

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
July 24, 2000  
7:00PM**

***I.     CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Bob Hagbom called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

***II.    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

Led by Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding

***III.   ROLL CALL***

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

Council Absent: Ex-Officio Councilor Shiloh Thom, excused

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Weldon, Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding, new Treatment Plant Operator Assistant Rick Roediger, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Chuck Hayward, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Chamber President Richard Guyro, Augie Kofoet-President Businesses for a Better Brookings, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Craig Mickelson, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Russ Fritz and approximately 26 other citizens, including former Councilor George Ciapusci.

***IV.    CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***A.     Appointments***

***1.     Parks and Recreation Commission Position No. 5***

Mayor Hagbom recommended Nancy Lee Shute as the new Parks and Recreation Commissioner for position number 5.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint Nancy Shute as Commissioner to the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

*B. Announcements*

1. *New Employee - Rick Roediger/Treatment Plant Operator Assistant*  
City Manager Tom Weldon presented new employee Rick Roediger and a brief background of his work experience to the Council. Mayor and Council welcomed him "onboard".

Mayor Hagbom asked for agenda order change, asking for "Unscheduled" Oral Requests from the audience. However, first he presented City Manager Tom Weldon with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication and hard work with and for the Citizens of Brookings, Oregon, during the past almost six years.

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

*B. Unscheduled*

Many people proceeded to come before the Council recognizing City Manager Tom Weldon and his commitment to the community, despite his wife's having to move to Portland for employment, his accomplishments during his employment with the City of Brookings, and thanking him for his continued dedication to the City of Brookings. (Included in the minutes are written statements provided by some of those individuals.) Those coming forward to speak included:

Peter Spratt, 15480 Sowindland, Harbor; Don and Cherie Mitchel, owners of Flora Pacifica; Genie Gilliam, President & CEO of Family Security Bank; Peggy Goergen, Associate Dean of Southwestern Community College; Russ Crabtree, Port of Brookings-Harbor General Manager; Ken (Port Commissioner) and Virginia Byrtus; John Zia, local contractor; Sandy Hislop-684 Richard Street, Brookings; George Ciapusci-285 Allen Lane, Brookings; Richard Gyuro, owner of Mory's; Pete Pavich-Director of Salmon Run Golf & Wilderness Preserve; Chamber Executive Director Les Cohen; ODOT Dist 7 Manager Lee Sparks; Carla Jackson, 955 Brooke Lane, Brookings; Don Nuss, 808 Pioneer, Brookings.

City Manager Weldon thanked everyone for their kind words, and Mayor Hagbom thanked Weldon.

Mayor Hagbom asked to return to the regular agenda order.

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

A. *Committee and Liaison reports*

1. *Chamber of Commerce*

Executive Director Les Cohen advised the Chamber is currently working on old growth forest grants to get ready for a feasibility study for high-tech issues. He noted that as of 5:25PM this date, there were 5,138 "hits" on the Chamber of Commerce website.

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*

There was no report

3. *Port Commission*

Councilor Kuhn advised the Port's meeting had been continued to July 26<sup>th</sup>, so she had no report.

4. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor Curry reported on attending a few meetings including CCD Economic Development and Curry Governments who met regarding Oregon Health Plan issues and the lack of doctors willing to participate.

B. *Unscheduled*

ODOT Assistant District Manager of District 7, Lee Spark-3500 Stewartpark Way, Roseburg reported on designs for south end of Chetco Bridge of which the engineers "stamp" of approval is lacking, but in process. He advised prior to getting final stamp of approval, the hydraulics engineer has to put his stamp. Sparks proceeded to provide a brief background on efforts made to date to solve the problems involved, and informed the Council of progress with TIC for the sign on the bridge for Salmon Run Golf..

Bill Farrell, 19366 Carpenterville Road, Brookings, reported on the status of the living monument committee, a Vietnam Vets project, which included a few problems, changes, and the unveiling for September 24, 2000 - Gold Star Mother's Day, as their goal. Farrell was advised the flag pole needs would need to be referred back to Parks and Recreation Commission, who would be meeting July 27, 2000, for approval and back to the Council for final approval. Public Works would be interested in lighting issues. Farrell advised the Council they have funding for all of the project, including maintenance for the future.

Mayor Hagbom thanked Farrell and stated the Council looked forward to the completion of the project.

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. *City Manager***

1. *Liquor License Approval - Chives, Inc., dba: Chives Restaurant*  
City Manager Weldon presented request for approval of change in official ownership in title only for the Chives Restaurant liquor license.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the liquor license change request.**

2. *Ordinance Regulating the sale and distribution of tobacco and tobacco products*  
Mayor Hagbom asked council to continue to next council meeting.

Augie Kofoet, 787 Ransom, Brookings, was confused about the ordinance, and Weldon clarified the ordinance is designed only to address accessibility, not age-which is taken care of by state law.

Councilor Keith Pepper stated he disagreed with continuing the agenda item and asked that we do something this evening, since five people have come for a third time to address the issue. Mayor Hagbom asked for a show of hands. With a three (3) to two (2) in favor vote, the matter remained on the agenda, but was continued to later on the agenda.

3. *Authorize letter to Chamber of Commerce - Transient Room Tax Dollars*  
City Manager Weldon provided background and recommendations for the tourism promotion services agreement being reviewed and accordingly, the legally required procedures for doing same.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize Mayor Hagbom to sign a letter to the Chamber President stating the City wished to terminate the present agreement effective June 30, 2001, and to ask for their written confirmation of this action.**

Mayor Hagbom and Councilor Pepper commented they were in no way unhappy with the Chamber's services, and that it was just time to "clean-up" the document and appropriate to review it. In order to accomplish this, the appropriate steps had to be taken, which included the official notice to the Chamber.

4. *Cable TV franchise - Falcon Cable, dba: Charter Communications*  
Mayor Hagbom informed t the Council this matter will be addressed again at a special Council meeting on August 7, 2000, with the Council and

Falcon Cable representatives being present, having been before the County that same date in the morning.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to move the Cable Television franchise agreement with Charter Communications to a Special Council Meeting on August 7, 2000.**

5. *Air Service to Medford*

City Manager Weldon supplied background on meetings being held and proposals to improve air service to this area by linking us with Medford and ultimately Portland and to the south. He recommended approval of the proposed resolution to encourage the Federal Government to help us get in line with this issue and improve the service.

Chamber Executive Director Cohen explained their resolution and their goals.

Rick Jackson of Brooke Lane, asked regarding FAA subsidizing and would the service be cut off after a given length of time. Cohen responded with contemplating larger carriers will pick-up the service.

Mayor Hagbom read aloud the resolution in its entirety.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-R-682, in the matter of supporting the efforts of Curry, Del Norte, and Jackson Counties to obtain air service at a reasonable cost to the communities in these counties.**

Augie Kofoet, President of Business for a Better Brookings, asked to be added to the agenda.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to add Businesses for a Better Brookings to the Agenda.**

Kofoet requested special facilitation to accomplish a "Spruce Street Market" for the Summer 2000, written information provided. Mayor Hagbom asked if this project was sponsored by Businesses for a Better Brookings. It was discussed to review with the proposal with City Manager Weldon and to meet with authors of the proposal to attempt to accomplish their immediate deadline. Council was advised a copy of the proposal had been given to ODOT regarding recommendations/approval of signs. Discussion ensued regarding street closure, other businesses in the area, permits, health department issues, and having a "test" run.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the “Spruce Street Market” for August 12, 2000, subject to the Mayor and City Manager’s final approval, up to and including the closure of Spruce Street. Approval would include a report back to the Council on the following Monday.**

Mayor Hagbom declared the meeting in recess at 8:45PM.

Mayor Hagbom reconvened the meeting at 8:52PM by singing Happy Birthday to Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding.

Mayor Hagbom asked for Council comments regarding the tobacco ordinance and, having already had a public hearing on the matter, not passing the ordinance tonight, but only discussing it. Weldon offered staff recommendations and asked the Council to do something positive on this issue: either pass the ordinance, change it and then pass it, or ask the County Commissioners to pass it. Councilor Pepper recommended the Council pass the ordinance and ask the County to pass a similar one. Discussion ensued including questions from Councilor Kuhn and comments from Councilor Curry who is not favor of proceeding with the ordinance.

Audience comments came from Augie Kofot of 787 Ransom, Brookings.

Dave Manzella from the Curry County Health Department, 29590 Pacific Street, Gold Beach, read into record showing support from schools within the City: from Principal Chris Mc Kay, asking for the safety and well being of our students to be a high priority in community... making these products less available will make a positive impact on our schools. Manzella asked City of Brookings to show some real leadership to show the communities on how to approach this life threatening problem, and the importance of beginning at the small community level.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted with four (4) ayes, and one (1) nay from Councilor Curry, to direct staff to prepare the ordinance for the agenda of August 14, 2000.**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
  - 1. *Minutes of July 10, 2000, Regular Council Meeting*
- B. *Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes*
  - 1. *Minutes of June 6, 2000, Regular Commission Meeting*
- C. *Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes*
  - 1. *Minutes of June 22, 2000, Regular Commission Meeting*

*(end Consent Calendar)*

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar.**

**VIII. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS**

**A. Ordinances**

There were no ordinances on the agenda.

**B. Resolutions**

1. *Resolution No. 00-R-682 -in support of the efforts of Curry, Del Norte and Jackson Counties to obtain air service at a reasonable cost to the communities in these counties.*

This resolution was addressed earlier on the agenda.

**IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

**A. Mayor**

Again, thanked Tom Weldon for his service to the community, and reminded everyone of the special farewell being held on August 4, 2000, at 11:00AM, in the Council Chambers.

**B. Council**

Councilor Pepper clarified to the attending media, that we are not unhappy with the Chamber's service.

Mayor Hagbom reported on the financial results from the Cancer Relay for Life. He also explained Senator Gordon Smith would be visitin with the City and the community this fall, not just as a tourist.

Mayor Hagbom recessed the regular meeting at 9:11PM and immediately called to order an Executive Session, pursuant to:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - *ORS 192.660 (1) (a) - Employment of Public Officers, Employees, and Agents*

Mayor Hagbom closed the executive session at 9:55PM, and immediately reconvened the regular meeting at 9:56PM.

Council action on items discussed during Executive Session:

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize Mayor Hagbom to pursue one of the candidates and negotiate salary and benefits, reporting back to the Council on Friday, July 28,**

2000, at 8:00PM, for a Special Council Meeting.

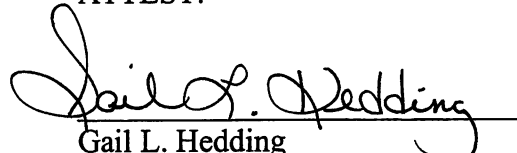
X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Bob Hagbom  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gail L. Hedding  
Finance Director/Recorder



# SALMON RUN

I would like to say on behalf of The Claveran Group and Salmon Run that we will greatly miss Tom Weldon. The golf course project required a great deal of Tom's time working with all of the State and Federal agencies in Salem, the Curry County staff, 2 Mayors and the Brookings City Council.

Tom has always handled himself as a professional in his dealings with the golf course. His years of experience were highly valuable in the variety of complex situations we had to face during constructing.

The City of Brookings has big shoes to fill replacing Tom. We believe the realization of the next City Manager's responsibilities became clearer after reviewing what Tom routinely does on a daily basis.

We wish Tom well in all of his future endeavors.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS WITH TOM WELDON SITTING AS CITY MANAGER, TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT MR. WELDON'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS COMMUNITY.

TOM BROUGHT TO BROOKINGS A DEEP SEATED CONVICTION THAT CITY GOVERNMENT SHOULD FUNCTION AS A CATALYST IN THE PROCESS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. DEVELOPING AND FORMING RELATIONSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH ALL SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY. FROM YOUTH GROUPS TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, TO OUR RETIRED AND SENIOR POPULATION, ENCOURAGING IDEAS AND PROMOTING POSSIBILITIES AND PROJECTS.

BY IMPLEMENTING HIS PHILOSOPHY OF COMMUNITY-BASED CITY GOVERNMENT, BEGINNING WITH HIS VERY FIRST DAY ON THE JOB, HE HELPED TO ENABLE AND EMPOWER THE RESIDENTS OF THIS CITY, AND THIS COMMUNITY, TO SHAKE OFF THE SLEEPY MANTLE OF PASSIVITY AND COMPLACENCY THAT HAD SETTLED OVER MANY OF US.

UNDER HIS MANAGEMENT, AND WITH THE SHARED VISION AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY GOVERNMENT BECAME AN ACTIVE AND PARTICIPATIVE INNOVATOR, IMPLEMENTER AND PARTNER, ENCOURAGING AND SUCCEEDING IN SUCH DIVERSE PROJECTS AS: THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY; THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND EXPANSION; LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS-HARBOR; THE GOLF COURSE AT JACK CREEK; THE REDESIGN OF AZALEA PARK; THE AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL; HEALTHY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT (HOPE), AND THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION STUDY, TO NAME JUST A FEW.

AS A RESULT MANY OF US BEGAN TO THINK AND ACT LIKE INNOVATORS AND IMPLEMENTERS AND PARTNERS AS WELL; ABLE AND MOTIVATED TO WORK TOGETHER AMONGST OURSELVES AND WITH CITY GOVERNMENT TO ACCOMPLISH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL GOALS. TO ASK OURSELVES 'WHAT CAN BE?' AND SETTING OUT TO DO IT.

THAT, AFTER ALL, IS WHAT I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO THANK TOM WELDON FOR. THAT, AFTER ALL, IS THE VALUABLE LEGACY HE LEAVES THE COMMUNITY OF BROOKINGS-HARBOR AFTER SIX YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF BROOKINGS.

LES COHEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BROOKINGS-HARBOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Pe. . Spratt**

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**From:** Genie Gilliam [ggilliam@fsb.sbhc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2000 9:24 AM  
**To:** pcspratt@wave.net  
**Subject:** RE: Weldon's last hurrah

Peter,

I can not make the meeting, but wish I could. I do believe Tom has brought the city to a professional standard that I hope never goes away. He is very forward thinking and has tackled projects that in the long run have brought great benefit to the community such as the waste water treatment plant. I wish him well and am glad to have had the opportunity to work with him.

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-----Original Message-----

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2000 7:32 PM  
**To:** Cherie J. Mitchell (E-mail); Dan McKee (E-mail); Genie Gilliam - Home (E-mail); Genie Gilliam - Office (E-mail); John Zia (E-mail); Paul Prevenas (E-mail); Peggy Goergen (E-mail); Peter Pavich (E-mail); Richard Gyuro (E-mail)  
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I am writing to encourage you to join me. If you cannot come but wish to prepare a statement, if you email it to me I will read it. If you wish to add your name to my list of names of those who could not come but wanted to publicly thank him, let me know.

Peter

**P Spratt**

**From:** Cherie J. Mitchell [cherie@florapacifica.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2000 7:56 AM  
**To:** pcspratt@wave.net  
**Subject:** RE: Weldon's last hurrah

Thank you for taking the initiative on this. Don and I will be in Medford all day and probably not back in time for the meeting. So could you include our regards:

"We would like to add our appreciation for Tom's community leadership and active participation in many activities both in and out side the scope of his job description. Tom has been very active in the development of CVAT, PROUD, the Sunday Concert Series, Azalea Park, the Skateboard Park, the Chamber of Commerce among other activities.

He will be sorely missed"

Sincerely,

Don and Cherie Mitchell

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Peter

P Spratt

From: Peggy Goergen [pgoergen@southwestern.cc.or.us]  
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2000 9:12 AM  
To: 'pcspratt@wave.net'  
Subject: RE: Weldon's last hurrah



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Dear Tom:

I am in Coos Bay tonight at a college Board meeting, so will ask Peter to read this for me. Your support for the college over the past five years and the donation of your time to serve on our Curry Advisory Council outside your other duties has been greatly appreciated. Your problem solving and creative ideas have helped us to become established at our current location and to look towards future resolution of our building project.

As a resident of the city, I also want to thank you for your hard work during your tenure. The renovation of the sewer plant, building of a new post office, improvement of city streets and the flowering of Azalea Park into a community and concert center may not have been totally due to you, but you were there working to help it happen. Good luck to you and Carleen in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Goergen  
Associate Dean, Curry Program  
Southwestern Oregon Community College

- Kathleen - Thoroughly enjoyed your presentations at Leadership and learned a great deal.

Russ Crabtree

Ken & Virginia Byrdus

John Zia

- Commitment to Community
  - at personal expense
- Hard working
  - listen to # of number of things he wanted
- Creativity
  - looked for positive solution
- Milestones
  - Golf course
  - Sewer Treatment Plant
  - Special Levy
- Protector of the public interests
- Hard working, committed, servant of the people