

# MINUTES

**CITY OF BROOKINGS  
COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
Brookings City Hall Council Chambers  
898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon  
January 13, 1997  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Brendlinger called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Council Present: Mayor Nancy Brendlinger, Councilors Larry Curry, Bob Hagbom, Councilor Dave Ham, Councilor Julie Cartwright, Ex-Officio Kevin Blank**

**Staff Present: City Manager Tom Weldon, Finance Director/Recorder Bev Adams, City Attorney Martin Stone, Community Development Director Leo Lightle, Fire Chief Bill Sharp, Judge William Cowley**

**Media Present: Anita Rainey, Curry Coastal Pilot; Tracy Reed, KURY; Martin Kelly, KCRE**

**IV. CEREMONIES/APPOINTMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Community Development Director Leo Lightle introduced the new Treatment Plant operator, Royal Casso.**

**Mayor Brendlinger surprised Fire Chief Bill Sharp by proclaiming him the "Employee of the Season" for the City of Brookings, winter 1997. Bill was further honored by the City with a Certificate of Appreciation for 15 years of service.**

**Mayor Brendlinger read a proclamation to unite the City in celebrating January 1997 as "School Board Recognition Month". The proclamation was accepted by Jeanne Severs, school board member.**

Mayor Brendlinger read a proclamation to designate January 19, 1997 as "World Religion Day in Brookings", as promoted by the members of the Baha'i Faith. The proclamation was accepted by Jim Newman.

The Mayor read the "State of the City Address", a recap of main accomplishments and failures for the City for the calendar year 1996.

The Mayor also read a statement of her personal standards and goals for the future.

Both the State of the City Address and Mayor Brendlinger's statement of goals are attached with these minutes.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

VI. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Request to change Taxicab Ordinance

Jack Doyle, taxicab driver denied renewal of a taxicab permit by the Police department due to a prior suspension, is appealing Ordinance No. 8-387 which states anyone with a prior suspension within the last ten years will not be issued a permit to operate a taxi.

City Manager recommended that staff review and bring any changes before Council; and bring in the taxicab owners at that time.

Motion moved by Councilor Dave Ham to refer this matter to staff to review the taxicab provisions of the ordinance; motion seconded by Councilor Curry; motion approved unanimously.

VII. ORAL REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Community Development None

**B. City Manager**

- 1. City Manager Tom Weldon presented Judge Cowley's request to appoint Roger Sanders as Municipal Court Judge Pro-Tem as provided in Ordinance 1-008.Sec 7**

**Following discussion, Councilor Hagbom moved to retain the current Judge Pro-Tem, Anita Stuart; Councilor Ham seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.**

- 2. City Manager Tom Weldon presented a request from Mr. & Mrs. George Lee requesting permission to block a portion of Cottage Street on January 8, 1997 for their annual celebration of the Chinese New Year.**

**Councilor Curry made a motion to allow the Cottage Street closure but to deny approval for use of fireworks as requested. Motion died for lack of second.**

**After additional Council discussion of what the celebration has been in prior years, Council Ham moved to approve the closure of Cottage Street to allow the celebration of the Chinese New Year; Council Curry seconded, motion approved unanimously.**

- 3. City Manager Tom Weldon requested Council authorize Mayor Brendlinger's signature on a letter to the Federal Communications Commission protesting Falcon Cable's latest rate increase.**

**Motion made by Councilor Hagbom to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of protest to the Federal Communications Commission protesting Falcon Cable's rate increase; Councilor Cartwright seconded that motion; motion carried unanimously.**

- 4. City Manager Tom Weldon presented the issue of Council appointments to be made. Following discussion among the Council, the Mayor requested that the Committee lists be added to the next Council agenda with the exception of the next two appointments:**

**Motion made by Councilor Hagbom to reappoint Councilor Curry to serve as Council President; motion seconded by Mayor Brendlinger; motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Councilor Hagbom to appoint Police Chief Jack McDonald to the Southwestern Oregon Community Action Committee; Councilor Curry seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Police Department           None**

**D. Finance Department**

- 1. Finance Director/Recorder Bev Adams reported on the Measure 47 meeting held in Salem on 1/6/97. This was an information item only, no action was taken.**

**IX.           CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Councilor Hagbom moved, Councilor Curry seconded and the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as amended:**

**A.   Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**

- 1. December 9, 1996 Regular Council Meeting**
- 2. December 12, 1996 Special Council Meeting**

**B.   Acceptance of Commission/Board Minutes**

- 1. December 3, 1996 Regular Planning Commission Meeting**

**C.   Approval of Vouchers \$257,846.40**

**(end Consent Calendar)**

**X.           ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/FINAL ORDERS       None**

**XI.          COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Council Liaison**

**Mayor Brendlinger reported the following:**

- \*SDC Committee is working on their annual report**
- \*Attended a meeting in Gold Beach regarding Falcon Cable at which meeting those present spoke with a consultant**
- \* Attended a TGM Committee meeting, subject - Infill**
- \* Planning Commission has new Chair**

**B. Planning Commission**

**George Ciapusci, new Planning Commission Chair informed the Council that the Planning Commission is preparing to give them their annual report**

**C. Parks and Recreation Commission    None**

**D. Chamber of Commerce**

**Executive Director Les Cohen welcomed the new Mayor and Council and reported the following:**

- \* The Chamber of Commerce will present a program report at the end of the month**
- \* The Chamber is beginning the planning process for the next fiscal year, and,**
- \* That the Council will be contacted by the Chamber President Elect Richard Gyuro regarding issues important to the City**

**XII. REMARKS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**


**A. Mayor**

- 1. Mayor Brendlinger suggested February 26, 1997 as the date for a joint Council/Budget Committee work session on the Measure 47 cuts. This date was approved by the Council members.**

**B. Council    None**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hagbom moved, Councilor Ham seconded and the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

  
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**Nancy Brendlinger**  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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**Beverly Adams**  
Finance Director/Recorder

January 13, 1997

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

As mayor of the City of Brookings I will treat all that come before the council with respect. I will listen to them. I will try to work out a solution to their problems and when that is not possible I will try my best to help them to understand why it can't happen.

I have elected not to have a city credit card. You will be able to see all the mayor's city expenses listed in the monthly vouchers in the regular council agenda. I would encourage others to do the same.

I want to continue with and expand upon Public Involvement. I want to further open up the lines of communication with the public. We are in the process of putting out RFP's for a city home page on the Internet and with the council and staff being available by E-mail. We are looking at ways to have our council meetings and other city informational meetings televised - live. Perhaps also, regular forum pieces in the newspaper going more in-depth into current city issues.

The city will do what we can, with the funds available, to make us responsive to the needs of the community. Each year it becomes ever more important for all of us to work in unity, in order to go forward. It does no one any good to always find fault. It does do good to come up with productive ideas that will work in a cooperative atmosphere.

I intend on having an open door policy for both the public and city employees. The mayor and council does not have an office here in city hall, but then we don't really need one. The beach or a restaurant makes an excellent office for us. I'm listed in the phone book or you can leave a message at city hall.

To those that are here tonight, I look forward to seeing you at more of our meetings. Remember, "GOVERNMENT IS RUN BY THOSE WHO SHOW UP."

CITY OF BROOKINGS  
"STATE OF CITY" ADDRESS  
MAYOR NANCY BRENDLINGER  
JANUARY 13, 1997  
"A GOOD NEWS YEAR"

I'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS AND SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU. 1996 WAS A YEAR OF GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS FOR THE BROOKINGS CITY GOVERNMENT.

FIRST THE GOOD NEWS:

1. THE AZALEA PARK FOUNDATION USING DONATED DOLLARS AND VOLUNTEERS' TIME COMPLETED THE FIRST TWO PHASES OF THEIR GARDEN AND SCULPTURE PROJECT NEAR THE LOWER PARKING LOT ON OLD COUNTY ROAD. IT IS BEAUTIFUL!
2. THE CITY PUBLIC WORKS CREW AND TWO VOLUNTEERS REHABILITATED THE BUD CROSS PARK TENNIS COURTS MAKING ALL THREE OF THEM LIKE NEW.
3. FINALLY, SOMEONE STARTED DEVELOPING JACK CREEK GOLF COURSE. A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 30 VOLUNTEERS WITH CITY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES HELP AND THOUSANDS OF DONATED DOLLARS, BUILT A FIRST CLASS DRIVING RANGE AS THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE GOLF COURSE. THE CITY LEASED THE PROPERTY TO A PGA GOLF INSTRUCTOR AND HE AND THE BROOKINGS AREA GOLFERS ARE HITTING IT OFF VERY WELL!
4. PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES REPAIRED THREE BREAKS IN A MAJOR SEWER LINE AND WITH HELP FROM A LOCAL CONTRACTOR ENDED UP REPLACING OVER 460 FEET OF THIS BAD LINE. AS A RESULT OF THEIR QUICK RESPONSE AND POSITIVE ACTION THERE WERE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE SPILT SEWAGE AND NO FINES FROM DEQ!
5. LIGHTENING STRUCK IN OR AROUND OUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT THREE TIMES IN DECEMBER CAUSING APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IN DAMAGE. HOWEVER, WITH HELP FROM SEVERAL CONTRACTORS AND OUR WASTEWATER ENGINEER, OUR TREATMENT EMPLOYEES WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE PLANT OPERATION UNINTERRUPTED WITH NO FINES FROM DEQ. INSURANCE PAID FOR THE MAJORITY OF REPAIR EXPENSES.
6. WE COMPLETED A \$600,000 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE PROJECT. AN OPTIMIZATION STUDY BY OUTSIDE ENGINEERS MADE SUGGESTIONS ON PLANT OPERATION BUT GENERALLY FOUND THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WAS OPERATING VERY SATISFACTORY. OUR ENGINEERS COMPLETED AN UPDATE TO OUR WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN PROVIDING IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE.



7. WE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGNED A "MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND ORDERS" WITH DEQ. THIS HOLDS OFF FINES AND/OR A MORATORIUM ON BUILDING IN THE BROOKINGS/HARBOR AREA WHILE WE UPGRADE AND EXPAND OUR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
8. A CONTRACTOR REPLACED 1000 FEET OF ONE OF THE CITIES OLDEST AND MOST TROUBLESOME WATERLINES - PIONEER ROAD - AND THEN PAVED THAT AREA.
9. DESPITE RECORD SETTING RAINS OUR WATER AND STORM WATER SYSTEMS PERFORMED ADMIRABLY. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE RAINS FROM EITHER FLOODING OR LANDSLIDES.
10. WE ADOPTED AN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ONCE WE HAVE MADE SOME MINOR CHANGES. THIS BOUNDARY WAS UPHELD ON APPEAL TO LCDC AND LCDC'S APPROVAL HAS NOW BEEN APPEALED TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.
11. CONSULTANTS AND OUR PLANNER COMPLETED THE SOUTH COAST TRANSPORTATION STUDY (\$128,000 ODOT GRANT) AND BEGAN WORKING ON THE TRANSPORTATION GROWTH MANAGEMENT STUDY (\$40,000 ODOT GRANT). WE ALSO STARTED WORK ON A STUDY OF THE HIGHWAY 101 COUPLET PROJECT (\$75,000 ODOT GRANT).
12. THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT INSTALLED AND BEGAN USING NEW COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR GENERAL LEDGER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND FOR UTILITY BILLING.
13. THE FINANCE DIRECTOR SUPERVISED A MAJOR OLD RECORDS AND FILES REVIEW AND DISPOSAL PROJECT, SUPERVISED TELEPHONE AND COMPUTER SYSTEM UPDATES AND AN EXPANSION OF OUR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM.
14. POLICE CHIEF KENT OWENS RETIRED AND WAS REPLACED BY JACK MCDONALD, A FORMER CHIEF IN TWO ALASKAN CITIES.
15. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPANDED OR IMPLEMENTED SEVERAL NEW CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS: CITIZEN ACADEMY, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, CRIME STOPPERS, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, MCGRUFF THE CRIME DOG, BICYCLE PROGRAM, HALLOWEEN NIGHT STICKS AND A POLICE CHAPLAIN. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE 3,065 WORKER HOURS DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY BY THE POLICE RESERVES..
16. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED A STAFF TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND THE CHIEF IS HEADING UP DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL TRAINING CONSORTIUM CONSISTING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS IN CURRY AND DEL NORTE COUNTIES, INCLUDING PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON, UTILIZING

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THIS WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO BETTER LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TRAINING AT A LESSER PRICE BECAUSE IT WILL BE DONE LOCALLY.

17. OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED TO IMPROVE BY GOING FROM 24 TO 32 VOLUNTEERS. 27 OF THOSE PEOPLE EARNED STATE FIREFIGHTING TRAINING CERTIFICATES AND 11 ARE CERTIFIED AT THE BASIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN LEVEL OR HIGHER.
18. THE FIRE CHIEF CONTINUED TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENTS PUBLIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES PROVIDING DIRECT TRAINING FOR 984 CHILDREN AND 122 ADULTS.
19. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UPGRADED ITS EQUIPMENT BY REFURBISHING AN AMBULANCE DONATED BY SOUTHERN CURRY AMBULANCE TO BE USED AS A RESCUE VEHICLE. THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PURCHASED AND REFURBISHED A USED VEHICLE WHICH IS BEING USED AS A UTILITY/CHIEFS VEHICLE.
20. IN COOPERATION WITH THE BROOKINGS-HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS THE NUMBER OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN CITY COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES JUMPED FROM TWO IN 1995 TO SIX IN 1996.
21. WE REVIEWED FALCON CABLE'S RATES AND STARTED THE PROCESS OF CHALLENGING THE LATEST INCREASE.
22. WE RECEIVED A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE WHEN VOTERS APPROVED A 4 YEAR SERIAL LEVY FOR \$500,000 PER YEAR TO CONTINUE PRESENT SERVICE LEVELS AND EXPAND SOME PROGRAMS.

BESIDES THESE SPECIFIC ITEMS OF GOOD NEWS, THERE WERE TOO MANY TO MENTION SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES STARTED OR PARTICIPATED IN BY CITY VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF.

NOW THE BAD NEWS:

1. WE DIDN'T GET A \$300,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT WE APPLIED FOR. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING AGAIN THIS YEAR.
2. OREGON VOTERS APPROVED MEASURE 47 WHICH MEANS WE WILL HAVE TO CUT APPROXIMATELY \$238,000 OUT OF GENERAL FUND SERVICES.

ALL IN ALL 1996 WAS A YEAR THAT SAW PROGRESS OF SEVERAL FRONTS AND WAS BASICALLY A "GOOD NEWS YEAR".