

MINUTES  
BROOKINGS COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF BROOKINGS  
May 24, 1983  
7:00 p.m.  
BUDGET HEARING

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council Present: Mayor Bob Kerr, Vice Mayor Gil Batty, Councilman John Geraghty, Councilman Ray Nidiffer, Councilman Walt Lovejoy.

Staff Present: City Manager Lynn Stuart, Administrative Assistant Georgia Shirilla, City Recorder/Treasurer Naomi Bradfield, Public Works Supervisor Cecil Smith, Public Works Assistant Supervisor Dennis Barlow, Building/Fire Safety Officer Marshall Ferg, Police Chief Sam Dotson, Parks & Pool Coordinator Jeanne Nelson, Librarian Anne Hicks, Jim McCoy, Volunteer - Fire Department.

The Administrative Assistant announced that there was a quorum present.

Media Present: Bob Rodriguez, Curry Coastal Pilot and Marge Barrett, KURY Radio.

Budget Committee Present: Bill Hanson, Al Flannigan.

**III. SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

**1. Liquor License Renewals**

Mayor Kerr asked Council's consent to act on some liquor license requests, consent was granted. The first request was for the softball beer garden May 28th and 29th at Bud Cross Park. There was a MOTION by Councilman Lovejoy, seconded by Councilman Nidiffer, to approve the beer garden; motion carried unanimously.

There are also 3 liquor license renewal requests. They were Rubio's, Hole in the Wall and Plum Pudding. There was a MOTION by Councilman Batty, seconded by Councilman Lovejoy, to approve the requests; motion carried unanimously.

**IV. BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Kerr announced a public hearing for the purposes of deciding which direction the City Council wants to go after the levy defeat. Mayor Kerr felt we had a tight budget but the public apparently feels we can tighten our belt further. He stated that under no circumstances did he want City services cut.

Mayor Kerr then turned the meeting over to City Manager Lynn Stuart. Mr. Stuart informed Council that City staff met to discuss the defeat of the levy and feel that the public was not voting against the City's budget but against taxation.

The approach for change will be more along the line of how to maintain present level of service and also at the same time make an effort to do

some additional reduction in taxes. The original budget had a levy rate of \$5.34 assuming a 5% increase in the assessed value. The approach we are taking this evening is to reduce that even further if possible.

Mr. Stuart stated that they have identified essential vs. non-essential services and discussed raising users fees in the non-essential services area.

Mr. Stuart then outlined the budget as follows:

Highlights on division by division basis:

General Fund Resources - Bud Cross Park/Outdoor Recreation Grant - \$22,000 will be coming back in fiscal 83-84 into Grant Funds.  
\$1,695 are grant funds for Tanbark Park construction and bike path and will not be received until 83-84. Pool revenues - fee schedule increase 15% for outside users - total over last year of 10% to the inside, 35% to the outside users - the change would be 15% for the outside user over the rate that is presently being charged - that should generate increase from \$19,450 to \$23,340.  
Interfund Transfers - 50¢ per account for water and wastewater per month should be set aside into a reserve fund.  
Federal Revenue Sharing can be used to offset taxes.  
Total resources in the General Fund will be \$800,942.00.

General Fund Expenditures -

Legislative/Judicial no changes, part-time clerk becomes full-time clerk next year.

Administrative, no changes, \$10,000 for computer equipment coming from Federal Revenue Sharing.

Police Department, no change over what was originally budgeted.

Fire Department, no change except resources for the engine reserve and the building reserve would come from Federal Revenue Sharing.

Building/Planning, no change, department no longer exists.

Parks & Recreation, change in resources, reduction in capital expenditure program - \$1,500 in Bankus Fountain Park (lawn grass), \$7,000 to resurface tennis courts, relocating one of the ball fields \$2,000 - these projects are out for this year. Projects that are 'in' are fencing for lots by Bud Cross Park and Tanbark park.

Library, separate fund by itself, no change.

Non-Departmental, we now have a specific insurance dollar amount of \$10,000 which is a \$8,000 savings over budgeted amount, \$16,990 of tax money from General Fund to support library will be deleted.

State Tax Street Fund, resources do not change, no change in the expenses.

Water Special Revenue Fund resources, no change.

Water Distribution expenditures, no change.

Water Treatment, transfer of \$20,000 to the General Reserve Fund

for the purposes of building a construction pump for water treatment has been changed to the amount that transfers to the General Reserve Fund is equal to 50¢ per account for a full 12 months which would amount to \$9,960.

The balance of that money transfers to the General Fund to offset taxes, Street Fund transfer is the same.

Wastewater Special Revenue Fund, no changes in resources, no change in collection, Expenditure - treatment portion, change is 50¢ per account per month would be sent to the reserve fund, balance goes to General Fund.

Bancroft, no change.

Debt Service, no change.

Federal Revenue Sharing, significant change in resources, \$63,590 that is available to spend to offset some of our taxes, transfer \$34,000 to General Fund to offset taxes and \$16,990 to the Library.

General Reserve Fund, grant of \$6,300 for bike paths and park, wastewater originally \$20,000, it's now reduced to \$8,700, \$20,000 in water is now reduced to \$9,960, total is reduced from \$154,400 down to \$139,390, bike path program funded with matching State money requires an expenditure of \$12,655.

Trust Funds, no change.

Library, resources include users fees of \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents which would increase from \$17,600 to \$35,200, \$16,990 coming from Federal Revenue Sharing should bring budget up to \$56,390.

Expenses in Library close to fiscal year 81-82, increase in salaries including fringe benefits including full-time Librarian and two part-time employees, office supplies, increase in books.

Assumption that the assessed valuation would remain the same as in 1982-83. Outside 6% amount that we're proposing is \$174,926, when totalled it comes to \$519,872, this has already been approved by the voters and is within the constitutional limitation. The levy rate will go down if the assessed value stays right where it is, it'll go from \$5.48 down to \$4.65 in fiscal 83-84.

Mr. Stuart finished his presentation and asked the Council if there were any questions. John Geraghty questioned the new reserve funds and asked how we could do that without raising the rates. Mr. Stuart explained that rate adjustment was still included.

Mayor Kerr asked about the 50¢ rate that came out of the water and sewer, whether it was in addition to the 50¢ in the original ordinance. Mr. Stuart explained that it is the 50¢ in the original ordinance.

Mayor Kerr asked for any more questions. Al Flannigan questioned outside amount. Mr. Stuart explained that the budget law requires that we include in the amount an amount estimated not to be received. 15% estimated not to be received for fiscal 83-84, it will probably be higher than that so 15% is conservative.

Mayor Kerr questioned as to what the uncollected tax amounts were in other service districts. Mr. Stuart said he had not heard. Mayor Kerr said there appears to be some confusion among the public about uncollected tax and the budget. It is really delinquent tax, it will be collected. How do we educate the public? John Geraghty asked if we are mandated by law to provide the funds to replace uncollected taxes. Mayor Kerr answered yes.

Mr. Stuart read from a form from the State for budget purposes 'previously levied taxes estimated to be received'. He went on to explain that it takes 5 years to get monies.

Mayor Kerr asked for any other questions. Al Flannigan questioned assessor decreasing assessed valuation. Mr. Stuart informed Council that he had talked with the tax office and overall there will not be a decrease.

Mayor Kerr asked for any other questions. Barbara Landauer stated that she felt the City should not be so apologetic for their budget and she felt disappointed because there was no rebuttal to the article in the newspaper. She felt we should have defended ourselves. Mayor Kerr stated that we could not defend ourselves when we can not go out and use tax dollars to promote the budget.

Councilman Batty informed the Council that he had received a phone call the night before the election from a gentlemen who stated that there were 40 people who were going to vote against the budget because of two things: #1 - the lights were on all night at the tennis court and #2 - a waterline project that was to go through that area had fallen through and they were unhappy. Councilman Batty investigated these matters the following day and found that the lights at the tennis court are on a dual timer system. The only time they can be turned on is between dusk and 10:30 p.m. Then out at the court there is a one-hour timer. Councilman Batty then found out the LID project is on schedule and had not fallen through. Ms. Landauer then made the statement that the majority of the people that voted didn't live in the City.

Mayor Kerr stated that the only way to get correct information to the public was to take money out of our own pockets and advertise in the newspaper. He also included that people want the streets paved and a clean City but they defeat the budget.

Councilman Nidiffer stated that we need private people to get out and support the City. If the next tax levy fails, we will be cutting services, that's the only thing left. He referred to Ed Olsen's campaign of years past.

Mayor Kerr informed Council that with County cuts we will only be getting 16 hours of service from the Sheriff's Department. He also told of fire services and how the City of Eureka had problems when they let their fire services slip.

Councilman Batty complimented the staff on their presentation of this document. He stated that he's finally seeing the first use of Revenue Sharing monies for things other than capital expenditures.

He went over results of research and gave figures about monies spent from our City budget and how they broke down. He feels we have a long way to go with street repair and our appearance.

Mr. Landauer said he didn't feel it was right for people outside to tell us how to vote.

Mayor Kerr felt that we could still maintain services with the proposed budget changes but it would be tight.

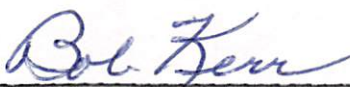
Mr. Stuart asked that the levy of \$174,926.00 be submitted to the elections office by tomorrow to get it on the June 28, 1983 ballot. The next State election date that has been set would be the third Tuesday in September.

There was a MOTION by Councilman Nidiffer, seconded by Councilman Geraghty, to adopt and present this budget to the voters; motion carried unanimously.

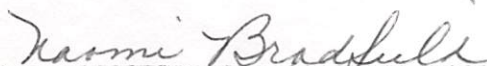
Mayor Kerr then stated that he had requested the City Manager to contact the port commission and everyone on the Estuary Committee to come together and set up a special meeting to settle rumors that have started on the Comprehensive Plan. Tuesday, May 31, 1983 is scheduled as a work study session at 7:00 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was a MOTION by Councilman Lovejoy, seconded by Councilman Batty, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

  
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Mayor Bob Kerr

ATTEST:

  
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Naomi Bradfield, City Recorder