

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Larry Curry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilor Keith Pepper

III. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Council President Larry Curry, Councilors Keith Pepper, Frances Johns, George Ciapusci, and Ex-Officio Cindi Peterson, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Mayor Bob Hagbom, excused due to illness, and Ex-Officio Councilor Shiloh Thom, excused

Staff Present: Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding, Community Development Director Leo Lightle, Planning Director John Bischoff, Police Detective John Bishop, Police Sgt. Chris Wallace, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens. City Manager Tom Weldon's absence was excused.

Media Present: Chuck Hayward, Curry Coastal Pilot

Other: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Les Cohen, Chamber President Richard Gyuro, Gold Beach Mayor Marlyn Shafer, Augie Kofot-Vice President Businesses for a Better Brookings, Association of O&C Counties Executive Director Rocky McVay, and approximately ten other citizens.

IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Announcements

- 1. Fall Employee of the Season - Detective John Bishop, Police Department***
Council President Larry Curry presented the "Fall Employee of the Season" Award to Detective John Bishop.

2. *Ten Years of Service - John Bischoff, City Planner*
Council President Larry Curry congratulated John Bischoff for his long tenure with the City by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation for being a dedicated employee since January 2, 1990 - ten years.
3. *Five Years of Service - Sgt. Chris Wallace, Police Department*
Council President Larry Curry presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Police Sgt. Chris Wallace for five years of dedicated service to the Citizens of Brookings, since January 10, 1995.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING**
None

VI. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- A. *Rocky McVay, Executive Director - Association of O & C Counties*
Executive Director Rocky McVay gave an update regarding the O&C legislation that has passed the House and also asked the City Council to sign up as a supporting member to the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition (NFCSC) Joint Principles. McVay discussed the significant role U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio played in passing a House bill regarding these matters, which, if passed, would have a positive influence in our area. Discussion ensued with Council questions to and answers from McVay.

Stan Funk, of 95990 Eggers Road, Brookings asked questions and McVay responded.

Council President introduced Gold Beach Mayor Marlyn Schafer in the audience. She stepped forward, identified herself, and asked what the requirements were to "join" the National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition. She asked McVay to send a request to Gold Beach and he confirmed the notice of "support" could be sent on the internet.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the council voted unanimously to direct the City Manager to prepare a letter or send one electronically through the internet to support the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition (NFCSC) Principles.

VII.

ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. *Committee and Liaison reports*

1. *Chamber of Commerce*

Executive Director Les Cohen presented a short report on meetings he is to attend: 1) Telecommunications Consortium on January 25th in Sutherlin, OR; and 2) Oregon Downtown Development Association Workshop on January 26th in Albany - "Avoiding Stumbling Blocks to Downtown Success". He noted the Chamber had voted to also support the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition (NFCSC) Joint Principles.

2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*

Augie Kofoet, VP wished Mayor Hagbom a speedy recovery. He acknowledged appreciation to City Manager Tom Weldon for working on the pedestrian crosswalk at the Redwood Theater on Chetco Avenue. Kofoet informed the Council, today, ODOT was there evaluating the situation. His organization is still working on putting holes in the sidewalk for flags - all the way to 5th Street for the eight different flag days allowed. Councilor Ciapusci asked for the status of Businesses for a Better Brookings' verbal requests for amending City ordinances and reminded Kofoet of the process for having Council consider making an ordinance change. Councilor Pepper provided some ideas for a welcome flag design and reminded Kofoet the process is there for a reason to accomplish the request, not to thwart it, but to allow all interested parties to provide input.

3. *Port of Brookings-Harbor*

Russ Crabtree, Director, discussed boat basin project the Port is preparing. He clarified some of the questions that have come-up through the community, including funding, contributions, and the second phase of the project, which is the current phase. Crabtree requested the City participate in the development of these projects. He noted the challenge is maintenance appropriations, our tonnage is high value, but low in tonnage weight. He complimented and thanked the City for participating/partnering with the Port of Brookings. Discussion ensued, including questions concerning the status of the All Event Center. Crabtree advised the Council an architect had been selected and the kick-off meeting would be on Thursday to evaluate construction, current building, and usage.

4. *Planning Commission*

None

5. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor Johns reported she attended the Tri-Cities meeting, now named "Curry Governments". Johns also attended with City Manager Tom Weldon, the Census 2000 meeting lead by Sergio Romero as part of the liaison committee. She stated it was extremely interesting and there was a lot of work for the City and County to do. Romero will be back on February 16th, for another meeting.

Councilor Ciapusci reported he had missed the last Port meeting.

Council President Curry advised he too had attended the Tri-Cities meeting and provided a brief report on what occurred, including the purpose of renaming and establishing the group as "Curry Governments". A letter from the Port Orford Mayor requesting the approval of the new group's bylaws will be forthcoming.

B. *Unscheduled*

Don Nuss, 808 Pioneer Rd, Brookings, asked the Council to listen to, in his opinion, constructive criticism - 1) the City Manager has used city staff and equipment for chamber activities; 2) the Chamber has declined his requests of disclosure; and 3) he has not received a response from the City regarding his request from two weeks ago.

Councilor Ciapusci asked the Council President, "how many times do we have to spend on this rote, this routine," and advised Nuss it is the opinion of this body, the City Manager, and the Mayor, that enough time has been spent on this particular issue. Council President Curry allowed Nuss an additional thirty seconds to complete his comments. Nuss continued and after the thirty seconds ended, despite efforts of Curry, he continued speaking and left the podium only after being told to repeatedly by Council President Curry.. It was noted he had not received the City's reply to his request of two weeks ago, and Councilor Pepper provided him a copy of the letter, which had been mailed on January 21, 2000, to the address he had on his "Request for Disclosure" dated January 10, 2000. Curry advised Nuss to contact the Chamber of Commerce if he had any other questions regarding this matter, not the City.

Stan Funk asked for clarification of the letter to Nuss. The Council responded.

VIII.

STAFF REPORTS

A. *City Manager*

1. *Goals Session Date*

Council President Curry advised the Council's goals session date set for February 11th is not the best choice for all parties and it was decided to move the study session to Wednesday, February 16th from 8:00AM to Noon.

B. *Community Development Department*

1. *Returning property to Curry Co. on Cove Road*

Community Development Director Leo Lightle advised the City Attorney needed further time to draft an appropriate resolution for this matter.

2. *Marina Heights slide repair*

Director Lightle informed the Council that an emergency was declared during the heavy rains on the evening of January 13 and the early morning hours of January 14, which resulted in expenditures for repairing the slides on Marina Heights adjacent to Assessor's Map 40-13-32C, Tax Lots 308 and 401. Discussion ensued. Lightle had reviewed the issues with the insurance company, meeting with the property owners on site addressing liability with the City and the developer. All were satisfied it was not the liability of the developer. He asked the council to approve an emergency expenditure of \$63,299.50

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to find an emergency did exist and approve the expenditures of \$63,299.50 for repairing the slides on Marina Heights adjacent to Assessor's Map 40-13-32C, Tax Lots 308 and 401.

IX.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*

1. *Minutes of December 10, 1999, Regular Council Meeting*

B. *Approval of Vouchers (\$197,276.52)*

(end Consent Calendar)

Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as printed and corrected.

X.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS

A. *Ordinances*
None

B. *Resolutions*
None

XI.

REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

A. *Council*

Councilor Johns thanked everyone for the support during her recent personal tragedies and for the receipt of over 100 cards and the flowers from City Council and staff. All were very appreciated

Councilor Pepper offered a philosophical statement regarding the League of Oregon Cities commenting on how lucky we are in Brookings that our Councilors are focused on the betterment of Brookings, with no hidden agendas, and even though not always agreeing they get along. He mentioned how without fail in attending other agency meetings, they (the Brookings City Councilors) are often compared to the reverse situations in other cities where councils spend wasted hours and hours of tension between council and citizens, which create counter productive situations. Pepper continued with his disappointment with tonight's meeting, because he feels we can accomplish so much more if we work together.

Councilor Ciapusci expressed his continued positive approach and welcomed input. However, he stated the line had to be drawn once in a while and feels tonight was one of those lines. He stated no apology was necessary from him regarding the statements and actions taken tonight.

Slight discussion ensued regarding the blue whale lights on City Hall and other buildings, during the entire year, as a symbol of "Brookings", possibly creating a new interest.

Council President Curry thanked Councilors Pepper and Ciapusci for their comments pertaining to this evening's meeting. Curry also stated he was very unhappy and does not like to lose his cool or cause others to lose theirs. But, that we have a routine here to follow and we do have variations from time to time. Curry reminded all we have to adhere to some of the rules of the Council to maintain order and maintaining order has to apply to all of the people present. If they don't, our meeting cannot be successful. Curry made reference to Councilor Pepper's statements regarding other cities in the state dealing with adversities in their meetings and that he is not interested in that happening in Brookings. However, Curry noted there cannot be good order and good relations, if they won't

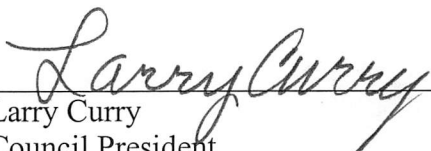
obey the Chair. When someone is asked to be quite and not interrupt, then they have no business addressing the council. If it continues, changes will need to be made.

B. *Mayor*
Not applicable.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Larry Curry
Council President

ATTEST:


Gail L. Hedding
Finance Director/Recorder