

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, CITY OF BROOKINGS
March 10, 1953

Meeting called to order by Mayor Dimmick.

Councilmen present: Lesmeister, Smith and Young.

Other Officers present: O.D.Arp, Chief Brown, Eng. Echols, Atty. Hall, Judge Nelson, Fire Chief Nelson and Recorder Kanick. Also present were Mrs. Hanks, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gragg, Ray Hall, James Fifield and Elmer Bankus.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion approved with the correction that the fire insurance premium approved in these minutes read to include liability on fire trucks.

Bills Presented:

Bancroft-Whitney.....	12.50	
Magee-Hale Park-)-Meter...	224.50	
Ind. Insc. & Medical Aid...	22.87	
H.G.Nelson.....	72.50	
W.S.Chadwick (Chad's Cafe')	44.60	
James Fifield.....	57.66	plywood for court-room
West Coast Tel Co.,.....	31.45	
Coos - Curry Elec.....	10.32	
C.H.Rausch.....	20.40	
Brookings Water Co.....	12.60	
Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden..	238.47	
Brookings Harbor Pilot.....	19.38	
Ed & Mendy.....	70.79	
Ward's Propane Gas.....	61.55	
Chetco Drug.....	1.25	
Kerr Hadwe. & Elec. Co.....	7.50	
Brookings Texaco Co.....	6.35	
E.E.Hanscom & Sons.....	11.20	
Needham's.....	8.30	
Brookings Mac. Shop.....	60.00	
Oleta Walker, County Clerk..	25.00	
Oregon State Bank.....	80.11	Int. on wt. #199 called for paym t
Wilbur Stafford.....	100.00	State St. Fd.
" "	158.00	
C.R.Badger	30.00	" " "
Earl C. Brown.....	170.34	" " "
Gibbs. Lumber Co.....	76.45	" " "
Paul Johnson.....	59.40	" " "
James H. Kirby.....	15.04	" " "

On motion by Mr. Lesmeister, seconded by Mr. Smith, the bills were approved. Carried.

Correspondence:

A letter from the Brookings-Harbor P.T.A. regarding the desirability of our support of it's plan to obtain a juvenile officer for Curry county, read. A reply being necessary before council meeting, the recorder had answered in the affirmative upon advice of Mayor Dimmick, and this reply read and approved by council at this time.

A letter from Bob G. Kyle, City Manager for Coos Bay recommending Mr. Russell B. Morgan for our audit, read. Mayor Dimmick reported

that Mr. Morgan had been in Brookings and he had interviewed him and been favorably impressed. He also said that Mr. Morgan had given the recorder's books a preliminary survey and found them to be in good order and kept according to municipal standards. He said Mr. Morgan recommended that the city's records be audited in late July after the fiscal year's end.

A letter from George Baldwin approving our choice of Mr. Morgan, read.

Written acceptance from the Coos-Curry Electric Company of the terms of the 20-year franchise with the City of Brookings was read and ordered filed.

A letter from Raymond C. Coulter in regard to House Bill # 464, was read. Mr. Smith suggested we register a protest against the passage of this bill and advise Mr. Coulter.

A reply from the Shell Oil Company pursuing further protest against parking meters in front of the local Shell station, read. No action taken.

A copy of a letter from the Oregon State Board of Health concerning the ten houses on the road to Azalea Park, addressed to the owners, read.

A letter from the Oregon State Highway Department inclosing application forms for the annual \$250,000 Special City Allotment Fund, read.

A petition from certain residents and property owners residing North of Ransom Avenue requesting a direct route to the business district was presented and read. This petition asked that the City Council establish a street or road connecting the upper section of the Pioneer road to the Seventh Street and Ransome thence over seventh Street to Easy in a southerly direction to Pacific. Mrs. Hanks and Mrs. Gragg were present in the interest of this petition. Mr. Arp was asked to make an investigation of this matter and report by next meeting.

Mrs. Hanks brought up the matter of dog licenses and was informed this was a county matter.

Mr. Ray Hall, Electrolux representative, was present to request a special license to do house-to-house calling. He was told that a place of business located here in the city was necessary as no special privileges to canvass could be granted. Mr. Smith pointed out that an amendment to the present ordinance would be necessary and there was no provision whereby such favor could be granted at this time.

James Fifield was present to protest house to house canvassing in regard to house repair and building materials. It was pointed out that Mr. Arp as building official might be in a position to learn of these irregularities and report them.

Mr. Elmer Bankus presented a plan and plat of a proposed sub-division for the tentative approval of the council. Mr. Echols pointed out that a petition of the owners involved would have to be filed and hearings held before council could give official sanction. Mr. Hall advised at this point that he was representing the City of Brookings in this matter and not Mr. Bankus. Mr. Bankus said he was only asking that the City give tentative approval subject to the process of all necessary requirements.

The Mayor reported that he had heard repercussions regarding the practice of allowing both fire trucks to leave the city at once in cases of emergencies. After a discussion, the Council took the position that neither truck leave the city limits ~~at any time~~ and that portion of the old fire district on the North bank of the Chetco River outside city limits.

Mr. Smith brought up the urgency of city fire hydrants and believes the Public Utility Commission should be contacted if a trade with the local owner cannot be arranged. The mayor agreed to act in the matter.

The recorder was asked to advise the Carson Lumber Company by letter that the ordinance relating to bunners would be enforced by the City Council and that they had until June to comply.

The Recorder's financial statement for February was presented and approved. A statement on license delinquents was also presented at this time and referred to the police department for action.

After a study of the financial report, it was decided to call in interest bearing warrant #199 for payment. Upon motion by council, the recorder was so ordered.

Chief Brown asked for authorization to sell the City's abandoned cars at auction. On motion of council it was so ordered and notice of such sale to be advertised for Saturday, March 14th.

The Street Signs Committee made it's report and recommendations and were given approval to go ahead. This committee also recommended one way traffic on West Fern from Fern to Chetco. It was discussed and taken under advisement.

The Mayor requested all department heads and officers to have a preliminary budget estimate ~~to~~ ready to present at the next council meeting.

The cost of prisoners' meals was discussed and the Chief of Police was asked to call for bids on two meals a day, delivered at the jail in paper cartons and complying with the law's requirements pertaining to such meals.

Names of all property owners with property abutting on the Hillside and Pacific Avenue Statetstreet improvement project, was presented. A hearing on Tuesday evening, March 24th in the City Hall to discuss ways and means of handling the financing of that portion of the costs to be divided amongst these owners, was decided upon.

The use of Galagher's lot for a private parking lot for the Shell Station and Coffee Mill customers, discussed.

The lax treatment of the California State Highway Commission in getting a bridge re-built across Gilbert Creek on the Main Highway #101 and the poor condition of the detour being used was brought up for action by Chas. Echols. The recorder was asked to write the California State Highway Commission calling attention to this matter and urging immediate action. It was also decided to write Ben Chandler, chairman of the Oregon State Highway Commission calling his attention to our complaint and urging that he contact the California Highway Department. The local Chamber of Commerce to be asked to write the Oregon Coast Association and other similar organizations.

A serious condition of the traffic^{problem} at the intersection of Fern and Chetco was discussed and need to traffic signals, referred to the State Highway Department. The recorder was instructed to write this department asking for a survey of our problem ~~with~~ a view to installing automatic signals where school children cross, and traffic is ~~so congested~~ as to be dangerous.

Mr. Arp reported that the two deeds for street purposes by Wallans have been prepared by Mr. Hall and ready for Mr. & Mrs. Wollam's signatures.

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The following resolution establishing the grade of Pioneer Road, was passed at this meeting of the council upon a profile submitted and prepared by City Engineer, Chas. M. Echols:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKINGS, OREGON, that the grade of:

PIONEER ROAD from it's intersection with Pacific Avenue, North approximately 660 feet to it(s intersection with Easy Street.

AND

EASY STREET FROM IT'S INTERSECTION WITH Pioneer Road, West approximately 780 feet to the West line of school District #17 property.

In the City of Brookings, Oregon, be established as shown upon that certain profile submitted at this meeting and as prepared by Charles T.M. Echols, City Surveyor.

On motion by Mr. Young, council adjourned until April 14th. 1953.

Gladys Kanick
Gladys Kanick, Recorder