

City of Brookings
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, April 8, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Isaac Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Isaac Hodges, Councilors Clayton Malmberg, Phoebe Pereda, and Kristi Fulton; a quorum present

Council Absent: Councilor Andy Martin

Staff present: Police Chief/Interim City Manager Kelby McCrae and Deputy City Recorder Brooklyn Osterhage

Media Present: 1

Others Present: Approximately 10 audience members

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for March 25, 2024
2. Accept Parks and Recreation minutes for October 26, 2023
3. Accept Planning Commission minutes for March 5, 2024

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

Staff Reports

1. Letter of Support for Beacon Broadband, Inc.

Request presented by Val Early

Councilor Malmberg moved, Councilor Pereda seconded, and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Beacon Broadband, Inc. – Fiber to the Home for Oregon’s Rural South Coast.

Informational Non-Action Items

Interim City Manager, Chief McCrae provided an update on the City Manager recruitment.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Malmberg spoke in regards to serving the greater community and the dedication to hard work.

Councilor Pereda commented the new City website looks great and is easier to navigate. She would like short-term rentals discussions and potentially a joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting.

Mayor Hodges agreed the updated website looks great.

Interim Chief McCrae spoke on behalf of Councilor Martin; stating that the 2024 Ocean Salmon season will be 108 days, from May 15th to August 31st, the longest season in quite some time.

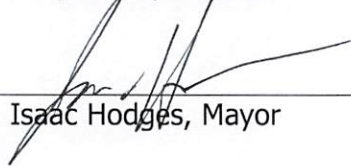
Councilor Malmberg asked if Council would be agreeable to renewing previous Council opposition of offshore wind generation and consider drafting a resolution like the ones Curry County, Del Norte County and the Tolowa Tribe have drafted or passed.

Mayor Hodges agreed and suggested another possibility of expressing opposition to the offshore wind generation could be a joint letter of opposition with the County and others. He would still like to discuss Transient Lodging Tax Funds and forming a committee that takes the burden off the City. He thanked volunteers in the recent community clean ups and the City and Public Work employees for their response to the sewer main sinkhole. He's inspired by the potential of having a Downtown Merchant Association and their recent presentation. Lastly, he provided his opinion on the recent ruling against the City in the St. Timothy's lawsuit.

Adjournment

Mayor Isaac Hodges adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Isaac Hodges, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this 22nd day of April, 2024:



Brooklyn Osterhage, Deputy City Recorder