

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
November 20, 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 previous 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: none

Staff Present: City Manager Leroy Blodgett, City Attorney John Trew, Community Development Director Leo Lightle, Police Chief Ken Lewis, City Planner John Bischoff, Police Officers Sam Dotson, Barbara Palicki, Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens, and 7 out of uniform police officers.

Media Present: Chuck Hayward, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Chamber President Richard Gyuro, Businesses for a Better Brookings President Augie Kofaet, Councilor Elect Rick Dentino, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Nancy Shute, Planning Commissioner Vikki Nuss, and approximately 27 other citizens, including members of Officer Sam Dotson's family

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

***A. Proclamations***

- 1. Civil Air Patrol Week - South Coast Squadron Commander Mike Rupert***  
Mayor Hagbom proclaimed December 1 through December 8, 2000, as Civil Air Patrol Week and welcomed members of the South Coast Civil Air Patrol Squadron: Trevor Merritt, Brett Weidman, Scott Weidman,

Kelly Vilven, Jarred Breen, Ruth Ann Gobble, David Gobble, Josh Gobble, and their leaders including Squadron Commander Major Mike Rupert and Judith Rupert. Hagbom encouraged the citizens of Brookings to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies honoring the men, women, and cadet members of Civil Air Patrol and the local units of the worthy organization, which through their humanitarian efforts saved the lives of over 84 persons, including two Oregonians, flew more than 8,900 hours on over 2,098 emergency services missions nationally in 1999.

2. *World Aids Day*

Mayor Hagbom declared December 1, 2000, as World Aids Day, and invited all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS. CC Huxtable and Julie Huxtable were present to receive the proclamation.

B. *Appointments*

1. *Additional Appointments to Council Advisory Committee for celebrating the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Mayor Hagbom asked City Manager to review the seven (7) additional volunteer applications for membership on the Council Advisory Committee for celebrating the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday in July 2000. Those names presented were: Mort Bender, Mary Jane Brimm, Les Cohen, Dori Frost, staff member from KURY Radio, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Nancy Shute, and Gloria Osborne. Blodgett recommended Council appoint all additional requests, allowing for a total number of twelve (12) plus Councilor Kuhn for the committee.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve seven (7) additional names as follows: Mort Bender, Mary Jane Brimm, Les Cohen, Dori Frost, staff member from KURY Radio, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Nancy Shute, and Gloria Osborne, to the Council Advisory Committee for celebrating the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

C. *Announcements*

1. *Thirty Years of Service - Police Officer Sam Dotson*

Police Chief Lewis presented Police Officer Sam Dotson with a certificate of appreciation and special glass engraved plaque indicating Dotson's badge and service. Lewis and Mayor Hagbom expressed their pride in Dotson for his unquestionable service and dedication as a 30-year

employee (November 1, 1970 to November 1, 2000) to the Citizens of Brookings - "we're real proud of you, Sam!" Dotson thanked everyone and stated he had seen a lot of changes in Brookings and police work, and believe it or not, he still enjoys it! Officer Dotson gave special thanks to all those from his department that were in attendance.

2. *League of Oregon Cities and City/County Insurance Services - Silver Medal Safety Award to the City of Brookings*  
Mayor Hagbom announced the city's receipt of the Silver Medal Safety Award from the League of Oregon Cities and City/County Insurance Services for injury frequency rate of 2.26 in FY99-00 with 43 full-time employees. Community Development Director Leo Lightle received the award on behalf of the City of Brookings.

V. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. *Committee and Liaison reports*

1. *Chamber of Commerce*

Executive Director Les Cohen presented a report for the Chamber's current and future activities, including a joint task force meeting in December which will include Chamber representatives from Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties to begin working on plans to improve commerce; an award of \$15,000 for a feasibility study met with \$3,000 match; city lighting contest will begin with up to \$300 in awards; and the citizens should notice all the repairs and replacements of holiday lighting bulbs and decorations.

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*

President Augie Kofoet of 787 Ransom, Brookings advised Council there is a new barber shop on Chetco Avenue. He then asked the Council to facilitate a workshop meeting with the Chamber, the State, the Port, themselves, and the City Council, in regards to their visitor center continuing under a different program and agenda. Discussion ensued. Member Vicki Nuss of 808 Pioneer Road, Brookings, stated her desires to keep a visitor's center downtown, even if it meant being run by someone else. Further discussion ensued regarding the sign and previous correspondence from the Oregon Tourism Commission.

Mayor Hagbom concluded by asking Businesses for a Better Brookings to call a meeting in which the Council could participate. There would be a concentrated effort looking at the PROUD study and other options regarding their request.

Richard Gyuro of 276 Allen Lane, Brookings, stated the Chamber of Commerce is very concerned about the downtown. However, though he did not speak for the entire board but as a downtown business owner, he stated having a visitor's center in that area was desirable. But, he did not feel it was the City's responsibility to bail out a private industry that has failed, a band-aid approach. He stated he felt all groups needed to work on the economy, like bringing high tech industry, which would in turn bring younger people and keep our own young people in the community.

Councilor Pepper encouraged the workshop meeting. There was no further report from Businesses for a Better Brookings.

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

4. *Planning Commission*  
Planning Commissioner Vicki Nuss advised John Bischoff will be presenting the PROUD report, having prepared the majority of it.

5. *Council Liaisons*  
Councilor Johns attended the Design for Learning Committee, and was pleased with passage of bond. She informed Council of her new membership on advisory committee for the school bond construction project - to be sure everything gets done that the bond proposed.

Councilor Pepper reminded everyone that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nature's Coastal Holiday Festival would begin December 8<sup>th</sup>, and that there was a nice article in the Oregon Coast Magazine for November/December, along with other similar publications. He thanked Flora Pacific for their sponsorship of a new section "the enchanted garden", and the City's crew(s) going above and beyond the call of duty to help with this year's project. Pepper stated they were hoping for 20,000 in attendance this year.

Chamber Executive Director Les Cohen reminded the Council of the Community Christmas Tree to be stationed at the U.S. Post Office during the first week of December. South Coast Lumber is donating a 25 to 30 ft. tree.

Councilor Curry attended the Oregon Coastal Zone Management meeting, which was held in Brookings for the first time in approximately ten years. He also attended a CPACT meeting, which is attempting to have US Hwy 101 named as an All American Road. Curry Governments met on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Kuhn attended the Planning Commission and stated she is finding it very interesting. Her next meeting will attending the Port of Brookings Harbor meeting next week.

*B. Unscheduled*

Don Nuss of 808 Pioneer, Brookings, commented on the newspaper article from Curry Coastal Pilot discussed with Councilor Keith Pepper by email. Pepper stated he had E-mailed Nuss with a response and considered the matter closed. Nuss stated the flag project was/is a good project for the City and noted some of the funds received from the flag project had gone toward paying for keeping the rest rooms open at the visitor center.

*VI. STAFF REPORTS*

*A. Finance Department*

*1. Status of Finance Director/Recorder recruitment*

City Manager Blodgett reported recruitment for Finance Director/Recorder was going well, as 12 applicants had been received with the deadline having been November 15, 2000. An interview committee of four will be narrowing the field down to three or four and bring the information back to Council

City Manager Blodgett informed Council the necessity to appoint an interim City Recorder until a new Finance Director/Recorder is hired and appointed. He recommended Administrative Secretary, Sharon Ridens. Council agreed.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to add the appointment of a City Recorder to the agenda.**

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to appoint Administrative Secretary Sharon A. Ridens as Interim City Recorder, until the hiring and appointment of a permanent Finance Director/Recorder.**

*2. Interfund loan financing essential general fund operations pending property tax receipts*

City Manager Blodgett passed out a revised proposed Resolution No. 00-R-685, and explained the reason for such a resolution per his staff report to Council. The revised format amended the amount to read "not to exceed

\$50,000", instead of \$250,000, with a rate as of today for 6.6%. Blodgett noted the loan would be paid no later than March 31, 2001, and staff recommendation was to approve the revised resolution.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-R-685, a resolution to approve an interfund loan to finance essential general fund operations pending property tax receipts.**

*B. City Manager*

1. *Approval of liquor license request for The Prime House Restaurant - Vidal Soberon*

Mayor Hagbom presented the request from Vidal Soberon for a liquor license for his new restaurant The Prime House Restaurant.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Curry seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the liquor license request for The Prime House Restaurant from Vidal Soberon.**

Soberon noted a typing correction, and was advised to come into the City offices for making correction on form & receive appropriate paper work for sending on to the State of Oregon.

2. *Status on City supporting a County ordinance regulating the sale and distribution of tobacco and tobacco products*

City Manager Blodgett advised Curry Governments at their last meeting had asked cities to approve an ordinance regarding the support of regulating the sale and distribution of tobacco and tobacco products. He advised, as soon as Curry County adopts such an ordinance, staff would be recommending the City proceed likewise.

3. *Dates for December meetings*

City Manager Blodgett recommend only one meeting during the month of December, since the second meeting of the month fell on Christmas Day Holiday. Council and Mayor Hagbom agreed, especially with the UGB Remand Hearing also scheduled. However, all agreed a special meeting may need to be called, unless something is decisive on Measure 7.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to cancel the December 25, 2000, Common Council meeting.**

Mayor Hagbom presented and recommended adding an agenda item for support of the League of Oregon Cities' resolution for "Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, copy included in minutes.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to add Resolution No. 00-R-686, to the agenda.**

Blodgett stated Curry Governments had gave support of this matter. This resolution is to insure federal forest receipts would be received by schools, instead of being reduced.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 00-R-686, in the matter of encouraging and supporting State legislation to ensure intent and spirit of HR2389, ENR, and the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000."**

C. *Community Development Department*

1. *Status of Dot T. Martin ( Chetco River) Bridge lighting project*

City Manager Blodgett, after talking with ODOT Lee Sparks, reported the State is looking for poles and fixtures, as the electrical is all there. Once secured, they'll be installed.

2. *Status of raised median island on the Chetco/Lower Harbor Road*

Blodgett also informed Council the raised median island project on US Hwy 101 at Chetco Bridge/Lower Harbor Road is still out for bid, but let this week.

3. *Authorization to call for bids for fencing new shop area*

Community Development Director Leo Lightle explained the necessity for fencing, including not only up front costs but maintenance costs. He asked for authorization to call for bids.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to call for bids on the fencing project for the new shop area.**

4. *PROUD Report - City Planner John Bischoff*

City Planner John Bischoff provided a brief history of how the PROUD committee (Positive Revitalization of Urban Downtown) was formed, began , proceeded, and concluded. The First meeting was held in Spt of '98. Bischoff reviewed the presented staff report and recommended the

Council approve the report and authorize implementation. He noted 20 citizens were involved on the committee, meeting for almost two years. Bischoff thanked ODOT's representatives and willingness to participate.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the PROUD report as printed.**

**VII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
  - 1. *Minutes of October 9, 2000, Regular Council Meeting*
  - 2. *Minutes of October 23, 2000, Regular Council Meeting*
- B. *Acceptance of Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes*
  - 1. *Minutes of September 28, 2000, Regular Commission Meeting*
- C. *Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes*
  - 1. *Minutes of October 3, 2000, Regular Commission Meeting*
- D. *Approval of Vouchers (\$196,304.02)*  
*(end Consent Calendar)*

Councilor Curry asked to remove approval of Council meeting minutes from consent calendar, due to various absences of Council members.

**Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to vote separately Agenda Item VIII. A. regarding the approval of October 9 and October 23, 2000, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar Agenda Items VIII. B.,C.,and D..**

**Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously, with the exception of Councilors Pepper and Johns who abstained due to their absences at that meeting, to approve the October 9, 2000, Regular Council Meeting minutes.**

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously, with the exception of Councilors Curry and Pepper who abstained due to their absences at that meeting, to approve the October 23, 2000, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.**



VIII. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS

A. *Ordinances*

There were no ordinances.

B. *Resolutions*

1. *Approval of Resolution No. 00-R-685, a resolution to approve an interfund loan to finance essential general fund operations pending property tax receipts*

Previously addressed under Agenda Item No. VI. A. 2.

IX. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

A. *Council*

Councilor Pepper reminded everyone to come see light festival. It was noted City Employees will be hosting Natures Coastal Holiday on the evening of December 17, 2000.

B. *Mayor*

Mayor Hagbom concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

XII. ADJOURNMENT


**Councilor Curry moved, Councilor Kuhn seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Bob Hagbom  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Sharon A. Ridens  
Interim City Recorder

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IN AND FOR THE CITY OF BROOKINGS  
STATE OF OREGON

*In the Matter of a resolution to* )  
*approve an interfund loan to* )  
*finance essential general fund* )  
*operations pending property* )  
*tax receipts* )

Resolution No. 00-R-685

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings General Fund Revenues are primarily from property tax receipts which are received in December-March of each year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend budgeted funds to operate the City during this period; and

WHEREAS, the fund balance from the prior year was not sufficient to cover all expenditures essential to City operations until property tax revenues are received; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Reserve fund has funds available at a rate of 6.6 % and the action of interfund loans is permitted in ORS 294.460 (subject to certain restrictions); and

WHEREAS, the money loan shall be repaid to the City's General Reserve by the end of March 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS THAT: the Mayor and City Council of Brookings does hereby approve the loan of funds not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to finance the essential operations of the General Fund until property tax revenues are received at a rate of 6.6 % for the Term October 1, 2000 - March 31, 2001.

PASSED by the Brookings Common Council and signed by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2000.

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Bob Hagbom  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Sharon A. Ridens  
Interim City Recorder

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**To:** Mayor, Council, Dept Heads  
**From:** Leroy Blodgett, City Manager  
**Date:** November 20, 2000  
**Subject:** Possible Added Agenda items for 11/20/00 meeting

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The following are possible added agenda items for tonight's meeting:

- 1) Support of LOC's resolution for "Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000" (copy attached)
- 2) Appointment of interim Finance Recorder, pending beginning employment/appointment date of a new Finance Director/Recorder.

IN AND FOR THE CITY OF BROOKINGS  
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*In the matter of encouraging  
and supporting State legislation  
to ensure intent and spirit of  
HR2389,ENR, and the "Secure  
Rural Schools and Community  
Self-Determination Act of 2000"* )  
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*Resolution No. 00-R-686*

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed HR 2389, ENR, and

WHEREAS, the intent of Congress was to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads, and other purposes, and

WHEREAS, existing State Law considers revenues received by school districts from Federal Forest receipts as a budget off-set, not a budget resource, and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings supports the intent of the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000" to be received by local school districts as a budget resource, not as an off-set, and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings supports efforts to pass State legislation to require that all Federal Forest Receipt shared with rural school districts be considered off budget and not subject to State equalization or capitation of school funding by the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS THAT: the City of Brookings does hereby encourage and support State legislation to ensure that the intent as well as the spirit of HR 2389 is enacted, and further that payments to counties and school be considered by the State of Oregon as a budget resource, not a budget off-set.

PASSED by the Brookings Common Council and signed by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2000.

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Bob Hagbom  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Sharon A. Ridens  
Interim City Recorder