

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
March 26, 2001
7:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

III. ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: Councilor Rick Dentino, excused

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Wastewater Treatment Plants Chief Operator, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Shelley Jelinek, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Planning Commission Chair Richard Gyuro, and approximately 7 other citizens.

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Appointments

- 1. Planning Commission Position No. 4***
- 2. Planning Commission Position No. 6***

Mayor Hagbom submitted the names of Richard Gyuro and Vikki Nuss to be reappointed to the Planning Commission for Positions No. 4 and 6.

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to re-appoint Richard Gyuro and Vikki Nuss to Positions No. 4 and 6, respectively, of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hagbom thanked applicant Charles Stanton, who was present, for his sincere interest in serving the citizens of Brookings.

V. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A. *City Engineer Richard Nored of HGE, Inc. - Water System Master Plan and Water Conservation Management Plan presentation*

City Manager Leroy Blodgett introduced City Engineer Richard Nored of HGE, Inc. to provide a brief summary of the Water Ststen Master Plan and Water Conservation Management Plan. Mayor stated he would want to schedule a work-session for the near future to address these issues.

Nored advised Council a preliminary draft had been furnished approximately one year ago, then a finalized draft, and recently a final report was provided. At this meeting, the presentation is a highlight summary of what the final report says. This study provides a water system master plan and water conservation plan. Nored stated this is the first comprehensive analysis of the water system in Brookings, since 1976, and first comprehensive layout of water service level boundaries. Service level boundaries are important to assure water pressure to all residents of Brookings. Nored proceeded to present breakdown of needs and where those needs will take us for the future.

Discussion ensued, but Hagbom discussed the Harbor community's water use effecting our water system, which will be brought up at the future work session to be planned.

VI. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. *Committee and Liaison reports*

1. *Chamber of Commerce*

Executive Director Les Cohen of 324 So. Hazel, Brookings, was pleased to report the successful resurrection of the Beachcomber's Festival. He stated there were over 1000 people in attendance, and sees the festival becoming better each year. Cohen felt the time factor of Spring Break for schools in Oregon and California contributed this year and will in the future, for the success of this festival. He reported citizens had expressed their pleasure of the whale lights, which were a demonstration project. The time duration for the project has been extended through the month of May. Cohen ended his report by extending an invitation to the Council for April 7, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., for the dedication of the Oregon Heritage Tree Commemoration Ceremony, honoring the Bombsight Redwood, which Fujita planted in 1992. Additionally, Council was informed the Council General of Japan would be present, along with state and agency representatives including State Rep. Messerle. The ceremony will be at the Historical Marker Wayside at the triangle on Constitution Avenue and will be followed by a convoy tour to the tree site in the Siskiyou National Forest.

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*
There was no report.

3. *Port of Brookings-Harbor*
There was no report.

4. *Parks and Recreation Commission*
There was no report.

6. *Council Liaisons*
Councilor Johns attended the recent school board meeting, noting students and parents had behaved in a mannerly manner and had said properly their intent, which make more points with the Board than at previous meetings. This allowed the Board to respond positively and postpone action. The School Board advised they were pleased with positive behavior leading to better communication. Johns also attended the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Skate Park meeting, where she was pleased there were six skateboarders present. She congratulated the Richard Gyuro for being the Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the year.

Councilor Kuhn attended HOPE (Healthy Opportunity for a Positive Environment) meeting and explained the make up of the organization to Council.

Councilor Curry continues to attend the Coos Curry Douglas Business Development Corporation each month.

Mayor Hagbom reminded Council members to be sure their Oregon Standards and Practices Commission Forms were completed and post marked no later than April 16, 2001. He advised the League Of Oregon Cities had sent notices offering workshops to review the ethics standards, however each year our own City Attorney reviews them with us. This will occur at the April 9, 2001, meeting. Hagbom stated he thought it was more important financially for our Councilors to attend the November Conference, which will include the ethics review, rather than try to attend both. Hagbom reported he had received quite an "education" from a recent workshop he attended through LOC, and felt he needed to apologize to our local library, Chetco Public Library, because he had learned not only are they "well and alive," but they are increasing in large numbers throughout our state and nation. Some discussion ensued regarding the importance of libraries.

B. Unscheduled

Richard Gyuro of 276 Allen Lane, Brookings, acknowledge Brookings citizen Peter Spratt who had received the Business of the Year award from the Chamber of

Commerce. Spratt was congratulated by Council.

Don Nuss, 808 Pioneer Rd, Brookings thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the successful Beachcomber's Festival. Nuss stated he was looking forward to the downtown study and made comments on the tourism application, noting concern over addendum C - item #12 of the contract. He asked Council in regards to the bed tax to require an auditing and separate checking accounts. There were no questions or comments from Council.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager

1. Consider tourism promotions proposals

City Manager Blodgett presented the Chamber of Commerce proposal for tourism, noting the request for proposal had been advertised with a deadline of March 20, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. Blodgett stated no other proposals other than the Chamber's had been received at that time nor had the City received any other requests for the proposal form. He stated the Chamber's proposal meets all criteria of requests and recommended Council direct staff to negotiate a contract. Discussion ensued between Council.

Councilor Kuhn moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to direct staff to negotiate a contract with the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce to provide promotions for the City of Brookings and present the draft contract for consideration at the April 23, 2001 regular Council meeting.

2. Other

City Manager Blodgett reported the Chetco Bridge lighting project is continuing to be worked on by ODOT with estimated costs of engineering around \$5000. However, some emergency situations have come up on Interstate Hwy I-5, which have higher priorities (bridges regarding weight restrictions) than the lighting of our bridge. But ODOT promises, we are not forgotten. Blodgett reported ODOT had received the final speed study at the north of town and will be reducing the speed limit to 35 mph from Ransom to about the Harris Beach Rest Area, indicating the remainder area will remain the same.

Blodgett reported the revamping of the City's Web Site is almost to the stage of publication. Our City staff have been working hard with Jim Relaford of PRN, Inc. who has provided us with lots of information and assistance. There will be links with the Chamber, the Port, Salmon Run Golf Course, and others - such as the League of Oregon Cities. Blodgett stated, it's very exciting to see it come together, and is hopeful the site will be published by Saturday @ www.brookingsor.org . He asked the Council

and public to know the site is not complete and will probably never be completed. It will always be developing as the go along with our activities. City Manager Blodgett announced the costs of \$3000 for the site will include the training of 3 staff to maintain it, with the exception of photos.

The City Happenings Newsletter goes out this Thursday, March 29th, and Blodgett asked Council to advise Sharon, if they had anything for the publication. Mayor Hagbom advised if anyone isn't getting it and wants it to contact the offices.

Blodgett concluded reporting on Community Development Director Leo Lightle's health conditions is very good and that staff was looking forward to his return.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

- 1. Minutes of March 12, 2001, Regular Council Meeting
(end Consent Calendar)***

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Mayor Hagbom explained the purposes for the Executive Session, per ORS192.660 (1)(e) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to negotiate real property transactions and ORS192.660 (1)(d) - to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. He recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m., and went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

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Mayor Hagbom closed the Executive Session at 8:52 p.m., and the Regular Common Council meeting was reconvened at 8:53 p.m. He asked for any motions regarding discussions from the Executive Session.

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to direct the City Manager to work on negotiations on real property.

IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

A. Council

There was no further discussion or remarks.

B. Mayor

Mayor Hagbom stated he and City Manager Blodgett attended the recent Open House for the new Curry County Human Services office, which was not only a nice setting but informative.

City Manager Blodgett advised Council the City had applied for a \$50,000 Rural Investment Board grant, and it had been approved. A like grant was available through the US Forestry Department, who had asked the City to apply and Blodgett stated we will. These funds can be used for additional parking projects.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST:



Randy Reed
Finance Director/City Recorder