

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONTINUOUS COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BROOKINGS, OREGON  
OCTOBER, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1965

A special continuous meeting of the Brookings City Council was first called to order at 10:00 A. M. on October 11, 1965, by Mayor Bruce Manley.

Councilmen present were Henry Kerr, Ben Franklin, Jr., Ernest Christensen and Lloyd Mosier.

Reporters present during the course of the meeting included Dick Keusink, Marge Barrett, Norm Oberst, Crescent City American, United Press International, and KATU-TV of Portland.

It was outlined to the Council that the City of Brookings was facing an obvious water shortage, and that many homes had been without water since Sunday morning, October 10, 1965. The Council was informed that Jack Wright, Curry County Sanitarian, and Leo Baton, District Sanitary Engineer, were enroute to Brookings to give assistance from the State level.

The Mayor and Council were in agreement that the Public Utilities Commission should be notified of the crisis. At this point Mayor Manley left the meeting and telephoned Jonell Hill, the Public Utilities Commissioner. Commissioner Hill stated that he will work with the City 100% from hereon out and is sending Art Wilson to Brookings to represent his office.

Jack Wright pointed that the auxiliary line of the Brookings Water Company has blown seven times to date. He said that the restaurants have been closed and that the motels are going to be closed to transient people.

~~Ernie Christensen made a MOTION that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission close everything possible in order to conserve the water supply. This motion was seconded by Lloyd Mosier and unanimously passed. The meeting was then adjourned at 11:00 A. M. to await arrival of other State Officials.~~

The Council reconvened at 4:45 P. M. on October 11, with P.U.C. representative Art Wilson present. He said that the immediate problem was to get water in the reservoir and a water supply to the City. He thought that eventually a hearing should be held with Mr. Bankus.

Leo Baton pointed out that after eight breaks continuous trouble would be faced unless some new sections of pipe are put into service. He recommended that the quickest way is to obtain pipe through Civil Defense. Mr. Baton also recommended that tank cars of water be brought in for basic needs. Mayor Manley then left the meeting to contact the Civil Defense. Upon completion of the phone call, the Mayor said that the City would be billed for the trucks used to transport the materials. The City in turn could bill the Civil Defense.

Elmer Bankus, who was present at the meeting, was asked if he would be willing to let Civil Defense help him. He stated that he would have a booster pump in service Tuesday noon (Oct. 12) and that the problem is merely that of booster pumps. Mr Bankus said he would not object to Civil Defense.



Mr. Bankus stated that naturally the Brookings Water Company is interested in security and that he saw no future trouble. He did not feel that we will need emergency measures. Mr. Bankus gave the City permission to fill his reservoir and said that we have his 100 % cooperation on anything that is necessary to obtain water. Mr. Bankus said that he was glad to have the support of the City and the Civil Defense.

It was pointed out that approximately 200 of the 800 connections of the Brookings Water Company lacked the adequate water service necessary for basic needs. This includes approximately 1200 people.

A MOTION was made by Ernie Christensen that the City of Brookings declare an emergency due to the critical water shortage with a concurrence of Mr. Bankus, the owner of the Brookings Water Company. This motion was seconded by Lloyd Mosier and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M. to be continued at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 12.

Mayor Bruce Manley called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M., October 12. It was stated that some 8" pipe is currently ready for the City through Civil Defense. The pipe is to be transported from Pendleton, Oregon, at the expense of the City of Brookings.

Leo Baton stated that a boil water order will be in effect until further notice. Mr. Baton also pointed out that the Fairy Creek Reservoir is virtually dry and that the Ransom Creek supply is inadequate, as it only contains an estimated four to six hour supply per twenty four hour day. He said that due to the low or negative pressure there is a possibility of raw sewage being drawn into the Brookings water line.

Mr. Wilson recommended that the City of Brookings take over the existing water system. Mr. Baton concurred this recommendation. Ben Franklin, Jr. made a MOTION that Henry Kerr be appointed by the Council with the full authority of the Council to head a committee to negotiate with the Brookings Water Company the possibility of obtaining the water system for the City of Brookings. Failing in this, Mr. Kerr may take whatever other action he deems advisable with the consent of the Council to acquire a suitable water system. This Motion was seconded by Lloyd Mosier and received the unanimous approval of the Council.

A telegram from Worthinton Associates in Corvallis was read. A copy of that telegram is attached hereto.

It was stated that if there is no water by 1:00 P.M. the City is to call for the pipe and order the tank trucks. The meeting was then adjourned until 1:30 P.M.

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APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. OCTOBER 13, 1965, MR. KERR EFFECTED A  
HOOK-UP FROM THE RIVER TO THE PUMP TO THE MAIN LINE AND ANNOUNCED  
WATER WAS NOW COMING INTO BROOKINGS. AFTER CONTINUOUS PUMPING,  
IT WAS ~~REMOVED~~ DISCONTINUED 5:30 A.M. OCTOBER 14, 1965, AT THE REQUEST  
OF MR. WHEELER IN ORDER TO ALLOW MR. BANKUS TO REPAIR THE  
PIPE AND TO RELIEVE THE FIRE TRUCK.



Ben Franklin wished the City Council to go on record as saying that the City of Brookings has given the Brookings Water Company sufficient time to activate their auxillary system and that the City Council would now like to empower the Mayor with authority to obtain help from the Corp of Engineers and any other available sources in an effort to obtain water for the City.

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The corrected budget was submitted to the Council for approval. Lloyd Mosier made a MOTION that the Council approve the budget as submitted. This motion was seconded by Henry Kerr and unanimously approved.

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A letter from the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau was read and is attached to the minutes.

Vouchers totaling \$4,682.66 were submitted for approval. Ernie Christensen made a MOTION that the vouchers be paid. Ben Franklin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Roy Brockshink of the Corp of Army Engineers entered the City Hall during the course of the meeting and discussed the water crisis with the Mayor and Councilmen. It was stated by Mr. Bankus that the existing break should be fixed by noon tomorrow (Oct.13). The meeting was adjourned until the following morning.

The Council reconvened at 11:00 A.M. on October 13. It was announced that Christopher Wheeler was being sent to Brookings as a representative of Governor Mark Hatfield. The Council temporarily adjourned until 1:50 P.M. At this time a MOTION was made by Lloyd Mosier that Henry Kerr be appointed to act on behalf of the City Council to supervise and direct the necessary construction, equipment acquisition, and manpower to secure a water supply into the City of Brookings. This was seconded by Ben Franklin and carried unanimously.

It was pointed out that one of the Cities fire trucks will be hooked up to pump water into the lines in place of the disabled booster pump. A truck is being dispatched to Brookings from Gold Beach to cover for fire protection purposes. Fire Chief Bob Kerr also pointed out that he has seven tank trucks on standby for fire protection to supplement the City's inadequate water supply. The meeting was then adjourned to await further developments.

← correction/addition



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Christopher Wheeler said that he is acting as co-ordinator of all State people who may be of help to the City during this crisis. He felt that immediate action should be taken to solve the situation. Mr. Wheeler felt that the crisis may best be solved by a combination of three things;

- (1) To take the pump presently located at the river and place it at the booster station.
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It was emphasised that these are the best choice of recommendations and that Mr. Bankus has already started to fulfill these. It was also pointed out that Mr. Bankus is the owner of the system and that the City of Brookings is the consumer.

Mayor Manley said that Fire Chief Bob Kerr and Deputy State Fire Marshall Red Ryearson have designed a system to put several hundred thousand gallons into the reservoir and asked if the decision to remove it at this time was wise.

Mr. Bankus stated that with the rain the Water Company can now run Ransom Creek on a twenty-four hour basis until the other installation is complete. He also said that competent men will be here to install and supervise the installation of both pumps.

Mayor Manley emphasised that he wants to be sure what the City does is for the best and wondered why the City should leave the system designed by Kerr and Ryearson. Mr. Wheeler said that he was reluctant to recommend the use of a fire pumper any longer than is necessary.

Henry Kerr made a MOTION that the City of Brookings return the water system to the Brookings Water Company. This was seconded by Ernie Christensen.

The Mayor stated that the motion was being made on the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and the assumption of all responsibility by the Brookings Water Company. Mr Kerr asked that this be included in the motion.

The Motion was then ammended to read that upon the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and the assumption of all responsibility of the Brookings Water Company, the City return the water system to the Brookings Water Company. The ammended motion was unanimously passed by the Council.

Mr. Bankus stated that he wished to give the best possible protection and that he would pay for the motor the City of Brookings ordered as a standby in order to give the best possible protection to the City.

Mayor Manley said he felt that the City had no alternative but to go into the water business. He wanted the Council to go on record as wanting to proceed with the motion to this effect and to study this possibility.



A MOTION was made by Ben Franklin that the City of Brookings proceed to make a study of engineering reports and recommendations and whatever other materials are available in an effort to put the City in the water business. This motion was seconded by Ernie Christensen and unanimously passed.

Ernie Christensen then made a MOTION that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Henry Kerr and met with unanimous approval.

Bruce J. Manley  
Mayor Bruce J. Manley

ATTEST:

Robert O. Dimmick, Jr.  
Robert O. Dimmick, Jr.

*correction to minutes on page 3, page 1*





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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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WU002 NL CORVALLIS, OREGON

10-12-65

HONORABLE BRUCE MANLEY  
MAYOR  
BROOKINGS, OREGON

WE OFFER ENGINEERING SERVICES TO YOU IN YOUR CURRENT EMERGENCY PROVIDING YOU HAVE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF COUNCIL CAN HAVE EMERGENCY SYSTEM IN OPERATION WITHIN 16 HOURS FROM AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED FUNDING WOULD HAVE TO BE PROMISED BY CITY. POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID BUT NO GUARANTEE.

SIGNED,

WORTHINGTON  
ASSOCIATES ENGINEERS

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE





# INSURANCE RATING BUREAU

DIVISION OF PACIFIC FIRE RATING BUREAU

721 SW OAK STREET • PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

PROTECTION GRADING DEPT.

October 11, 1965

Mrs. Marjorie McKernan  
City Recorder  
P. O. Box 1308  
Brookings, Oregon 97415

Dear Mrs. McKernan:

This morning we heard reports of a supply main failure of the Brookings Water System. Apparently the failure occurred this week-end.

We would appreciate receiving your comments about the situation, particularly as to where the failure developed, if it was on filled earth, how much main was damaged, how long it took to make repairs, how long the system was without water, and any steps which may have been taken to obtain an emergency supply or connection.

A copy of a letter on a similar occurrence from the City is enclosed. This type of information will be most helpful.

There may be some reluctance on the part of the owner of the water system to provide us with the information in sufficient detail so we are writing the City knowing that the city officials are very much interested in this problem.

Thank you very much for any information which you can provide.

Very truly yours,

*D F Wagner*  
D. F. Wagner  
Division Engineer

DFW/ny  
enclosure





Oct. 11, 1965

Meeting called to order at 4:45 by Mayor Bruce Manly

all councilmen present

reporters Quincy Bonnett, Oberst

art Wilson, P.U.C representative present

immediate problem to get water in reservoir & city  
bad on water; thought eventually a hearing should  
be held with Mr. Bonbus

Leo Bator pointed out after 8 breaks we would have  
continual trouble unless new sections put in

Recommended quickest way is to obtain pipe through civil defense  
have emergency need, should have water brought in by tank cars  
have never been presented with a set of plans, so he does not  
know size of pipe

Leo Bator recommended Civil Defense be notified and  
tank cars be brought in for basic needs

Mayor Manly called Civil Defense

Bator did not know what Civil Defense service would cost City  
Mr. Wilson pointed out municipally owned system is far superior  
to privately owned



Mr. Barbus was asked if he would be willing to let Civil Defense help him. He stated he would have booster pump in service Tuesday noon, the problem is merely that of booster pumps and they are in the process of being installed. If city wished to notify Civil Defense, it is up to them. His public facility should take care of about three times daily demand, should be able to pump 700,000 gallons. Would not object to Civil Defense.

Barbus stated naturally water company is interested in security, saw no future trouble.

He did not feel we will need emergency measures, said pipe will not withstand pressure necessary to boost it to required height.

If system is not working by tomorrow noon

stated engineer did not directly, but indirectly supervised laying of pipe <sup>present</sup>

(X)

Barbus wants tank cars for people to obtain water

Bob Kerr pointed out seven tank cars currently on stand-by for fire

Barbus stated there were four crews working on the project

Barbus gave permission to fill reservoir



Oct. 11, 1965

Special meeting of Council called at 10:00 by Mayor Madley  
councilmen all present  
reported Dick Kessent

Jack and District Sanitary Engineers experts, will give assistance from  
state level

Mayor & Council will notify P. U. C.

Mayor called Mr. <sup>ford</sup> Hill, will work with city 100% from  
here on out, Mr. Art Wilson is on way to represent his  
office

Jack pointed out line has blown seven times  
restaurants closed, motels are to be closed to transient people

Ernie made motion that O.C.C., in order to conserve  
water, close everything possible to conserve the water supply  
Ernie made motion, Lloyd second  
adjourned 11:00 until state officials arrive



Bankus stated we have his 100% cooperation 2  
on anything that is necessary

12 or 13 men employed by Mr. Bankus  
altogether 25 men are working

300 connections may need service from tank cars, would  
include about 1200 people  
about 800 connections altogether

Mr. Wilson said he could get tank cars

Ernie said if we need 4 or 5 tank cars we should order  
those immediately

City has Mr. Bankus' unqualified permission on any  
necessary steps

Mr. Bankus was glad to have support from City & Civil Defense

city will be billed for tracks; we in turn bill Civil Defense

Baton called for City & Mr. Bankus to work together

Motion made by Ernie Christensen that City of Brookings  
declares an emergency due to critical water shortage with a  
concurrence of Mr. Bankus, owner of the system,  
seconded by Lloyd Mosier  
unanimously passed

adjourned at 6:15 to be continued 10:00 P. M. Tues Oct 12



Oct 12

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by mayor  
all councilmen ~~present~~

Reporters Kuewik, Barrett, Oberst

8" pipe currently ready for city through Civil Defense; must  
be transported to the city from Pendleton at Cities expense  
Mayor stated City cannot wait around any more.

Mr. Baton stated bail water will be in effect until  
everything has been proven satisfactory

Baton said basically we are going to have a great deal of  
rain to build up the reservoir again

Baton stated right now the reservoir is completely empty

Ferry Creek supply is virtually dry

Ransom Creek supply is inadequate, contains 4 to 6 hour supply  
per day

Due to low or negative pressure there is a possibility of raw  
sewage being drawn into the city water line

There is potential contamination in the system at this time

⊗ Mr. Wilson recommended City take over the water system,  
Mr. Baton concurred this recommendation

Recommendation of state officials was that city procure the water system

Ben Franklin moved to appoint Henry Kerr to head a committee



(negotiate)  
to discuss with Mr. Bankus the possibility of obtaining the  
water system ~~and also acquire~~ and use whatever help is  
available to him.

Seconded by Lloyd Mosier

Mr. Kerr would be appointed to acquire the system and  
receive all assistance available to him

~~against a committee~~

Mr. Baton stated Mr. Bankus should, by law, have obtained  
a qualified Civil Engineer to

- ① Mr. Kerr appointed by council with full authority of council to <sup>negotiate with B&C</sup> <sup>for the city</sup>  
~~appoint~~ a committee to secure the system, if operable  
to do this to receive whatever help is available from local  
and state sources to make the purchase or acquire a  
suitable system <sup>(unsuccessful)</sup>
- ② In acting in this, Mr. Kerr may take whatever other  
action he deems <sup>advisable</sup> necessary with the consent of the Council  
unanimously approved

If City does not have water by 1:00 o'clock, City is to order  
tank trucks, call for pipe.

Telegram from Mr. Worthington was read.

meeting adjourned to 1:30 o'clock P.M.



Oct 12

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 2:30  
all council members present, he was at pump site

Robert Sandstrom, state Civil Defense Director, has pipe  
and chlorinators available. Must have our own engineer

City has no money in budget for this, would assume personal  
liability

Judge Campbell said County ~~may~~ will help out to the amount  
of \$5,000.

Congressman Purnan's office is attempting to secure engineering help.

Ben said Council go on record as saying the City has given  
BWC sufficient time to investigate present system, would now  
like to  
empower Mayor <sup>with</sup> authority to obtain help from Corp of  
Engineers <sup>and other available sources</sup> to obtain water for the City



Oct. 12

Meeting called to order at 8:00 by Mayor

all council, Kuehn, Barrett, Oberat reporters

up-to-date water situation explained by mayor

Jack Wright advised in 8:05 that water pipe had blown  
by Joe Hall creek

Floyd Mosier made motion, Henry Kern seconded  
motion that we approve budget as submitted

unanimous.

Ernie made, Ben seconded

made motion to levy taxes that are provided in  
budget

Police car bids by Ahin Motors

Oceanside Dodge

Ernie Christensen made motion of accepting Ahin Motor Co.  
bid of \$2,495<sup>00</sup> with no trade-in

seconded by Floyd

unanimous

League of Oregon Cities meet.

letter from Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau read



Vouchers totaling \$ 4,682.66 submitted

for approval

Ernie made motion, Ben seconded, unanimous

Mr. Brookshank of Corp of Army Engineers came

Mr. Baton suggested water crisis be brought to head

law requires engineer be brought in

suggested city share financial burden with Mr. Bankus

said a lot of problems could be rectified if he would just  
get an engineer here and get him going

Mr Bankus stated break should be fixed before noon

meeting adjourned at 9:55 until 10:00



Minutes of  
Continued City Council Meeting  
Oct. 13, 1965

Meeting again called to order at 1:50 pm by  
Ben Franklin, Jr., ~~the~~ Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilman present: Lloyd Mosier; Henry Kerr


A motion was made by Lloyd Mosier, seconded  
by Ben Franklin, Jr. that Mr. Henry Kerr be  
appointed to act on behalf of the  
City Council to supervise and direct the  
necessary construction, equipment acquisition  
and manpower to secure a water supply  
~~to~~ into the City of Brookings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry R. Swanson  
Sec. Pro-Tem.



Oct 13

meeting called to order at 11:40<sup>22.</sup> by Mayor   
all councilmen, all reporters

approx \$39<sup>00</sup> available on a loan

federal monies available

Mr. Wheeler sent as representative of Governor

see ferry's notes

fire truck hooked up to pumps to ~~reservoir~~ lines  
Gold Beach truck to come to Brookings



It was voted that this be added to the motion.

The motion <sup>(was then amended)</sup> ~~was then amended~~ amended that ~~the city return the~~ upon the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and the assumption of all responsibility by the Brookings Water Company, the city return ~~the~~ all ~~responsibility~~ <sup>of</sup> the water system to the Brookings Water Company.



Motion that order for new water be cancelled.

Motion that the city return the water system to Brookings Water Company.

Motion that the city return the water system to ~~Mr. Banker~~ Brookings ~~water~~ Company, ~~promise~~ and that the Brookings Water Company assume ~~full~~ all responsibility.

~~Mayor stated — —~~

~~Motion that the <sup>main</sup> motion be amended to state that the city's action was based on the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and with promise~~

Mayor stated that the motion was being made on the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and the assumption of all responsibility by the Brookings Water Company.

Mr. Kerr asked this be included in the motion.



Oct. 14, 1965

Special ~~room~~ meeting called to order by Mayor at 2:05  
all council present

Marge KATU T.V., Aberst  
Mr. <sup>Christopher</sup> Wheeler, representing Gov. Hatfield, gave recom:  
co-ordinator of all state people who may assist city  
his purpose is to be of help.

city is faced with what might be <sup>immediate</sup> crisis & <sup>immed</sup> action  
should be taken

chlorinator, pump, 2,000 ft. pipe by C.P.  
crisis solved by combination of two <sup>the</sup> things:

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emphasized these are our best choice of recommendations

Mr. Barkus has already started to fulfill these recommendations  
these were only his thoughts & suggestions as to what would help  
us out. Mr. Barkus is owner, the City the consumer.



Mayor asked question

~~Fire~~ Chief & Deputy Fire Marshall <sup>State</sup> Pierson (sp.) have designed system to put several hundred thousand gallons into reservoir asked if decision to remove at this time was wise.

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W. Made motion that we cancel new motor coming in to take away place & we turn system back to Mr. Barkus to see about getting water in <sup>in regards</sup> <sup>without getting disturbing</sup> Corie seconded.

Mayor stated this motion was being made on recommendation of Mr. Wheeler & that city be absolved of their responsibility to the Brookings water Co.



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Wheeler stated lower line is satisfactory for job is which it is doing providing it be not be damaged previously

Ben made motion we accept amendment, see Ernie  
unanimous

motion carried unanimously

Mr. Bambas stated he wished to give best possible protection, would pay for the motor the City of Brookings ordered as a standby in order to give the best protection to the City

~~City~~ Mayor discussed motion of City going into Water business  
said City has no alternative <sup>but</sup> to go into water business

Mayor wanted Council to go on record as wanting to ~~proceed~~ proceed with this motion & study this possibility

study the reports & give the people the facts

motion made that we proceed to make a study of engineering reports & whatever we may have to put city in water bus.

Ben made, Ernie seconded  
passed unanimously

Wheeler asked if council has any question in their mind about pumps from Portland, they can place C.D. pump on river & use if pump does not show up in time

Ernie made motion, Henry seconded a government  
unanimous



Lights → Coor-cog take away /

Rock for Mr - Jack Wright handling OK.

on way  
(al Reynolds  
Foreman cog & ) 11:15 AM





(3)

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~~The~~ The meeting was then called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Mayor. He gave an up-to-date explanation of the water situation. He also said that due to the water crisis the Council would only take care of the business that was absolutely necessary.

at 8:05 P.M. Jack Wright radioed that the water pipe had once again blown at Joe Hall Creek.



It was pointed out that approximately 300 of the 800 connections of the Brookings Water Company lacked <sup>the</sup> adequate water service necessary for basic needs. This includes approximately 1200 people.

A motion was made by Ernie Christensen that the City of Brookings declare an emergency due to the critical water shortage with a concurrence of Mr. Bankus, the owner of the Brookings Water Company. This motion was seconded by Floyd Mosier and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M. to be continued at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 12, ~~1962~~

Mayor Bruce Manley called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. October 12. It was stated that some 8" pipe is currently ready for the City through Civil Defense. The pipe is to be transported from Pendleton, Oregon, at the expense of the City of Brookings.

Leo Baton stated that a boil water order will be in effect until further notice. Mr. Baton also pointed out that the Fairy Creek Reservoir is virtually dry and that the Ransom Creek supply is inadequate, as it only contains an estimated four to six hour supply per twenty-four hour day. He said that due to the low or negative pressure there is a possibility of raw sewage being drawn into the ~~city water line~~ Brookings water line.

Mr. Wilson recommended that the City ~~take~~ of Brookings take over the existing water system. Mr. Baton concurred this recommendation. Ben Franklin made a motion that ~~Mr.~~ Henry Berr be appointed by the Council with the full authority of the Council to head a committee to negotiate with the Brookings Water Company the possibility of obtaining the water system for the City of Brookings. Failing in this, Mr. Berr may take whatever other action he deems advisable with the consent of the Council to acquire



motion was seconded by Lloyd Mosier and unanimously passed. The meeting was then adjourned at 11:00 A. M. to await arrival of ~~the~~ other state officials.

The Council reconvened at 4:45 P. M. on October 11 with ~~Art Wilson~~ P. U. C. representative Art Wilson present. He said that the immediate problem was to get water in the reservoir and ~~the City to~~ ~~construct a~~ ~~water supply~~ a water supply to the City. He thought that eventually a hearing should be held with Mr. Bankus.

Leo Baton pointed out that after eight weeks continuous trouble would be faced unless some new sections of pipe are put into service. He recommended that the quickest way is to obtain pipe through Civil Defense. Mr. Baton also recommended that tank cars of water be brought in for basic needs. Mayor Manley then left the meeting to contact the Civil Defense. Upon ~~returning~~ ~~to the~~ ~~meeting~~ completion of the phone call, the Mayor said that the City would be billed for the trucks used to transport the materials. The City in turn could bill the Civil Defense.

Elmer Bankus, who was present at the meeting, was asked if he would be willing to let Civil Defense help him. He stated that he would have a booster pump in service Tuesday noon (Oct. 12) and that the problem is merely that of booster pumps. Mr. Bankus said he would not object to Civil Defense.

Mr. Bankus stated that naturally the <sup>Brookings</sup> Water Company is interested in security and that he saw no future trouble. He did not feel that we will need emergency measures. Mr. Bankus ~~did~~ gave the City permission to fell his reservoir and said that we have his 100% co-operation on anything that is necessary to obtain water. Mr. Bankus said that he was glad to have the support of the City and the Civil Defense.



# Minutes of the Special Continuous Council Meeting

## City of Brookings

October 11, 12, 13, 14, 1965

A special continuous meeting of the Brookings City Council was first called to order at 10:00 A.M. on October 11, 1965, by Mayor Bruce Manley.

Councilmen present were Henry Kerr, Ben Franklin Jr., Ernest Christensen, ~~and~~ and Floyd Mosier.

Reporters present during the course of the meeting included Dick Kewenk, Marge Barrett, Norm Oberst, Crescent City American, ~~U.P.~~ United Press International, and KATU-TV of Portland.

It was outlined to the Council that the City of Brookings was facing an obvious water shortage, and that many homes had been without water since ~~the morning of Sunday~~ <sup>Sunday morning</sup>, October 10, 1965. ~~It was~~ The Council was ~~also~~ <sup>informed</sup> that Jack Wright, ~~the~~ Curry County Sanitarian, and Leo Baton, District Sanitary Engineer, were enroute to Brookings to give assistance from the state level.

The Mayor and Council were in agreement that the Public Utilities Commission should be notified of the crisis. At this point Mayor Manley left the meeting and telephoned Jonell Hill, the Public Utilities Commissioner. Commissioner Hill stated <sup>that</sup> he will work with the City 100% from here on ~~out~~ out and is sending Art Wilson to Brookings to represent his office.

Jack Wright pointed out that the <sup>auxiliary</sup> ~~main~~ line of the Brookings Water Company has blown seven times to date. He said that the restaurants have been closed and that the motels are going to be closed to transient people.

Ernie Christensen made a motion that the Oregon Squirrel Control Commission close everything possible ~~to~~ in order to conserve the water supply. This



and that Mr. Bankus has already started to fulfill these. It was also pointed out that Mr. Bankus is the owner of the system and that the City of Brookings is the consumer.

Mayor Manley said that Fire Chief Bob Kerr and Deputy State Fire Marshall Red Ryeanson have designed a system to put several hundred thousand ~~gallons~~ gallons into the reservoir and asked if the decision to remove it at this time was wise.

Mr. Bankus stated that with the rain the Water Company can now run Ransom Creek on a twenty-four hour basis until the other installation is complete. He also said that competent men will be here to install and supervise the installation of both pumps.

Mayor Manley emphasized that he wants to be sure what the City does is for the best and wondered why the City should leave the system designed by Kerr and Ryeanson. Mr. Wheeler said that he was reluctant to recommend the use of a fire pump any longer than is necessary.

Henry Kerr made a motion that the City of Brookings return the water system to the Brookings Water Company. This was seconded by Eric Christensen.

The Mayor stated that the motion was being made on the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and the assumption of all responsibility by the Brookings Water Company. Mr. Kerr asked that this be included in the motion.

The motion was then amended to read that upon the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler and the assumption of all responsibility of the Brookings Water Company, the City return the water system to the Brookings Water Company. The amended motion was unanimously passed by the Council.



Mr. Bankus stated that he wished to give the best possible protection and that he would pay for the motor the City of Brookings ordered as a standby in order to give the best possible protection to the City.

Mayor Manley said he felt that the City had no alternative but to go into the water business. He wanted the Council to go on record as wanting to proceed with the motion to this effect and to study this possibility.

A motion was made ~~that~~ by Ben Franklin that the City of Brookings proceed to make a study of engineering reports and recommendations and whatever other materials are available in an effort to put the City in the water business. This motion was ~~unanimously~~ seconded by Ernie Christensen and unanimously passed.

Ernie Christensen then made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Henry Kerr and met with unanimous approval.



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## Hatfield Says Reservoir In Brookings Inadequate

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield said Friday it was up to city leadership to find a permanent solution to Brookings' water problems.

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said he and state health officers have been trying for years to find a solution.

The reservoir serving the Southern Oregon coastal town of 3,000 went dry last Saturday. Much of the town was without water most of the week.

Hatfield said, "The city's reservoir system is not adequate. They will have to look into the possibility of taking water from the Chetco river to supplement the reservoir. They can't depend on rain any longer."

Hill said Brookings water company owner Elmer Bankus "can't do the financing necessary" to make needed improvements, "and the city won't."

The governor said "we have warned, urged, cajoled — done all we could — to get them to act. The city has to face up to the reality of going into the water business, or finding another private organization willing to do it."

"The answer in great measure is dependent on local city leadership to define and recommend a solution. The state can't do this. We can help, advise and consult, but we can't do the job for them," Hatfield added.

The city has talked about buying the water works for years.

Last October, voters rejected 441 to 111 a \$1.3 million bond issue to buy out the company and finance improvements in the system.

At a special meeting Thursday afternoon, City Council members voted unanimously to try again.

The city does have some

000 in Oregon and California timber funds that has been earmarked for a new city hall. Curry County offered the city \$5,000 to be used to alleviate this week's water crisis.

Meanwhile, Brookings residents were still boiling drinking water but the worst apparently was over. Water was pumped into the city's system from the Chetco River.



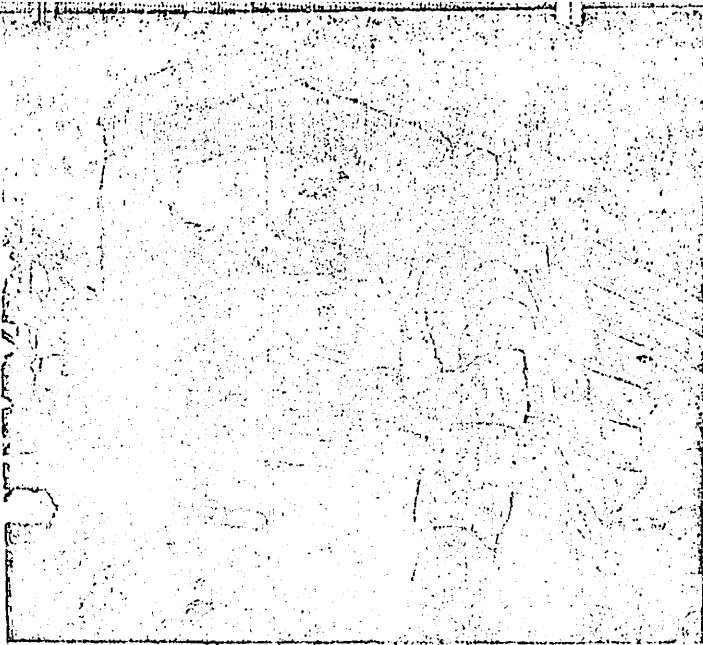
BROOKINGS WATER SHORTAGE

SO THAT THE PUBLIC MAY BE PROPERLY INFORMED, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE CURRY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE RELATIVE TO THE CURRENT WATER EMERGENCY. A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF WATER EXISTS FOR THE CITY OF BROOKINGS.

- 1.- THE MAIN FERRY CREEK RESERVOIR AND SUPPLY IS VIRTUALLY DRY.
- 2.- THE SUPPLY FROM RANSOM CREEK IS VERY LIMITED WITH ESTIMATED PUMPING CAPACITY OF 4-6 HOURS PER DAY.
- 3.- EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AN ADEQUATE AUXILIARY SOURCE FROM THE CHETCO RIVER HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AS YET. WE CAN NOT SAY WHEN THIS SOURCE WILL BE SATISFACTORILY DEVELOPED.
- 4.- EXTREME LOW PRESSURES TO NEGATIVE PRESSURES EXIST IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND ENHANCE CHANCES OF CONTAMINATION BEING DRAWN INTO THE SYSTEM.
- 5.- A BOIL WATER ORDER IS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE CURRY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICE AND WATER SHOULD BE BOILED AT LEAST 10 MINUTES.
- 6.- THIS EMERGENCY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT TILL FURTHER NOTICE AND WATER SHOULD BE USED FOR ESSENTIAL USE ONLY.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED FROM THE CURRY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, DR. ROBERT SCHMIDT.





UMATILLA ARMY DEPOT workers load civil defense pumping equipment out of depot warehouses onto a commercial truck en route to Brookings. The equipment was released by Office of Civil Defense officials to help alleviate the city's 4-day water service outage.

(Army photo)

## UAD helps Brookings

HERMISTON — A plea by Brookings Mayor Brice Manly to the state director of civil defense, Walter Sandstrom, at Salem brought civil defense pumping equipment stored in Umatilla Army Depot warehouses on its way to the coastal city that has been without drinking water since early Sunday.

Homer Lyons of Everett, Wash., regional civil defense director, telephoned permission

to depot officials Tuesday evening for release and shipment of a 1,500 gallon pumper and chlorinator, 2,000 feet of 8-inch pipe, and accessories. Night shift personnel at the depot loaded the 32,000 pound package onto a commercial truck, and UAD officials said it had embarked Wednesday morning for Brookings, where a ruptured pipeline has cut off the water supply to its 3,000 residents.

## Tide turns in water efforts at Brookings

BROOKINGS, Ore. (AP)—The tide may have turned in Brookings' battle to regain running water. Reliable equipment is arriving in town, there is a limited amount of water in the main line and some in the reservoir, and it's starting to rain.

"We're still not over the hill," City Councilman Henry Kerr said Wednesday night, "but it looks like we might be on our way."

Lines owned by the Brookings Water Co. began bursting Sunday morning, and almost everything that has been tried since then has failed.

An auxiliary line was blown full of holes by pressure.

A pump burned out in

attempting to lift water 300 feet from the Chetco River to the pipeline.

Some water was pumped into the main lines late Wednesday by a 600-gallon fire department pumper that was hooked up to the auxiliary line; and at 7 p.m. the first trickle of water made it to the Ferry Creek Reservoir.

And trucks carrying 2,000 feet of 8-inch pipe, a 1,500-gallon-a-minute pump and a chlorinator arrived early today.

The pipe will be laid from the river to a junction with the pipeline to the city, under the supervision of the Army Engineers.

The water put in the pipes Wednesday was the first home water since Sunday. But the Chetco River is an open watershed and health officials say the water might be contaminated. It will have to be boiled.

As a precautionary measure, typhoid shots were being given free to Brookings residents. More than 500 persons were inoculated within two hours Wednesday and the shots were to continue today.

A drizzle Wednesday night was expected to turn to light rain today. Not enough to bring the reservoir up, but it was expected to lessen fire danger.



# CITY OF BROOKINGS

P. O. Box 1308 ★ 702 Chetco Ave.

Brookings, Oregon

NOVEMBER 7, 1963

OREGON INSURANCE RATING BUREAU  
721 S. W. OAK STREET  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

ATTENTION: D. F. WAGNER, ENGINEER

DEAR MR. WAGNER:

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 5, 1963, WE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY CORRECT AND ACCURATE.

SERVICE WAS INTERRUPTED WHEN THE MAIN FAIRY CREEK RESERVOIR LINE WAS BROKEN BY A LARGE ROCK SLIDE ABOUT A QUARTER MILE BELOW THE RESERVOIR FRIDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M. WATER COMPANY CREWS INSTALLED A TEMPORARY MAIN SUNDAY MORNING AFTER RE-INSTALLING PUMPS AT THE COMPANY'S STANDBY SOURCE IN RANSOM CREEK. RANSOM CREEK WATER, CONNECTED TO MAINS ON FIFTH STREET, ALLEVIATED SOME OF THE SHORTAGE, BUT DWELLINGS ABOVE THE LINE WERE WITHOUT WATER UNTIL THE MAIN BREAK COULD BE REPAIRED. SCHOOLS WERE DISMISSED EARLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON BECAUSE OF THE WATER OUTAGE. APPARENTLY BETWEEN 50 AND 150 FEET OF MAIN LINE WAS TORN OUT BY THE SLIDE.

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A NEW LINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND THE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. SOME FAMILIES WERE WITHOUT WATER FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

FIRE UNITS FROM BROOKINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STOOD BY TO SUPPLY WATER DURING THE EMERGENCY AND A 2700 GALLON TANK UNIT OF CURRY COUNTY WAS CALLED IN. UNITS FROM THE BROOKINGS PLYWOOD CORPORATION, SOUTH COAST LUMBER CO. AND OREGON COAST VENEER ALSO WERE ALERTED DURING THE EMERGENCY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

CITY OF BROOKINGS

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CITY OF BROOKINGS, OREGON  
 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 1965

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Total</u>
Akin Motor Co.	28.25
B & H Battery Co.	14.95
Brookings-Harbor Pilot	270.75
Brookings-Harbor Pilot	4.00
Brookings Market	29.71
Brookings Plywood	33.30
Brookings Supply	22.34
Brookings Tire Service	36.54
Brookings Water Co.	8.50
Brookings Water Co.	180.78
Silver Burdett Co.	8.60
Chapman Welding	90.30
Coast to Coast Store	32.83
Sophia Colegrove	200.00
Coos Bay Stationery	79.00
Coos Curry Electric	614.03
Coos Curry Electric	25.46
C. M. Cross	104.40
Curry County Clerk	4.00
George F. Cake C o.	4.40
Curry County Communication	58.00
Curry County Feed	58.50
Curry County Lbr.	7.39
Curry County Lbr.	2.37
Arliene De Jarnett	49.00
Robert O. Dimmick, Jr.	10.00
Ed & Mendy's	2.00
Ed's Electric	33.00
Eureka Boiler Works	91.13
Daviã R. Fortier	200.00
Lee Fountain	7.08
Betty L. Gowman	42.37
Harbor Logging Supply	4.80
Hilfiker Pipe Co.	226.05
Hurt Stationery	184.91
Kerr Hardware	64.14
Littrell Parts	135.24
Long Electric	67.51
Mobil Oil Co.	236.88
Motorola Communications	45.25
Nudelman Brothers	303.50
O. K. Tire Store	16.15
Ostenbergs	20.69
Pacific Engine & Machine Works	17.84
Paramount Pest Control	5.00
Pennsalt Chemical	37.50
Pitney Bowes	144.09
Alice Rosen	28.12
Sec. of State-Data Processing	5.69
Shell Oil Co.	14.69
B. E. Smith	300.00
Unigas	11.35
Union Oil Co. of Calif	111.36
Donna Vaslav	54.75
Wards Propane	7.20
West Coast Telephone	228.26
West Coast Telephone	7.15
Edith Willett	45.00
Richfield Oil Co.	6.56
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