

MINUTES
BROOKINGS COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BROOKINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
May 7, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Mayor Elmer Hitchcock.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Members present were: Councilmen Robert Earle, Ralph Cheney and Roy Brimm.

Staff present were: City Manager/Recorder Frank Freeman and Praecilla Pruitt, Secretary. Also present was City Attorney John Coutrakon.

III. APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by Councilman Cheney to appoint Mary Jane Brimm and Lou Vieira to the Planning Commission. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Cheney that we reappoint Mary Jane Brimm to the Planning Commission. Councilman Brimm abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Brimm that we reappoint Earl Breuer to the Planning Commission. Councilman Cheney voted "no". Motion carried.

IV. LEGISLATIVE

1. Council consideration of informal bids for installation of electrical service for Bud Cross Park restrooms.

There were three bids from Long Electric, Brookings Electric Service and Doyle Electric.

MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Earle that we accept the low bid from Long Electric in the sum of \$1,222.95. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Council consideration of informal bids for purchase of Municipal Swimming Pool heater.

MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Earle that the matter be tabled until we can get the proper Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance dispensing with election in the City with regard to proposals for annexation of property to the City of Brookings.

The Ordinance No. 330 was read in its entirety.

The City Attorney explained that this was a triple majority annexation which required a majority of land owners in terms of quantity, land owners and value of the land.

MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Brimm to read Ordinance No. 330 by Title only.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

MOTION by Councilman Brimm, seconded by Councilman Cheney that we adopt Ordinance No. 330. Councilman Earle voted "no" Motion carried.

4. Housing Agreement between the City of Brookings and the Coos-Curry Housing Authority.

Mr. Freeman informed the Council that the agreement would allow the City to apply for low cost housing grants in the area, but the Council by motion had previously asked for housing for Senior Citizens. This agreement would allow for more.

MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Cheney, that we not accept the agreement since it did not represent what the Council originally had passed. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

1. Request from Bill Hansen to further discuss the issue of local motel/hotel tax.

Councilman Earle stepped down from his seat on the Council. Mr. Freeman read the letter from Mr. Bill Hansen requesting that the Council reconsider placing the motel/hotel tax on the ballot. Mayor Hitchcock informed the Council that one of the County Commissioners had informed him that there might be a County-wide motel tax. Mr. Freeman read a letter from Pat Longtain. Bob Earle read a letter of opposition to the motel/hotel tax. He stated that he felt the Committee had little factual direction. The tax was determined by hearsay, personal opinion and information not based on local market conditions. That the local motel owners had not been contacted to get the facts. He suggested that a minimal increase in local tax be imposed to meet the City's requirements. He asked for a reversal of their previous motion or table the issue until we know what impact will result. Anne Olsen, manager of the Thunderbird Motel spoke against the tax and felt that it was discriminatory to go against one business group and drive the tourists away. Nick Beaman, former motel owner, was also in opposition to the tax because the tourists were here only four months out of the year and the balance of the year was for the commercial trade and it would drive many of these people away. Gene McGee, executive director of the Oregon Coast Association also gave oral opposition to the tax. He stated that it was a discriminatory tax against people that are not residents and against a segment of business in this community which would cause the town to lose a great deal of tourist trade and some commercial trade. Lou Vieira, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee stated that he had talked personally with many motels in Grants Pass and the Best Western in Medford and people objected to the tax if they were from Oregon. The out of State tourists were happy to pay the hotel occupancy tax. Martin King spoke in favor of the motel/hotel tax. Bill Bonser, part owner of Red Jordan Wholesale Foods felt that there would be an impact on the restaurant business, and would jeopardize the 17 or 18 restaurants in the Brookings-Harbor area. Mayor Hitchcock suggested that we table the matter to see what the County will do and then put it on the ballot in November. He had heard that the County might impose an 8 to 10% tax. It was the consensus of the Council that they were not passing the tax, but it would be left up to the vote of all the people in Brookings on June 24, 1980.

2. Request from Lawrence Payne for City Council acceptance of Public improvements within Forrest Estates Subdivision.

MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Brimm that we accept the Forrest Estates Subdivision.

Councilman Earle questioned the width of the street and that 40' would not comply with the new Subdivision Ordinance and would require a variance. The City Attorney informed the Council that the new ordinance states that approval of the final plat was mandated if it was the same as the preliminary plat. If this width complied at the time with the preliminary plat then they would not be required to change it. Marshall Ferg stated that there was no change from the preliminary plat. The motion was voted upon and it carried unanimously.

3. Request from Marvin Pope for the City to realign Ransom Street at its intersection with Fifth Street.

Mr. Freeman read the letter from Mr. Pope.

MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Brimm that Mr. Pope should provide a survey of the area and that the matter be tabled until this is accomplished. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion concerning tennis court lights at Bud Cross Park complex.
The letter was read which was signed by about 16 citizens of Brookings requesting that the lights at the tennis courts be turned off.

MOTION by Councilman Cheney, seconded by Councilman Earle that we cut the power off on the tennis courts only and separate the lights from the swimming pool. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mr. Freeman informed the Council that Mr. Gerald Ross had requested that he be placed on the May 13, 1980 agenda.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Cheney that we pay the bill from Dumont Manufacturing Co. for striping for the Little League Field in the sum of \$247.32.
2. Bill Hansen asked the Council what the motel/hotel tax consisted of and if the motel owners were to do the work free. Councilman Cheney stated he thought there was to be some percentage to pay for the bookkeeping. The City Attorney stated that there would have to be a proposed ordinance formed before it goes on the ballot. It was agreed between the Attorney, the Council and Mr. Hansen that they should have a meeting to discuss what type of ordinance would be drafted. Councilman Cheney stated that the ordinance would need to be drafted by the May 13, 1980 meeting. The City Attorney stated that a meeting should be scheduled right away and suggested that Councilman Brimm and Councilman Cheney, the City Manager, Bill Hansen and another motel owner meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 1980 to discuss the matter. The attorney stated that he had a rough draft ordinance which needed only to fill in the blanks.
3. MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Cheney that we approve the Liquor License renewal for O'Holleran's Restaurant. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Freeman read the Proclamation for Area Cleanup and Beautification Week which was set for May 19 to May 23, 1980.
5. MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Brimm that we approve the final payment to M & F Building Co. in the sum of \$2,500, since Mr. Cremarosa is fully bonded. Motion carried unanimously.
6. MOTION by Councilman Earle, seconded by Councilman Brimm that approval be given the Rotary Club to use a City truck to haul benches to the seafood luncheon. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

R. J. E. ENL MAYOR PRO-TEM, MAYOR

E. J. Johnson