

MINUTES
City of Brookings
Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2009

Call to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, Oregon.

Roll Call

Council Present: Mayor Larry Anderson, Councilors Hedenskog, Gordon, Kitchen and Pieper; a quorum present.

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Planning Director Dianne Morris, Public Works Director John Cowan, Fire Chief Bill Sharp, Administrative Services Director Janell Howard, Public Works/Parks Maintenance Worker Randy Mitchem and City Recorder Joyce Heffington.

Other Present: Curry Coastal Pilot Reporter Arwyn Rice and approximately 12 public.

Ceremonies/Appointments/Announcements

Mayor Anderson recognized Public Works/Parks Maintenance employee, Randy Mitchem for his 10 years of service and proclaimed the week of September 7th as National Emblem Club Week and September as National Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to appoint Curtis Williams to the Budget Committee [Position 3].

September Yard Awards were announced as follows:

- Most Improved Property – Dawna Nelson & Jay Hopkins, 817 Kevin Place.
- Commercial Property – Fernando Lira, La Flor de Mexico, 541 Chetco.

Scheduled Appearance

Roger Meader, General Manager of the Coos Curry Electric Cooperative (CCEC), generally announced that CCEC did not take lightly the rate increase of 7.5% that would go into effect on October 1st; the increase is due to increases to the CCEC and the Brookings Transmission line project.

Ordinance

Fire Chief Sharp reviewed the changes to Chapter 8.05, Fire Hazards, of the Brookings Municipal Code proposed under Ordinance 09-O-643.

Karen Hansen, 973 Helen Lane, generally stated that burning is not necessary - there are other low cost alternatives that can be used - and the smoke from burning anything greater than a five yard leaf pile would be detrimental to a large number of people in the City and should not be allowed.

Councilor Gordon generally stated the ban was put into effect due to health concerns expressed by the community and the current policy seemed to be working.

Councilor Hedenskog asked that a record of permitted/not permitted fires be kept if the ordinance was passed.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a first reading by title only of Ordinance 09-O-643.

Mayor Anderson read the title.

Councilor Gordon moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to do a second reading by title only of Ordinance 09-O-643.

Mayor Anderson read the title.

Councilor Hedenskog moved, a second followed and Council voted, with a “No” vote from Councilor Gordon and “Yes” votes from Mayor Anderson and Councilors Hedenskog, Kitchen and Pieper, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-643, amending Chapter 8.05, Fire Hazards, Title 8, Health & Safety, of the Brookings Municipal Code, in its entirety.

Public Comments

Carl Page, 12580 Highway 101, Smith River, generally commented on the river flow having dropped to 60 cfs, stating that water curtailment should be in effect, and on the lack of erosion controls at Da-Tone Rock.

Mayor Anderson generally stated that the City had asked for voluntary water use restrictions and explained that it was not just the flow that triggered curtailment but a combination of flow and usage, and overall usage was less than it was than the previous years. Anderson also stated that this year’s water conservation initiatives were more aggressive and that the City is being more proactive than its neighbors to the south.

Regular Agenda

Mayor Anderson announced that City Attorney interviews were to be conducted.

Councilor Pieper moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to instruct the City Recorder to schedule the Executive Session to conduct City Attorney interviews.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Council Minutes for August 10, 2009.

Councilor Kitchen moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as written.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Mayor Anderson remarked that Manual and Judy Lopez were conducting a restoration project at the Port on the more than 100 year old “Betty,” with the hopes of establishing nautical museum. They have asked for a letter of support. Council expressed its support for a letter.

Adjournment

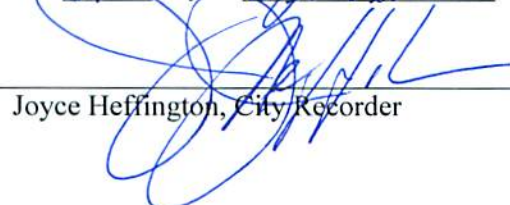
Councilor Kitchen moved, a second followed and Council voted unanimously by voice vote to adjourn at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Anderson, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 29th day of September 2009:



Joyce Heffington, City Recorder