

City of Brookings
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, February 26, 2018

Call to Order

Mayor Pieper called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call

Council present: Mayor Jake Pieper, Councilors Bill Hamilton, Brent Hodges, and Roger Thompson present; Councilor Dennis Triglia absent; a quorum present.

Staff present: City Manager Gary Milliman, Finance & Human Resource Director Janell Howard, Public Works Interim Supervisor Tim Rettke, Public Works Employee Michael Ruegsegger, Administrative Aide Rita Ritz, and City Recorder Teri Davis.

Media Present: No media present

Others Present: Seven audience members.

Ceremonies

Introduction of New Employees

Supervisor Rettke introduced new Public Works employee Michael Ruegsegger
City Manager Milliman introduced new Administrative Aide Rita Ritz

Oral Requests and Communications from the audience

No one was present to address Council on non-agenda items.

Modification to Agenda

Councilor Thompson moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to add Letter of Support for House Bill 4007 to the City Council agenda as Item F6 and as an urgency matter as the City wishes to consider support for the Bill prior to a vote by the Legislature in the 2018 short.

Staff Reports

Chetco Bar Fire Grant Agreement

City Recorder Davis presented the staff report.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute the Chetco Bar Fire Economic Impact Analysis and Recovery Plan Grant Contract with U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Harbor Sanitary District Committee

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Thompson seconded and Council voted unanimously to designate Mayor Jake Pieper and Finance/HR Director Janell Howard as City representatives to the City/District Coordinating Committee with the Harbor Sanitary District.

Fireworks Funding

City Recorder Davis presented the staff report.

1. Candice Michel of 1253 Rowland Lane spoke in opposition to the funding and noted concerns about procedure
2. Dane Tippman of 616 Pioneer Road spoke to recommend not using TOT funds for the event but to make funding a budgetary line item
3. Teresa Lawson of 820 Brookhaven Drive presented pros and cons of the funding; concluded fireworks enhance tourism

Council discussed the history of funding for this event; discussed TPAC's rationale for denying the funding; discussed procedural concerns with the request.

Councilor Thompson spoke in opposition to the funding due to the organization's tax status and a lack of finance transparency.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted 3-1, with Councilor Thompson voting 'Nay', to authorize payment of \$1,000 to the Fun'd the Fourth fundraising effort for the July Fourth 2018 fireworks event at the Port of Brookings Harbor, with funds to be allocated from Transient Occupancy Tax revenue.

Elmo Williams Day Funding

City Recorder Davis presented the staff report.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Thompson seconded and Council voted unanimously to allocate \$1,000 to the Elmo Williams Day Committee for the Elmo Williams Day event.

Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival Evaluation

City Recorder Davis presented the staff report.

City Manager Milliman reported about additional information he had received during a tourism seminar earlier in the day; extremely successful event; expanding to a two-day event in 2018.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Thompson seconded and Council voted unanimously to accept the Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival Event Evaluation report.

Support Letter for House Bill 4007

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report.

Connie Hunter of 1310 English Court spoke in support of the item.

Councilor Thompson moved, Councilor Hodges seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to execute a support letter for HB 4007 regarding first time buyer savings accounts and raising document fees.

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for February 12, 2018
2. Approve Special Council minutes for February 20, 2018
3. Accept Planning Commission minutes for October 3, 2017
4. Accept TPAC minutes for January 18, 2018
5. Receive monthly financial report for January 2018

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

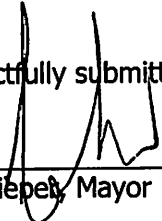
Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Hamilton reiterated his support for helping to fund the fireworks.


Mayor Pieper noted he has a lot of very good memories associated with the fireworks.

Adjournment

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Thompson seconded, and Mayor Pieper adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Jake Pieper, Mayor

ATTESTED:
this 12th day of March 2018:


Teri Davis, City Recorder