

CITY OF BROOKINGS
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon
August 9, 1999
7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Curry asked the Council and audience to participate in sixty (60) seconds of silence in memory of Bill Henry, who died this last month. He continued afterward by stating "Mr. Henry was on the City Council from July 10, 1989 to January 1, 1991. Bill and his wife, Shirley, were the leaders in cleaning up Azalea Park and getting its estimated 1,000 azalea bushes pruned and the blackberries cut out of them. Bill's efforts at Azalea Park were honored at the last Azalea Festival, when the Azalea Park Foundation dedicated a plaque in the base of the sculpture in the park to him."

III. ROLL CALL

Council Present: Council President Larry Curry, and Councilors Keith Pepper, Frances Johns, and George Ciapusci, a quorum present.

Council Absent: Mayor Hagbom, excused.

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Weldon, City Attorney John Trew, Community Development Director Leo Lightle, Police Chief Ken Lewis, Det. John Bishop, Police Sgt. Mike Cooper, Building Official LauraLee Gray, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens

Media Present: Chuck Hayward, Curry Coastal Pilot, and William Dwinell, KURY Radio

Other: Fran Weir of League of Women Voters, Vicki Nuss-President Businesses for a Better Brookings, KURY Radio owner Vern Garvin, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Craig Mickelson, and approximately nine (9) other citizens, including former Mayor Nancy Brendlinger.

IV.

CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. *Introduction of New Employee - LauraLee Gray, Building Official*
Community Development Director Leo Lightle introduced LauraLee Gray as the City's new Building Official, coming to the City with nine years of experience employed by the County, which included the last eight years as the County Building Inspector and the last two of those as the County Building Official. Councilor Curry thanked Gray for joining the City.
- B. *Five Years of Service - John Bishop, Police Department/Detective*
Council President Curry read a certificate of appreciation to John Bishop for five years of loyal and dedicated service to the Citizens of Brookings.

V.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

VI.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- A. *Brookings-Harbor Youth Association Annual Report- Heather Weckler, Director*
Heather Weckler thanked the Council for supporting the Brookings-Harbor Youth Association directly and indirectly through their own and through the City's financial involvement. She asked the Council to drop by and visit the facility at any time and presented their annual report, which included remarks about the extremely busy and productive summer programs. The Council members congratulated the youth center organizers for their hard work and success, and looked forward to additional interaction in the future. Weckler thanked the tax payers and those making donations and noted the City has covered their insurance for the last two years. Dana Jensen, Board President, thanked the City for support and told of her appreciation of Heather!

VII.

ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- A. *Committee and Liaison reports*
1. *Chamber of Commerce*
None
 2. *Businesses for a Better Brookings*
Victoria Nuss, President, was pleased to announce the negotiation of a lease for a 24-hour a day unstaffed visitor center, shared with Los Amigos Restaurant and Sutter Coast Health Care. She provided handouts and noted they will have public restrooms-handicap accessible, and public parking, including RV-day use only, She updated the Council regarding the flags, advising there are now 143 flags to date, and added new holes are needed in the sidewalks.

3. *Port of Brookings-Harbor*
None

4. *Parks & Recreation Commission*
Craig Mickelson, Chair, reported on the skate park. He advised the Parks and Recreation Commission had not been able to meet due to illness, vacations, etc. However, he did a telephone tally of members and found them to be in favor of the skate park plans. He then provided a brief chronological history of the events leading to the current stage of the skate park.

5. *Council Liaisons*
Councilor Johns had two meetings within the last two weeks: one was the new "SAY Committee" - Swim All Year, the new name of the committee. Tom Davis, Liaison from 17C School District came up with the name idea. SAY is working with two sub committees - funding and structure. Their recent beginning is working well, third meeting will be August 12th at 7:00PM at the Chetco Senior Center.

Councilor Ciapusci missed the Port Commission meeting due to being out of state. He did attend the Planning Commission meeting on August 3rd, where there were three issues of public hearings: 2 minor partitions dealing with hillsides zoning and 1 recommendation of amendment to land development code dealing with wireless communication towers and related structures to be built within the city limits.

Council President Curry attended one meeting - the Chetco Community Forum that Ann Ramp moderated. Their guest speakers were State Rep. Ken Messerle and Sen. Veral Tarno. There was extensive discussion of gasoline prices in Brookings and gun control issues with many opinions offered.

Councilor Ciapusci also attended the County Planning Commission, which had on it's agenda the extension of the conditional Use Permit on the Salmon Run Golf and Resort. He was happy to report the extension was unanimously approved by the Commission members with certain conditions to be completed.

Councilor Johns and Councilor Pepper informed the Council of their unique experience riding in the Curry County Fair Parade, noting Brookings was the only City in the County represented.

B. Unscheduled

Council President Curry asked if anyone would like to address the Council. There was no response.

VIII.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Finance Department

1. Revised Resolution No. 99-R-489 to correct wording on workers' compensation coverage for City volunteers

Finance Director/Recorder Gail Hedding informed the Council, as a result of working through the workers compensation renewal this year, it became evident that there was a need to revise Resolution No. 99-R-489a. She explained the insurance carrier's recommendations and revision of the resolution. Hedding recommend the resolution be changed as amended and printed in the packet, so as to correctly indicate minimum wage rate for the volunteers and that the resolution be approved. City Manager Weldon concurred. City Attorney John Trew responded to the Council's questions, noting there was no need to repeal the previous resolution, because it was not an ordinance. Council President noted the matter was out of order on the agenda, but asked for a motion to accept.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to pass Resolution No. 99-R-489a, to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to all City of Brookings volunteers at the appropriate rates.

B. City Manager

1. Skate Park

City Manager Weldon referred to his memo to the Council in the packet on the update and new plans for the skate park. He made special notation to item #8 of his memo, and relayed the Rotary Club's vote to set this park as their major project for the year. He also asked for the Council to authorize he and the Mayor to officially pursue the Elks for donating the land and the City securing proposals from skate park designers for design and costs. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to continue developing a plan to turn the site between the City Hall parking lot and the Elks Club lower parking lot/driveway into a skate park, including: a) creating a steering committee to help make the park happen; b) officially approaching Elks and asking them to donate land; c) ask skate park designers for a proposal to work with local skaters to design a park; d) develop a calendar and financing plan

and bring to Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council for final approval before commitments are made.

2. *Council Liaison for Businesses for a Better Brookings*
Councilor Johns advised she had been contacted by Vicki Nuss to be the liaison to the Businesses for a Better Brookings, but that she would have to decline due to increased prior commitments. City Manager Weldon asked Council President Curry to hold over this item until the next meeting while current Council liaisons are reviewed.
3. *Joint Meeting with 17C School District Board of Directors - October 4, 1999, as tentative date*
City Manager Weldon informed he had discussed with the Brookings-Harbor 17C School District Superintendent, Paul Prevenas to set up a meeting with the City Council to discuss the district's Deferred Improvement Agreement. He asked the Council to agree to October 4, 1999, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. After some discussion and comments, the Council agreed October 4th was acceptable.

C. *Community Development Department*

Community Development Director Leo Lightle gave an update on the water status for the City. He indicated conditions are doing fine and consumption is down due to the weather.

1. *Traffic Speed Limit Signs on Old County Road*
Director Lightle explained the request for signs on Old County Road and recommended the signs be placed accordingly by city staff. There was no discussion by the Council. Comments were made by audience members and Dana Jensen, of 421 Pacific Ave. asked if a stop sign could be put at Old County Road at Pacific Ave. Lightle advised the Council he was not in favor of "stop" signs, but yes, speed signs would be appropriate. Weldon will have staff check on the stop sign possibilities and report back to the Council.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize city staff to install two (2) 25-miles per hour speed limit signs on Old County Road, one at or near City Limits and one near Pacific Avenue.

2. *17C School District's request to eliminate parking adjacent to 606 Easy Street*

Director Lightle spelled out the challenge of traffic control on Easy Street at 17C School District schools. The School District is asking for a no parking zone adjacent to 606 Easy Street, so that they can make turns safely with school buses and other vehicles. He recommended establishment of the No Parking area.

Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize establishment of sixty feet of No Parking west of the driveway and an additional eight feet east of the driveway at 606 Easy Street.

3. *Authorization to apply for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Grant*

Director Lightle explained in detail the background and request for application for a household hazardous waste collection event. Discussion ensued, with Weldon noting the City has worked very closely with CTR in the past on the collection event.

Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council unanimously approved to authorize the application for the Year 2000 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

4. *Award of Bid on Cushing Court waterline project*

Director Lightle informed the Council two bids were received for the Cushing Court Waterline Improvements. A copy of the bid tabulations were provided in the Council Packet. Lightle recommended the project be awarded to B&B Excavation. Discussions ensued regarding the extreme differences in the bids. However, Lightle explained to the Council's satisfaction. There was no further discussion from the Council or audience.

Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Ciapusci seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to award the contract for the Cushing Court Waterline Improvements Project to B & B Excavation in the amount of \$33,569.57.

IX.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*
 - 1. *Minutes of July 26, 1999, Regular Council Meeting*

- B. *Acceptance of Planning Commission Minutes*
 - 1. *Minutes of June 1, 1999, Regular Commission Meeting*
 - 2. *Minutes of July 6, 1999, Regular Commission Meeting*

(end Consent Calendar)

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

X.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS

- A. *Ordinances*

None

- B. *Resolutions*
 - 1. *Resolution No. 99-R-489a - to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage to all City of Brookings volunteers*
Previously addressed under agenda item No. VIII.A.1.

XI.

REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS

- A. *Mayor*

None

- B. *Council*

Councilor Johns thanked Council President Curry for doing such a good job this evening in the Mayor's absence. Curry responded by saying he enjoyed it.

Councilor Pepper informed the Council he attended his first fair parade and participated in the Canopy Project Booth and both were good experiences. He had many positive reports from citizens in and outside of Curry County, which was reassuring and he noted citizens seemed very impressed with the Canopy Project energies from the board and the project itself. Councilor Johns concurred on the positive responses from newly informed citizens on the canopy project and from those previously negative but now looking at the project in a different manner. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Ciapusci expressed his comments and observations from the County Commissioners meeting today. He also spoke to Tom Weldon today regarding a meeting on August 30, 1999 for H.O.P.E. - lighting the way for a drug free community, of which he will be attending. Weldon advised he will also be attending.

Previous Mayor Nancy Brendlinger spoke to clarify Dana Jensen's previous comments regarding the Old County Road traffic situation, providing a brief history from the Council and Planning Commission's positions.

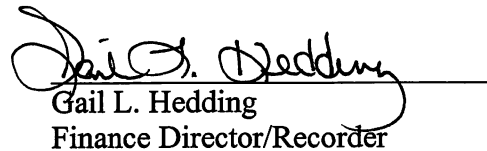
City Manager Weldon reported there will be a meeting tomorrow evening at the Chetco Senior Center on Emergency Preparedness. City staff will be present and Chief Lewis will make a presentation. He also stated at the last meeting the fire protection contract with Salmon Run Golf and Resort had been delayed to gather further information, but it has now been resolved. They have signed a contract with Harbor Fire District so there will be no need for the matter to be returned to the Council.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**
Councilor Ciapusci moved, Councilor Pepper seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Larry Curry
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


Gail L. Hedding
Finance Director/Recorder