

Minutes of Special Meeting of the City Council
of the City of Brookings, Oregon
March 20, 1956

The City Council of Brookings, Oregon met in special session on Tuesday, March 20, 1956 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., in the City Hall in Brookings, Oregon.

Councilmen present were C. F. Campbell, Earl Breuer, J. R. Yelton; Clive Manley was absent. Mayor Byron L. Brimm conducted the meeting.

Also present were Ed Ackley, City Attorney; H. G. Nelson, Municipal Judge; C. M. Cross, Police Chief; Ralph W. Reed, City Works Superintendent, and Joe Murphy, representative of the Brookings-Harbor Pilot.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Brimm.

Mayor Brimm announced an emergency in connection with a ditch on Fir Street. The question of ownership of the ditch was brought up, and it was found that a deed had been recorded in the name of the City, although no formal acceptance of the deed by the City Council had been recorded in any Minutes. Decision was given by Mr. Ackley that, since the deed had been recorded, the City is responsible for upkeep of the ditch and the present emergency safety measures. Discussion was had as to whether the City, by having the deed recorded, thereby automatically accepted the ditch.

Mr. Ackley made the suggestion that in future no articles, documents or papers of any kind be filed by any City official or employee without first having obtained approval of the City Council. Mr. Breuer made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Mr. Campbell; motion carried.

Cost of safeguarding the ditch was discussed at length. Mr. Reed offered the suggestion that its cost might be included in that of the adjacent drainage project. Question arose as to the legality of this inclusion, and it was found that it could be included under Resolution No. 12, which has been approved. Mr. Yelton raised the question of doing work before the assessment district is set up. Mr. Ackley rendered the decision that costs could not be paid from a special assessment district until the special assessment has been created.

After much discussion on the relative financial merits of tiling vs. fencing, it was decided that since this is an emergency protection measure, a fence should be erected at once: fence to be of 4-foot chicken-wire, with metal posts, on both sides of the ditch. Mr. Campbell made a motion to that effect, motion seconded by Mr. Breuer; motion carried.

Chief Cross brought up the danger of a pond of water South on Center Street past the Plywood Corporation, on property owned by the Brookings Land & Townsite Company. It was decided that a letter be written to Mr. Bankus, notifying him to drain the pond as a safety measure.

Chief Cross reported trash having been dumped on Chetco Point. Mr. Murphy was requested to put an article in the paper regarding the dumping of trash. Mayor Brimm suggested the trash be cleaned up during local Clean-Up Week.

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The Council was informed by Mr. Reed that Mr. Lasswell will be here on Thursday, March 22nd, and it was decided that another special meeting of the City Council should be held on Tuesday, March 27th.

Mayor Brimm announced that logging trucks were using the street past the school, instead of the route indicated for them, and that plans were being made to furnish another route for trucks which will eliminate this travel.

Judge Nelson brought up the problem of the "triangle": that portion of Fern Street which has been designated as a one-way street. The advantage of signs over islands was discussed at length, and it was agreed to let Chief Cross work it out and that a sawhorse-sign be tried.

Mayor Brimm announced a suggestion by Chief Cross that a teenage employment agency be set up, to be handled through the City Hall. This suggestion was accepted with unanimous approval.

The Interim Committee meeting in Coos Bay was mentioned and Mayor Brimm offered his opinion that someone should attend the meeting from this district. Mr. Breuer said he would try to attend.

Mr. Ackley asked if something could be done to the road down past the post office to eliminate the rocks which are picked up by trucks and carried on to Chetco Avenue. No action was taken.

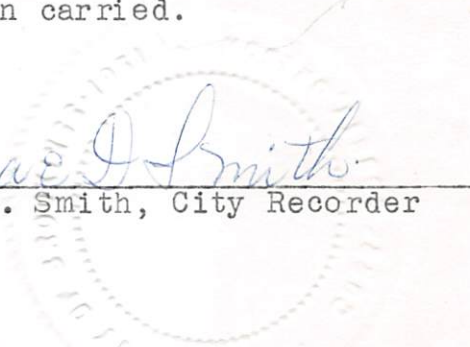
Diagonal truck-parking problems were discussed, and it was decided that Mr. Echols would be requested to place stakes along property lines so such diagonal parking could be controlled.

A short discussion was held on the dissolution of the Ambulance Committee and rules governing such dissolution.

Judge Nelson raised the point that, since Mr. Ackley is to be absent from the City for a time, he will need a prosecutor to act in Mr. Ackley's place, and asked the Council to appoint such prosecutor. Mayor Brimm said action would be taken.

A discussion was opened on painting of lines on Chetco Avenue before tourist season starts, and the City Recorder was instructed to write the State Highway Commission requesting that this be done in the near future.

Motion was made and seconded that meeting adjourn until Tuesday, March 27, 1956, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. Motion carried.


Mae D. Smith

Mae D. Smith, City Recorder

Byron L. Brimm

Byron L. Brimm, Mayor

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