

MINUTES  
BROOKINGS COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF BROOKINGS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 26, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Elmer Hitchcock.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were: Councilman Darrel Allsup, Roy Brimm, Robert Earle and Ralph Cheney.

Staff present were: City Manager/Recorder Frank Freeman and Praecilla Pruitt Secretary. Also present was City Engineer Richard Nored.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Arnold Lane Local Improvement District:

MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Cheney that we limit any discussion from the floor to a maximum of three minutes and when a person gives testimony there can be no debate. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Engineer informed the Council and audience that at a previous hearing held four months ago the property owners were told the cost of the project on Moore, Hub, Iris, Arnold, Fifield and Mill Beach Road. He read a list of 72 property owners that had written remonstrances opposing the project. There were three additional property owners present that stated they had written remonstrances and their names were not read.

Those present who gave oral opposition to the project felt that the cost was excessive and there was a recession. The City Engineer stated that at the previous hearing the amount of \$1,195,168 was given as the total cost of the project. A question was raised why the project had been assessed on a square footage basis rather than lineal footage. The City Engineer stated that at the previous hearing the main concern was the corner lots. When they assessed on the square footage basis it benefited the corner lots in that the corner lot and the lot next door would be charged the same. The cost of the corner lots would then be spread throughout the entire improvement. There were also statements that more fire hydrants, water and drainage and street repairs should be done. There were 21 property owners that gave testimony with four that were in favor of the project and ten definitely opposing the project. The remaining property owners voiced their disapproval to various problems and concerns.

MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Cheney that we discontinue consideration of this current project, pending further Engineering and possibly separating the areas and re-petitioning into the areas that have been established by the Engineer.

Councilman Earle called for a vote and the audience requested that Councilman Earle restate and clarify his motion.

MOTION by Councilman Earle that we discontinue discussion on this project, and in essence disapprove it at this time, with the condition that at a future date after Engineering is done where we can divide the project into separate areas that are economically feasible from an Engineering standpoint. Then those who wish may re-petition in a formal certified petition each resident at that time if they desire the project.



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Councilman Earle stated that his motion was basically to discontinue discussion and discontinue the project. That there were a minority of property owners in favor of the project and the City Engineer should find out how to split up the project, and then re-petition whether the property owners want the project and if not it would be disapproved. Councilman Allsup questioned why this should be prolonged since there were so many people in opposition of the project and didn't feel that any more Engineering funds should be spent on this project. Councilman Earle withdrew his motion and Councilman Cheney withdrew his second.

MOTION by Councilman Allsup, seconded by Councilman Brimm that we disapprove the project.

After discussion about the cost of the project a vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

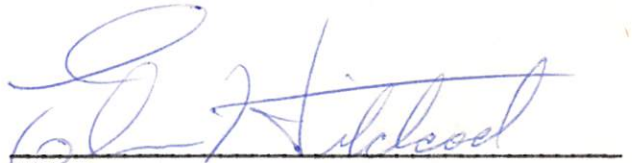
MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Earle that Calvin Adkisson be appointed to the Budget Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Earle that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on tape and is on file in the City Recorder's office.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY RECORDER