

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon  
February 8, 1999  
7:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brendlinger called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Nancy Brendlinger, Councilors Larry Curry, Bob Hagbom, Frances Johns, Keith Pepper

Council Absent: Ex-officio Shiloh Thom

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Weldon, City Attorney John Trew, and Administrative Secretary Sharon Ridens.

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

Other: Connie Wilson, League of Women Voters

**IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. None

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. None

**VI. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

A. *New Post Office Building Architect - Lynn Hilbert*  
Mayor Nancy Brendlinger introduced Lynn C. Hilbert of Fletcher-Farr-Ayotte, PC Architecture Planning firm from Portland, Oregon, as the architect designing the new post office to be constructed at the current site. He discussed the status of the project, which included final approval from Denver. The construction date is set for mid year 2000, depending on funding. Hilbert displayed drawings, diagrams, and photos of the nationally historical works from Bernard Maybeck, the original architect hired by John E. and Robert S. Brookings, co-founders of the Brookings Timber & Lumber Co., to convert wilderness in the southern part of Curry County into a lumber producing town known as the City of Brookings. He showed architectural drawings of the post office project exterior design. His firm is in the process of securing final cost estimates, which will vary on final decisions for materials, roof design, and skylight areas.

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Discussion between the audience, Council, and Hilbert ensued, regarding the traffic flow, roof lines, exterior materials, budget restrictions, and projecting parking needs for the future.

Mayor Brendlinger thanked Hilbert for his work, cooperation with the Council and presentation. Further, she expressed her own and the Council's support of his firm's efforts and the project.

## VII. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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Mayor Brendlinger introduced Les Cohen, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, who presented the Chamber's Annual Program Report. Cohen noted that Oregon's visitor numbers were down overall in calendar year 1998. However, Brookings had a significantly less decline of tourist as compared to the state as a whole - second highest number of visitors of the eight State Welcome Centers. Cohen stated this is additionally significant in that the Brookings Welcome Center is open from only April through October, while three of the other State Welcome Centers are open year round and one other is open through November. Cohen also presented the Program Marketing and Promotion Budget and detailed future plans and funding.

Cohen provided figures on the serious increases of requests for information about Brookings via phone, mail, and contacts in person, not to mention Email inquiries, which are significantly cost effective.

With great enthusiasm, Cohen produced a copy of the "Power Book", just received by his office, which listed the Brookings-Harbor Chamber of Commerce as one of Oregon's Top 1,000 businesses.

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4. *Council Liaisons*

Councilor Frances Johns recounted the recent Gold Beach meeting she attended regarding the county's disaster preparedness plan. Mayor Brendlinger and City Manager Tom Weldon advised that the City of Brookings has an extensive disaster plan and had it's last "practice run" during 1998. Weldon indicated Chiefs Sharp and Lewis and Leo Lightle and he have been updating the City's plan for the last few months.

Councilor Keith Pepper informed the Council he would not be attending the next Council Meeting due to a Canopy Project meeting conflict set for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated the early evening meeting is set to firm up the project design with preliminary drawings having been presented previously. The Canopy Project group has been asked by the Governor's office to make a presentation to the Governor's Conference later this year. Also, Oregon's Tourism Commission is looking to use the Curry County model as a springboard to take ideas proposed, putting Oregon on the Nature based tours - a different approach to tourism, being more sensitive to environment and community. Councilor Pepper noted that the Board has been meeting for 4-years.

B. *Unscheduled*

Victoria Marsh (Nuss), resident and business owner in the city, representing Businesses for a Better Brookings asked the Council for placement on the agenda. She informed the Council of the purpose of the group, which is to promote business in Brookings, coordinate marketing strategy, assist the City of Brookings and the Chamber of Commerce for beautification in the Brookings area, and increase level of awareness of local community supporting local businesses.

Mayor Brendlinger thanked Marsh for her enthusiasm.

VIII.

**STAFF REPORTS**

A. *City Manager*

1. *Bud Cross Park - lease extension*

City Manager Tom Weldon informed the Council that he only recently became aware that the City of Brookings has been leasing the Bud Cross Park from Curry County and is not the owner. This lease expired on January 30, 1999.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Hagbom seconded and the Council voted unanimously to pass Resolution #R-99-650, extend the Bud Cross Park Lease agreement, and directed the City Manager to continue negotiations for the purchase of same.**

2. *Curry County Public Transit - fixed shuttle bus system proposal*

Tom Weldon recommended committing \$1,000, from the City's Non-Departmental Council/Community Relations budget to

support the project of securing a fixed route bus system for the Curry County Public Transit (CCPT). This project would be based upon CCPT obtaining additional commitments from the community in the amount of \$3,000. Jim Burfield, from the Sr. Center and CCPT, was present for answering questions and advised the Council of favorable responses from Gold Beach and Port Orford. Discussion ensued, which indicated the suggested routes, the Council having been provided with a map, and cost factors. Burfield indicated the bus would immediately use their presently owned small transit buses. However, he presented the idea of a more ideal rubber tired trolley bus with an operational goal for the Summer of 2000. He stated the CCPT wished to develop an easy on, easy off, trolley which would facilitate movement of people throughout the downtown area between motels, RV Parks, and restaurants, shopping centers and beach locations. This system would simplify and reduce parking and traffic congestion, allow visitors to get around more easily and encourage economic activity.

Councilor Pepper asked Burfield about fueling the trolley, with options of electrical, gas, etc. He asked about the possibility of including Azalea Park in the trolley route.

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Pepper seconded and the Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 for the transit bus system based upon the Curry County Public Transit obtaining additional commitments for \$3,000.**

C. *Community Development*

2. *Supplemental Environmental Project*

City Manager Weldon discussed the Supplemental Environmental Project involving DEQ and fines. Mayor Brendlinger addressed the importance and possible problems in securing permission from private property owners in regards to planting trees on their property. She also presented the possibility of private agencies donating money into the project, besides DEQ, to plant trees along streams. The project will involve the planting of 3,500 trees includes \$1,400 for purchase of trees and \$1,400 for labor/supervision costs, which will be supplemented by volunteer help.

Councilor Hagbom questioned part Fish & Wildlife & Watershed Council involvement. Mayor Brendlinger noted the City's penalty had been reduced from \$4,200 to \$3,600 due to the City's cooperation. DEQ understands we can plant only where private property owners will allow us.

**Councilor Hagbom, Councilor Johns seconded, and the Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to submit the Chetco Watershed Council**

**project of planting trees in the watershed as our  
Supplemental Environmental Project.**

**IX. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. *Approval of Council Meeting Minutes*  
1. Minutes of January 25, 1999, Regular Council Meeting
- B. *Approval of Vouchers (\$618,873.70)*
- (end Consent Calendar)

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

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

- A. *Resolution on Bud Cross Park lease extension*  
Addressed earlier in the meeting.

**XI. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

- A. *Mayor Brendlinger* - recognized the attendance of KURY Radio, represented by William Dwinell. She advised the Council of an Oregon State Parks Department Master Plan meeting for Curry County being held on February 25, 1999, and her inability to attend. Council Pepper offered to attend. Other meetings are set for March 8<sup>th</sup> & May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilor Pepper moved, Councilor Hagbom seconded, and the Council unanimously voted to approve adding the appointment of a City representative for the Curry County State Parks Master Plan Committee to the Agenda.**

**Councilor Johns moved, Councilor Hagbom seconded, and the Council unanimously voted to approve Councilor Keith Pepper as the City's representative to the Curry County Oregon State Parks Master Plan Committee.**

Mayor Brendlinger pointed out two Budget Committee and two Parks & Recreation Commission appointments have expired, and the staff has advertised them and they should be on the next Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Brendlinger recommended the Council form an ad hoc committee to discuss the swimming pool issues. She confirmed individuals have expressed to her their interests in investigating the covering of our city pool and helping to make it happen.

Councilor Curry suggested we table the issue until we know the status of the ownership of the Bud Cross Park Pool area.

City Manager Weldon reminded the Council one of their goals for 1998, was a pool study - cost of covering and operating.

- B. Council  
Councilor Hagbom described the positive results from the weekly Wednesday morning conferences with our Legislators and the Council and City Manager.

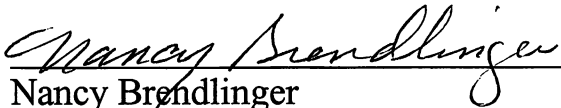
Councilor Johns told the Council her schedule for attending the League Of Cities Conference to be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in Coos Bay, Oregon. New Finance Director/Recorder, Gail Hedding will attend also.

Councilor Pepper thanked Mayor Brendlinger for her choices of Volunteers of the Year, as he had worked with both in the past years. He expressed his disappointment with not being able to attend to give them their well deserved acknowledgment.

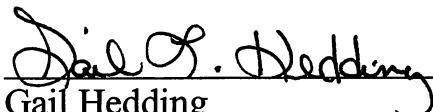
XII.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Hagbom moved, Councilor Johns seconded and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.**

  
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Nancy Brendlinger  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gail Hedding  
Finance Director/Recorder