

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
September 14, 1954

Meeting called to order by Mayor Dimmick.

Councilman present: Mr. Lesmeister, Mr. Manley, and Mr. Smith.

Officers present: Mr. Ackley, Mr. Arp, Mr. Cross, Mr. Echols, Judge Nelson and Recorder Kanick. Others present were Messrs. Bankus, Phillips, Allsup, McKenzie, Murphy, Clark, Brigham and Morton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bankus was asked how he was coming along with fire hydrant installations and replied that he was placing them as fast as time and funds permitted. He said one hydrant was now being installed on Redwood and one at 5th st. & Easy. and that 12 had been completely installed to date.

Mr. Bankus took this opportunity to request that he be allowed to open Easy St. to install a 6" cast iron water line to replace an old line and that Easy street be closed to traffic during the time necessary to do this work. Mr. Echols and Mr. Arp were instructed to investigate the feasibility of doing this work this late in the Fall. Discussion on this request disclosed the need to replace this line but that Fall was a poor time to tear up a street, that a plan of construction be made, that a grade be established, a time limit set for the work to be done, and a performance and liability bond be given the city. The matter was taken under advisement for the time being.

A ~~discussion was held~~ as to the ownership of sewers in the City of Brookings ~~was held~~ at this time with the Council maintaining that the abutting property owners were the owners and Mr. Bankus holding the opinion that he personally was the owner.

Mr. Phillips representing the V.F.W. asked permission to drill holes in the pavement or sidewalk so that flag-holders could be inserted. He said the V.F.W. were planning to furnish the merchants a flag service for the nominal fee of \$10.00 per year and would need this permission to do the necessary installation work.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lesmeister that this permission be granted subject to the approval of Street Supt. Mr. Arp. Carried.

Mr. Morton was present in the interests of the Presbyterian Church. He presented a petition asking vacation of Fir Street from Pacific Avenue to Oak Street and a portion of the alley located and abutting on lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 and lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 Block 17, Plat No. 1, Brookings.

Upon reading of the petition, Mr. Manley recommended that it be referred to the Planning Commission for action as soon as possible.

Mr. Clark of the firm of Clark & Groff, consulting Engineers of Salem gave pertinent information concerning municipal water systems, cost of Gold Beach's proposed new system, cost of filtration plants, and costs of various types of water systems for cities comparable in size to Brookings.

The following bills were presented:

Waffle Shop.....	5.70
Ed & Mendy.....	15.24
Yelton's.....	89.07
Brookings Harbor Pilot	17.70
Ward's Propane Serv..	12.27

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Petty Cash.....	20.00
Brookings Market.....	6.50
Crescent City Radio....	7.75
Nudelman Bros.....	202.84
Coos-Curry Elec.....	96.11
Dick & Virg's Richfield	78.92
Dr. Paul Ronniger.....	8.00
Howard Yost.....	10.00
Jack Sanders.....	33.00
Chas. T.M.Echols.....	80.00
Brookings Water Co.,...	73.68
West Coast Tel. Co.....	40.25
C.R.Badger.....	195.00
Gerald H. Comer.....	125.00
Dick & Virg's Richfield	57.39
Par Store.....	4.91
Fox Bros.....	1.00
Brookings Auto Parts...	11.12
James Kirby.....	40.00
Brizard-Matthews Co....	40.13
O.K.Rubber Welders....	40.00
South Coast Lbr. Co....	22.50
Davis Truck & Tractor..	22.21
Earl C. Brown.....	156.25
Brookings Red-E-Mix....	175.50
American Bitumuls.....	528.01

Motion was made by Mr. Manley, seconded by Mr. Smith that bills be allowed as read. Carried.

REPORT ON SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CITY CHARTER ADOPTION

The report of the chairman of the Special Election board, held on the 11th day of August, 1954, was read by the Recorder:

Shall the Charter be enacted	Yes--	94 votes
	No--	28 "

The above was certified as to correctness by M.S.Brainard, Chr.
Alice Beem
Edith Berger
Naomi Brown
Gladys Brainard.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE RECORDER.
was made

A request/by property ownersan& or residents on the Mill Beach Road that the City repair or replace the culvert under the Mill Beach Road which drains from the Roy Weideman property. They pointed out that when in dry spells this roadway which is the only one they can use to reach their property, has water backed up to the level of the road. Mr. Arp was authorized to take up the matter of lowering the water level of the Plywood pond with the Plywood company.

Correspondence:
was read

A letter/from the Brookings Chamber of Commerce requesting that a more rigid enforcement of speed limit within Brookings city limits especially as regards trucks and heavily loaded vehicles, be made. read, was read.

Final notice of the Fire Marshall's Office stating Oct. 1, as compliance date for certain fire hazard improvements, was read.

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A letter from Elmer Bankus agreeing to assume all financial responsibility and public liability as regards the grading and paving of Pacific Ave. between Cottage Street and U.S. Highway #101, was read.

A letter from Mr. W.W. Stiffler of the State Highway Department acknowledging our letter of thanks, was read.

A letter was read from the Oregon State Highway Department giving accounting costs in regard to the test paving of Spruce St. and inclosed a check for \$171.94 refund.

A letter from Chas. T.M. Echols, City Engineer reporting on the Roy Weideman contract on the Pacific Ave. and Hillside Improvement, was read. Mr. Echols advised that \$5586.00 had already been paid on the contract bid of \$7999.50 and that the balance unpaid on this in the amount of \$1409.50 was payable now and that additional costs would be ascertained and submitted to the Council for verification and authorized payment. He suggested that the \$1409.50 be approved for payment at this time. The Recorder was authorized to make this payment if funds were available.

A bid from the Henris Roofing Company on repair of the city jail in the sum of \$225.00, was read.

City Atty. Mr. Ackley offered the opinion that all appointive officers of the city should be re-appointed since the enactment of a city charter, and that the President of the Council be elected.

Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Lesmeister and seconded by Mr. Manley that Warren Smith be nominated President of the Council, that nominations be closed, and Mr. Smith ~~be~~ resigned from this office, by the following vote: Lesmeister aye; Manley, aye; and Dimmick, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Manley that Hans. G. Nelson be appointed Judge of the Municipal Court. Lesmeister, aye, Manley, aye. Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Lesmeister, seconded by Mr. Smith that C.M. Cross be appointed Chief of Police. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye; Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Manley, seconded by Mr. Smith that Gladys Kanick be appointed City Recorder and Treasurer. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye; and Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Manley, seconded by Smith that Edward F. Ackley be appointed City Attorney. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye, and Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Manley that O.D. Arp be appointed Zoning Officer and Bldg. & Sanitation Inspector and St. Supt. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye; and Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Lesmeister, seconded by Mr. Manley that Chas. T.M. Echols be appointed City Engineer. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye; and Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Lesmeister, seconded by Mr. Manley that Luther Tisdale be appointed Judge, pro tem. Mr. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye; and Smith, aye.

Motion was made by Mr. Lesmeister, seconded by Mr. Manley that Neil Nelson be appointed Fire Chief. Lesmeister, aye; Manley, aye; and Smith, aye.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION IN RE: LESSARD PETITION TO RE-ZONE

The Planning Commission reported setting a hearing date of Oct. 5, for the Lessard petition to re-zone.

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Mr. Lesmeister brought up for discussion the need to control parking by all day tavern patron at the parking meters.

Mr. Smith reported that the Mayor, the Recorder and himself had given the needs of the various city departments thoro study for the purpose of arriving at a new tax base. It was decided that a meeting of the Council with the Citizen's or Budget Committee be held Friday evening at 8 P.M. Sept. 17, at the City Hall. The Recorder to notify members.

Chief Cross reported that school signs were being painted and erected.

Mr. Arp reported that certain of the street Department bills covered long needed underground drainage improvement on Redwood near Oak and at Spruce and Oak.

A petition requesting the widening of a certain road easement, known as Moore Lane was presented by Mr. Arp for these owners. Mr. Arp was instructed to have these property owners prepare deeds to the City so that water mains and general maintenance might be made eligible to them.

Planning Commission re-appointment:

Mayor Dimmick reported the re-appointment of Kenneth Osborn to the Planning Commission retro-active to April 21st. 1954, inclusive.

The City Treasurer reported canceling cash General Fund Warrant #694 dated Sept. 9, 1953 issued in favor of Luther Tisdale and lost.

On motion by Mr. Manley, meeting adjourned until Oct. 12, 1954.

Gladys Kanick, Recorder