire Chief William Sharp, Building Official LauraLee Gray, and Administrative Secretary Linda Barker

Media Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter David Courtland

Other:

approximately four other citizens

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Ceremonies

1. Proclamation-National Fire Prevention Week-October 6-12, 2002
Mayor Hagbom presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Bill Sharp, recalling the local tragedy of the 2001 Holidays when a family without working fire alarms in their home lost three members in a fire caused by a candle left burning when the family retired. Chief Sharp noted that burn barrel usage is now allowed by permit until 10 a.m. No open burn permits are being processed. These regulations are county-wide.
2. Proclamation-National Domestic Violence Awareness Month-October, 2002

Alice Maybee from the Oasis Shelter House in Gold Beach accepted a proclamation from Mayor Hagbom who declared October to be Brookings Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Maybee thanked the city for their support and added the program now includes an outreach program with nearly as many enrollees as are being seen at the shelter. The program is making a difference in the community and male volunteers are working at the shelter and are on the board of directors. She presented posters to the Council to place in the front window of houses during the month of October. These posters read "Domestic Violence has no place in our Community." Oasis House has a candlelight vigil planned during October at the Port of Brookings-Harbor. The date will be announced at a later time.

B. Announcements

1. Recognition of Jeremy McVeety, R.A.R.E. Intern

City Manager Blodgett recognized Jeremy McVeety. Last year the City entered into an agreement to get a Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) intern. McVeety was chosen by the City for the one-year internship which he completed last week. At a workshop on GASB34 it was noted we are far ahead of most communities of similar size in this project and that is mainly because of McVeety's work. While interning at the City, McVeety worked on the Downtown Master Plan, Urban Renewal Project, Parks Master Plan and assisted many departments in other projects. McVeety thanked staff, council and the community for the welcome he received and urged the City to engage another RARE intern when the opportunity presents itself.

V. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Committee and Liaison reports

1. Chamber of Commerce

No report

2. Council Liaisons

Councilor Kuhn attended the community picnic on September 22. This City/Kiwanis co-sponsored event was a wild success with 600 hot dogs, 590 ice cream cones, 400 pieces of cake, and many cups of Pepsi being served. As president of Kiwanis, Kuhn said she put in approximately two weeks of planning and turned out a wonderful event which can be bigger and better each year. Mayor Hagbom thanked Councilor Kuhn for her efforts.

Councilor Johns Kern went to a planning training session which she said was

very interesting. She also attended the School Board meeting September 16 and reminded other Councilors that each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. a tour of the school construction project is made and they are invited to join the group.

Councilor Curry also attended the planning training session which made him realize how much the Planning Commissioners have to consider when making land use decisions.

Councilor Dentino attended two September 11 memorials, one at the Port of Brookings-Harbor and one in Crescent City, a telecommunications board meeting where members agreed to apply for federal funding, and the final American Music Festival concert for this season. He added the planning training seminar was the third one of this type he had attended and he still learned new things at the session.

Mayor Hagbom attended two September 11 functions, one in the Brookings area and the other in Del Norte County. Even with the cold foggy weather there were tremendous crowds at the memorial ceremonies and both were very well done. The communities will pursue having these memorials each year.

Mayor Hagbom added an invitation to an October 15 luncheon and a tour of the prison is being extended to the Council and the Curry County Commissioners by the Warden of Pelican Bay Prison.

B. **Unscheduled**

Tim Patterson, PO Box 82, Brookings OR 97415, congratulated McVeety on the projects he has been involved with during his RARE internship. Patterson would like to see a study or a committee formed to review current downtown parking regulations stating the current enforcement is unevenly enforced.

Mayor Hagbom said construction on the downtown parking lot will be started next week. City Manager Blodgett added the Downtown Development Committee will be meeting soon and can address subjects such as parking. Patterson asked if, in the meantime, the City would consider not enforcing downtown parking. Blodgett responded that parking regulations are enforced when complaints are received and these complaints are usually from a business owner in the area. Rather than tickets it is mostly warnings that are issued.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

- A. City Manager
 - 1. Other

City Manager Blodgett asked the Council to encourage middle and high school age students to enter an essay or poster in the *If I were Mayor, I Would...* contest sponsored for the third year by the League of Oregon Cities. Students are to submit their entries to the City of Brookings by October 11 after which the submittals will be sent to LOC. Prizes for the contest are a Gateway computer and a \$500 savings bond.

Earlier this evening Mayor Hagbom signed construction contracts for the downtown parking lot. The lease agreement between Dr. Rush and the City for Dr. Rush's parking lot is signed and Freeman Rock should start construction this week. In the year since the City took possession of the property the existing buildings were demolished and removed, leases were signed with Dr. Rush and the construction project designed. This parking lot is a positive step and combined with Kerr Ace Hardware's construction, parking in the downtown area will be a lot easier in the future.

The Pioneer Road project is near completion. With the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks children won't have to walk in streets and ditches to get to school.

Blodgett stated he met with representatives of the Seabees, the construction battalion of the U.S. Navy, on Saturday, September 21. The Seabees will be providing much of the labor for the new concession/restrooms building at Azalea Park. The City received a \$45,000 grant which, coupled with the free labor by the Seabees, will allow the City to construct a nice facility.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will address park security at their next meeting. Both Police Chief Wallace and Fire Chief Sharp will be attending the meeting.

Blodgett remarked that Frances Schroeder, Administrative Office Assistant, has been doing a great job on the monthly City newsletter. The September issue is in proof stage and will be going out Friday.

ODOT has entered an objection to the City's adoption of Ordinance No. 02-O-548, periodic review. ODOT wanted to insert language that would commit the City to do a traffic analysis on the north and south ends of the Urban Growth Boundary. As a division of ODOT is already involved in a traffic study of this area a proposed ordinance change will insert language to commit ODOT to complete the study.

To investigate concerns that have been raised on stop sign placement and controlling traffic around schools, Fire Chief Sharp, Police Chief Wallace, Community Development Director Lightle and City Manager Blodgett observed traffic around the schools and found it is very congested for about 15 minutes before school starts with buses delivering students, other students walking, and cars going in all directions. The school does not have an adequate plan to address this congestion. Hann Lee, traffic engineer, was contacted to do a traffic analysis. The City and School District will share the \$3,500 cost of a study to develop a traffic plan. This will be a two to three week project for Lee.

Councilor Dentino and City Manager Blodgett will attend a LOC Legislative Committee Meeting Thursday and Friday in Tualatin.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of joint City Council/Curry County Commission Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of August 30, 2002, Meeting
 - B. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of September 9, 2002, regular meeting
- (end Consent Calendar)

Councilor Johns Kern moved, it was seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

VIII. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

City Manager Blodgett remarked the agenda for the LOC Annual Conference needs to be looked over and session choices turned in soon. The meeting is held in November but registration needs to be completed by mid-October.

- A. Council
 - None
- B. Mayor
 - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

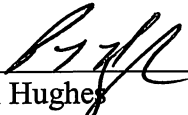
Councilor Kuhn moved, it was seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 15 day of October, 2002.



Paul Hughes
Finance Director/City Recorder