

**CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
July 23, 2001
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chief Wallace

III. ROLL CALL

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

Council Absent: none

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, Police Chief Chris Wallace, Lt. John Bishop, Officer Clint Crane, Police Sgt. Mike Cooper, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Jeff St. Peter, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Recently retired Police Sgt. Wayne Sheffel, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Planning Commissioner Jim Collis, and approximately ten other citizens

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Appointments

1. Appointment of City representative to the Southwestern Oregon Community Action Council (SWOCAC)
Mayor Hagbom announced the appointment of Councilor Lorraine Kuhn as the City's representative on the Southwestern Oregon Community

Action Board of Directors, replacing Gerry Livingston who resigned earlier.

Mayor Hagbom will assume representing the City on the Curry Public Transit Board (Sr. Center transit system).

B. Announcements

1. **New Employee - Clint Crane/Police Officer**
Lt. John Bishop advised Council new employee Police Officer Clint Crane was in route from the valley, and probably due to construction and traffic, was not yet present to meet Council. However, he gave a brief presentation on the hiring of Crane, indicating he had been five years with the Maui Police Department and Oregon's Washington County most recently. Bishop further informed Council should Crane arrive timely, he would bring him into the meeting.

2. **Retirement - Police Sgt. Wayne Sheffel**
Police Chief Chris Wallace presented to Council, retired Police Sgt. Wayne Sheffel, who chose to retire this last week. Chief Wallace spoke of Sheffel's time with the department and many accolades. Sgt. Sheffel thanked the Council and stated he had seen a lot of changes in the City and department since September 1, 1979, noting there were many good Councils and that he had worked with a lot of good people and the time had been well spent. He spoke highly and fondly of the Police Department and stated "he had enjoyed his stay, but sometimes it was time to move on." Mayor, Council, and audience gave Sgt. Sheffel a rounding applause of appreciation.

V. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no scheduled appearances.

VI. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- A. **Committee and Liaison reports**
 1. **Chamber of Commerce**
Executive Director Les Cohen provided a short report to inform Council the Chamber's Board of Directors had recently voted and voiced their support to declare U.S. Hwy 101 as an All American Road, by sending a letter to CPACT, with copies to the counties involved.

2. Port of Brookings-Harbor
There was no report from the Port.

3. Council Liaisons
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updated aerial photo of the new Wastewater Treatment Plants project hanging on the wall behind the Council bench. With that, he thanked the citizens of Brookings for making the project happen!

In closing with the liaison reports, Mayor Hagbom expressed his enjoyment of the highlight and climax of the birthday bash - the Marine Corps Band. He read a copy of a letter from Marine Corps League Bob Gilmore sent to the Commanding General at Camp Pendleton, California, thanking the general who made it possible for the Marines to arrive in Brookings as scheduled, rather than having to cancel their entire performance, due to their previously arranged transportation being taken to a higher priority somewhere else in the country. Mayor Hagbom thanked the Marines!

B. **Unscheduled**

Citizen Al Smith, owner of Brookside Florist, discussed his business irrigation water usage being charged as a sewer rate. He asked Council to consider a rate change and/or adjustment. City Manager Blodgett stated he was unaware of the problem and will look into it immediately and contact Smith with results.

Citizen Don Nuss of 808 Pioneer Road, Brookings, asked when the vacation rentals issue was on the agenda. Mayor Hagbom asked him to note the item on the agenda was set for later in the meeting. Nuss agreed to wait until then.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. **City Manager**

1. **Vietnam Veterans fireworks purchase**

City Manager Leroy Blodgett discussed the hand written request from Vietnam Veterans of America #757, regarding \$600 for immediate purchase of mortar tubes, necessary for July 4th fireworks display and to secure them at a lower rate now vs. next summer. VVA asked Council to pay one half of costs. Discussion ensued, particularly regarding an adjustment for next year's fireworks donation.

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Dentino seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve a donation of \$600 to the Vietnam Veterans of America at this time, as part of their usual \$750 given toward the fireworks display on July 4th, in June of each year.

2. Vacation Rentals

City Manager Blodgett reviewed the background of this issue and recapped the activities to date. He explained currently, the City has no definition of what a vacation rental is, so they're treated no differently than a month-to-month rental. After reviewing the staff report provided in the Council packet, Blodgett recommended Council do nothing at this time, and to refer the issue back to the Planning Commission since this is a land use matter and that would be normal procedures. Mayor Hagbom concurred with turning the matter over to the Planning Commission as a land use issue and noted this is not an open public hearing.

Citizen Don Nuss of 808 Pioneer, Brookings stated he had tried to be objective and not emotionally connected as articles have indicated regarding vacation rentals.

City Manager Blodgett reminded Council there should be no discussion for proper procedures is to have the Planning Commission consider the issue, then to have it come to Council for final adoption. This will comply with normal procedures on any land issue and any appeal process.

Citizen Michael Thornton, 1119 Rowland Lane, Brookings stated the issue is not on all vacation rentals, but only short-term rentals. He spoke against Council's consensus to refer this issue back to the Planning Commission. Mayor Hagbom stated the Council appoints committees for recommendations to Council, not decisions on their own.

Citizen Barbara Nysted of 427 Buena Vista Loop, Brookings, spoke regarding vacation rentals being a business in a residential zoning and asked Council to look at the ordinance section on R-1 and R-2 zoning.

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Dentino seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to take no action at this time regarding vacation rentals, and to refer it to the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation, then back to Council for final adoption.

3. Study on display of outdoor goods/signs

City Manager Blodgett reported the City was currently asking for Downtown Development Committee members and suggested referring this issue to that committee and letting them work on that project. Much of what they would be working on will be under that umbrella, and would require no action by Council.

4. Other

City Manager Blodgett advised parents of members of the Brookings-Harbor Little League had approached the City to help them with costs in their State Tournament playoffs, if they continue to win. He noted the Babe Ruth Baseball League 14-15 year olds are also in State Playoffs, as well as the Senior Babe Ruth League. Discussion ensued and it was decided moral support to all would be better than supporting only one or two organizations. Blodgett was attempting to contact city businesses to advertise on their reader boards regarding support both financially and in spirit. Council by consensus decided to not set precedence.

A water task force for Curry County has been working on water conservation measures and more on getting public information regarding water conservation. Therefore, a brochure has been developed and will be distributed to the public through Coos Curry Electric Cooperative, splitting the costs between Cities, Coos Curry Electric and Curry County. \$175 would be the Brookings' share.

Chamber Executive Director Les Cohen, regarding support of the baseball tournaments, suggested donations might come from some of the city services clubs, along with individuals.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of July 9, 2001, Regular Council Meeting
 - B. Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of June 5, 2001, Regular Commission Meeting
 - C. Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
 - 1. Minutes of May 24, 2001, Regular Commission Meeting
- (end Consent Calendar)

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

IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

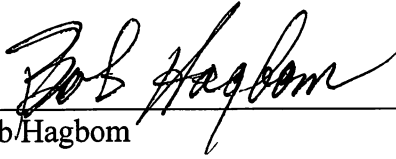
- A. Council
 - There were no other comments from Council

- B. Mayor
There was no additional comment from the Mayor.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

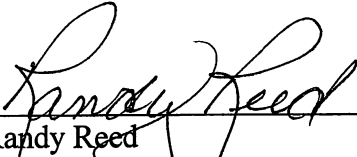
Councilor Dentino moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom
Mayor

ATTEST by City Recorder this 13 day of August 2001.



Randy Reed
Finance Director/City Recorder