# City of Brookings CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415

Monday, February 25, 2019

#### Call to Order

Mayor Pieper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#### Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Jake Pieper, Councilors Bill Hamilton, Brent Hodges, Ron Hedenskog, and John McKinney; a quorum present.

Staff present: City Manager Janell Howard, City Attorney Martha Rice, Deputy Finance & Human Resources Director Lu Ehlers, Human Resources and Accounting Specialist Christiana Bates and Deputy City Recorder Rita Ritz.

Media Present: Jane Stebbins of Curry Pilot

Others Present: Approximately twenty three audience members

## **Announcements**

Introduction of New Employee

Deputy Finance and Human Resource Director Lu Ehlers introduced Christiana Bates as the new Human Resource and Accounting Specialist.

Reappointment of Ray "Skip" Hunter to Planning Commission

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to reappoint Ray "Skip" Hunter to Planning Commission.

Reappointment Clayton Malmberg to Planning Commission

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor McKinney seconded and Council voted unanimously to reappoint Clayton Malmberg Planning Commission.

Appointment Alyshia Pacino to Budget Committee

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to appoint Alyshia Pacino to Budget Committee.

Revive Civility Proclamation

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to proclaim the month of March as Revive Civility Month.

- -Mayor Pieper read the proclamation and presented it to Debra Worth
- -On behalf of the League of Women Voters, Debra Worth addressed Council thanking them for their support along with the other Cities in Curry County

## **Scheduled Public Appearances**

Penny Nelson - Pacific Coast Trolley

Penny called ahead of time and asked to be rescheduled.

County Commissioner Sue Gold – Critical Access Hospital

Mrs. Gold addressed the Council regarding the need for a feasibility study to assess the cost and need of a satellite hospital in Brookings. She recommend that the item be placed on the ballot for residents of South Curry to vote upon and that it should be their responsibly to pay for the study.

Councilors asked questions regarding the possibility of a satellite hospital, number of beds, construction cost, feasibility study cost, and how the study would be paid for.

The following individuals addressed Council in support of the satellite hospital

- 1. Maggie Runyan of P.O. Box 6537
- 2. Catherine Wily of 96370 Duley Creek Rd

Mayor Pieper asked Mrs. Razo if she would like to comment on about what was discussed.

Mrs. Razo stated that she was there to answer questions on behalf of the district.

Councilor Hedenskog asked Mrs. Razo if funds became available would Curry Health Network operate the satellite hospital.

Mrs. Razo informed the Council that there are legislative hurtles to go through. She stated that she is not able to answer on behalf of the board, but that she and the CFO were asked to provide the board with a proposal for a full feasibility study to take into consideration.

# **Oral Requests and Communications from the audience**

- Connie Hunter of 1310 English Court addressed council regarding veterans housing and House Bill 2530 that was passed. She also thanked the Councilors for their letters of support.

#### **Consent Calendar**

- 1. Approve Council minutes for February 11, 2019
- 2. Accept TPAC Committee minutes for January 10, 2019
- 3. Receive monthly financial report for January 2019

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

## **Staff Reports**

Recommending the Removal of the Alcohol Permit Fee Cap for Cities and Counties

City Manager Janell Howard presented the staff report.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor McKinney seconded with Councilor Hodges and Hamilton voting nay to adopt Resolution 19-R-1153 recommending the State of Oregon and our local legislators amend ORS 471.166(7) by removing the alcohol permit fee cap of \$25 for cities and counties to allow them to collect higher fees.

Drivers License Suspension

City Manager Janell Howard presented the staff report.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign letters, similar to the attached sample, to legislators and LOC personnel opposing House Bill 2614 and Senate Bill 776 regarding the court's ability to suspend a drivers license.

# **Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Hamilton commented on the speed limit from Les Schwab to Dairy Queen being 25 miles per hour and asked residents to be respectful of the speed and to follow it for the safety of the pedestrians.

**Adjournment** 

Councilor Hodges moved, Council Hamilton seconded and all Councilors in favor. Mayor Pieper adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

ATTESTED:

this 11th day of March 2019:

Jake Pieper, Mayor

Janell K Howard, Interim City Recorder