

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
**Monday, February 27, 2017**

**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 and Dennis Triglia; Student Ex Officio Shawntisha Bailey was absent; a quorum present.

Staff present: City Manager Gary Milliman, City Attorney Martha Rice, Parks Supervisor Tony Baron, and City Recorder Teri Davis.

Media Present: No media present

Others Present: Fifteen audience members.

**Addition to Agenda**

*Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege*

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to add Staff Report Item #2 Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege pursuant to District Attorney's order on petition to review public records request for legal invoices from Davis Wright Tremaine.**

**Appointments**

*Reappoint Tim Hartzell to Planning Commission*

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to reappoint Tim Hartzell to Planning Commission.**

*Candidate Interviews for Council Position #3*

Candidate Joshua Kuzmicz was asked to approach the podium. The three other candidates were asked to leave the Chambers while Mr. Kuzmicz was interviewed.

Councilors asked Mr. Kuzmicz a series of questions regarding his experience and qualifications.

Mr. Kuzmicz noted that he had extensive experience in community service. He would like to make the City more business-friendly; he would like to improve access to medical care; he would like to entice investors to the City.

Candidate Don Vilelle was asked to enter the Chambers and approach the podium.

Councilors asked Mr. Vilelle a series of questions regarding his experience and qualifications.

Mr. Vilelle noted that he wants to represent the people. He would like to bring more business into Brookings; he would like to reduce the Brookings economy's reliance of tourism; he would like to see tighter traffic enforcement.

Candidate Greg Williams was asked to enter the Chambers and approach the podium.

Councilors asked Mr. Williams a series of questions regarding his experience and qualifications.

Mr. Williams noted that he is good at dealing with people. He would like to reduce fees and restrictions for small businesses; he would like to increase the availability of youth activities.

Candidate Roger Thompson was asked to enter the Chambers and approach the podium.

Councilors asked Mr. Thompson a series of questions regarding his experience and qualifications.

Mr. Thompson noted that he would like to heal the rift between the City and the Port. He has many years experience in business, budgeting and tourism. He would like to see more road surface repair; he would like to renew the sewer bond; he would like to see the City take on management of the airport; he would like to work to get the emergency room up and running.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Mayor Pieper reminded the Council that they needed to choose an appointee who will work cohesively with the whole.

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted unanimously to appoint Roger Thompson to City Council Position #3.**

Mr. Thompson was then sworn in by City Recorder Davis and assumed his seat at the dais.

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

- Don Burger of 98438 N. Bank Chetco Road addressed Council regarding his concerns about the safety of Ferry Creek Dam. City Manager Milliman was asked to respond. He addressed Mr. Burger's concerns advising that there was no immediate danger and that funding is being sought to make the appropriate repairs.

### **Staff Reports**

#### *Vet Fest II Loan Repayment*

City Manager Milliman presented the staff report. Vietnam Veterans of America repaid an additional \$1000 of its Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds loan satisfying in-full its repayment.

**No Council action was required.**

#### *Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege*

City Attorney Martha Rice presented the staff report.

**Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Hamilton seconded and Council voted unanimously to waive the attorney-client privilege to the extent required to comply with the District Attorney's order regarding invoices from the law firm Davis Wright Tremaine.**

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve Council minutes for February 13, 2017
2. Accept Public Art Committee minutes for September 14, 2016
3. Accept TPAC minutes for January 19, 2017
4. Receive monthly financial report for January 2017

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted to approve the Consent Calendar with four Councilors voting "yea" and Councilor Thompson abstaining.

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Hamilton thanked all who applied for the Council Position #3 appointment. Each was very professional in manner.

Councilor Triglia agreed with Councilor Hamilton and welcomed new Councilor Thompson.

Councilor Triglia asked that the topic of park closing hours be added to an upcoming Workshop agenda.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Triglia seconded and Council voted by voice to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

***Approved by City Council on March 13, 2017***

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Jake Pieper, Mayor

ATTESTED:

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017:

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Teri Davis, City Recorder