

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
August 21, 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 Fire Chief William Sharp

***III. ROLL CALL***

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

Council Absent: Councilor Keith Pepper and Ex-Officio Councilor Shiloh Thom, excused

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, City Attorney John Trew, Fire Chief William Sharp, Community Development Department Director Leo Lightle, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Chuck Hayward, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Augie Kofot-Vice President Businesses for a Better Brookings, Port of Brookings-Harbor Manager Russ Crabtree, Charter Communications General Manager Bob Pearson-Crescent City, Gold Beach, Brookings-Harbor and approximately 15 other citizens

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

***A. Announcements***

***1. Introduction of new City Manager Leroy Blodgett***

Mayor Hagbom provided a brief background and introduced the City's new City Manager Leroy Blodgett, who began officially August 14, 2000.

2. *Special Recognition to student Administrative Office Assistant Frances Schroeder*

Mayor Hagbom gave special recognition to Student Administrative Office Assistant Frances Schroeder, who will be leaving September 1, 2000, for a new life adventure on her own in Portland, after having graduated from BHHS this past June. Schroeder thanked her fellow employees, including the public, for all the positive experiences and the preparation those experiences have given her for her move North.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

VI. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None

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

A. *Committee and Liaison reports*

1. *Chamber of Commerce*

None

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*

Augie Kofot, President, reported on the Spruce Street Market held on August 12, 2000, and reviewed the problems incurred with the Health Department. He responded to the Oregon Tourism Commission letter which requested Businesses for a Better Brookings to disband the visitor center on Chetco Avenue. Kofot advised the Council of his organization's desire to find volunteers for satisfying the Oregon Tourism Commission. Mayor Hagbom discussed with Kofot the motion from City Council Meeting held July 24, 2000, which stated the Council's approval of the August 12<sup>th</sup> date and that they would consider future dates on a proposal from Businesses for a Better Brookings. Kofot asked to be added to the Council Agenda.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve adding to the agenda a special request for another Spruce Street Market for Businesses for a Better Brookings.**

Community Development Director Leo Lightle asked the Council to

examine issues that had been presented before and after the last market, which included the issue of approval from the local merchants.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve another "Spruce Street Market" in September and October, subject to the Mayor and City Manager's approval, after informing local merchants of the activity and date(s). Approval would include a report back to the Council.**

3. *Port of Brookings-Harbor*

Port Manager Russ Crabtree, P.O. Box 848, Brookings, reported on various new and on-going activities at the Port of Brookings-Harbor: including federal vs. private dredge cost effectiveness, noting this challenge is up again with new realm of quality required for our community. He also gave an update on the boat basin project, a major project they have been attempting to complete this last 18 months, and happily reported a completion date projected for September 30, 2000. Crabtree discussed the fisheries as seen today and advised we will have the same fishing opportunities had this year for next year. Manager Crabtree thanked Mayor Hagbom and the Council for their constant and consistent non-confrontational approach in dealing with these issues of recreational fisheries which do return to the community. Crabtree advised Port moorage was 100% occupied and that it was good to see the traffic jam's with boats and activities, recognizing they will need to revamp parking for next year. The Port has received \$25,000 to update strategic master plan for the Port, which will allow them to continue working on existing and future uses, remarking this plan has not been updated since 1989. This will provide a new comprehensive plan document and once completed they will put forth a recreational plan - identifying the sidewalks, viewing, amenities for public and leisure time for public - not just recreational fishing. Crabtree finished his report to the Council on a positive note indicating the Port of Brookings-Harbor, through the help of the CCD Economic Development Corporation, is providing jobs for 45 employees, has a private board of directors, which includes citizens at large, and has a very bright future.

4. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor Lorraine Kuhn went to the Port of Brookings-Harbor meeting.

Councilor Frances Johns informed Council there was a school board meeting tonight, and after Architect proposal, the board will be formally proposing a resolution for placing an item on the election ballot. She also

attended Pelican Bay Prison Advisory Council.

Council President Larry Curry attended the CCD Business Development Corporation meeting in Brookings-Harbor - a first.

Mayor Hagbom attended a Chamber of Commerce function where many high tech businesses and individuals made presentations advising over 100 employees involved in that market. Hagbom stated he and the others attending were extremely impressed with the amount of product that is being shipped and disbursed throughout, not to mention products coming into the area, with all of this activity resulting in good paying jobs for the people of our community. Councilor Curry noted this high tech industry is a good clean industry with no pollution, no land issues, and able to be compact doing a large volume of business out of a very small space.

*B. Unscheduled*

Lucie LaBonte of 09745 Agnes Road, Gold Beach, Oregon reported on the Curry Room tax presentation at the Curry County Commissioners meeting recently. She advised the Council originally a citizen's committee was formed and had been meeting since May to make recommendations to the County. She reported the recommendation from the committee were changed by two of the County Commissioners, which included a tax of 10% (not 6% as recommended by committee) and application of same would consider city RV Parks as motels. Another Commission change include those monies would go into the County general fund, of which the committee recommended that not be allowed. Discussion ensued with LaBonte offering to provide a copy of the ordinance to the Council at a later time/date. This was the first reading of the ordinance on the County level. A second reading will be on September 5, 2000, in Gold Beach. LaBonte shared her concern with the Council not only that the Commissioners were trying to place this matter on the November ballot, but the manner in which they were attempting to accomplish the task. Hagbom asked for her to keep the City informed on this matter.

Fred Hummel of 202 Alder Street, Brookings asked questions regarding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) issues. Mayor Hagbom advised he could not answer the questions because the dictating factors relative to the hearings on the UGB remands will be decided by the County Commissioners. Regarding transportation and sewage rates, Hagbom informed Hummel nothing has been set but that the matter was on the City's priority list.

Augie Kofot of 787 Ransom, Brookings asked the Council about the UGB and Community Development Director Leo Lightle responded . Mayor Hagbom suggested Kofot make an appointment to discuss these questions with City Planner John Bischoff.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

***A. City Manager***

***1. Falcon Cable franchise renewal***

City Manager Leroy Blodgett provided background on the procedures taken by the Council to date and then reviewed the procedures for tonight's meeting, with the assistance of City Attorney John B. Trew. Mayor Hagbom proceeded with reviewing and discussing the proposed ordinance. He asked for a motion.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to have the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 00-O-539 in the matter of an ordinance granting to Falcon Cable TV, dba: Charter Communications, a non-exclusive ten-year franchise be by title only pursuant to Section 31.(b) of the City Charter.**

Mayor Hagbom asked for any further discussion and Council President Curry asked Falcon/Charter how problems of sound and screen picture would/could be resolved. General Manager for Charter Communications out of Crescent City, Bob Pearson, stated he was not aware of problems and will pledge to meet with City Manager to get it right. Pearson noted Curry County had adopted the franchise renewal today.

Mayor Hagbom called for the reading of the ordinance by title only. Councilor Frances John complied. After the following motion, Mayor Hagbom restated the motion, and asked for discussion. There was none. A vote was called as indicated.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 00-O-539, entitled "in the matter of an ordinance granting to Falcon Cable TV, dba: Charter Communications, a non-exclusive ten-year franchise."**

Mayor Hagbom announced the ordinance was adopted.

***2. Approval to dispose of surplus property***

City Manager Blodgett advised Council of the staff request to dispose of surplus property and made recommendations from same to approve a resolution and direct the City Manager to dispose of the surplus vehicles as described in his report.

**Councilor Kuhn moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-R-683, in the matter of a resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus City property per Exhibit "A" of same.**

*B. Community Development Department*

*1. Award of bids for sewerline televising and cleaning*

Community Development Director Lightle informed the Council of awarding of bids for sewerline televising and cleaning. He provided the staff recommendation for the Council to award the contract to TSR Corporation of Sherwood, Oregon.

**Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to award the contract for televising and cleaning of 20,000 LF of sewerline to TSR Corporation of Sherwood, Oregon in the amount of \$18,400.**

*2. Acceptance of deeds dedicating street right-of-way and granting easements over sewer and water mains leading to and within the Hewitt RV Park.*

Community Development Director Lightle presented the background for the issue of accepting deeds dedicating street right-of-ways to the City and granting easements over sewer and water mains leading to and within the Hewitt RV Park. He noted the project was near completion and recommended the Council accept the deeds for recordation.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to accept the deeds dedicating street right-of-way to the City and granting easements over sewer and water mains leading to and within the Hewitt RV Park for recordation.**

*C. Fire Department*

*1. Cal-Ore-Life Flight Ground & Air contract renewal*

Fire Chief William Sharp apprized the Council of the history and issues regarding the Cal-Ore Life Flight Ground and Air contract renewal. Sharp asked for approval to finalize a good agreement. Minimal discussion ensued with Sharp providing good explanations.

Jim Watson, EMT Shift Supervisor for Cal-Ore and of 814 Fawn Drive, Brookings advised Cal-Ore was very happy with service provided by Brookings E911. Sharp concluded by reviewing the renewal and termination agreement dates.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize the City to continue with an ambulance dispatching agreement between the City and Cal-Ore Life Flight Ground and Air by authorizing Mayor Hagbom to sign the presented contract.**

**IX. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
1. *Minutes of July 24, 2000, Special Council Meeting*
  2. *Minutes of July 24, 2000, Regular Council Meeting*
  3. *Minutes of July 28, 2000, Special Council Meeting*
  4. *Minutes of August 7, 2000, Special Council Meeting*
- (end Consent Calendar)*

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

**X. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS**

- A. *Ordinances*
1. *No. 00-O-539 - in the matter of granting to Falcon Cable TV, dba: Charter Communications, a non-exclusive ten year franchise*  
Addressed under agenda item No. VIII. A.(1).
- B. *Resolutions*
1. *No. 00-R-683 - in the matter of authorizing the disposal of surplus City property*  
Addressed under agenda item No. VIII. A. (2).

**XI. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

- A. *Council*
- Councilor Johns confirmed the “ribbon-cutting” ceremony for the new U.S. Post Office opening on August 22, 2000 at 9:00a.m.

City Manager Leroy Blodgett reported he had attended the Firemen’s Association

training session last Monday and asked Council to stop by their weekly Monday evening meeting as often as possible. He continued with asking Council to choose a project or department each month for visiting individually or jointly.

Blodgett thanked the Council and Staff for making his first two weeks a success. He has enjoyed meeting good people in our community and getting to know our great staff. Blodgett advised he will have an assessment report in about a month.

*B. Mayor*

Mayor Hagbom reminded Council, our community of volunteers, and all City Employees of the upcoming First Ever Volunteers and Employees Annual Picnic Celebration.

*1. Next meeting*

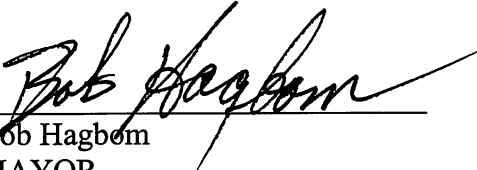
Mayor Hagbom recommended the Council cancel the regularly scheduled August 28, 2000, Common Council meeting.

**Councilor Kuhn moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to cancel the regular Common Council Meeting to be held August 28, 2000.**

***XII. ADJOURNMENT***

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Bob Hagbom  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Gail L. Hedding  
Finance Director/Recorder