

**City of Brookings**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415  
**Monday, March 13, 2023**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Hedenskog called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Roll Call**

Council Present: Mayor Ron Hedenskog, Councilors Isaac Hodges, Andy Martin, Michelle Morosky, and Ed Schreiber; a quorum present

Staff present: City Manager Janell Howard, Public Works Director Tony Baron, and Planning Tech Lauri Ziemer

Media Present: 2

Others Present: 50

**Appointments/Announcements**

1. Reappoint Skip Hunter to Planning Commission

**Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Morosky seconded, and Council voted unanimously to reappoint Skip Hunter to the Planning Commission in position number 1 to expire April 1, 2027.**

2. Accept Resignation of Zeus Zamora from the Parks and Recreation Commission

**Councilor Schreiber moved, Mayor Hedenskog seconded, and Council voted unanimously to accept Zeus Zamora's resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission position number 2, with a term expiring February 1, 2025.**

3. Appoint Ryan Reneau to Parks and Recreation Commission

**Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Morosky seconded, and Council voted unanimously to appoint Ryan Reneau to the Parks and Recreation Commission in position number 2, with a term expiring February 1, 2025.**

**Oral Requests and Communications from the audience**

- John McKinney, 42 Floral Drive, Brookings – provided information on Janell Howard investigation
- Mark St James, 98748 Camellia Drive, Brookings – spoke in opposition to the rehiring of Janell Howard
- Rick Bishop, 625 Spruce Street Apt #A, Brookings – provided opinion on drain issues
- Victor Ortega, 96511 West Cliff Drive, Brookings – spoke in opposition to the rehiring of Janell Howard
- Dan Sherman, 835 Brookhaven, Brookings – spoke in opposition to the rehiring of Janell Howard
- Susan Shampo, 208 Musser Street, Brookings – spoke in opposition to the rehiring of Janell Howard
- Teresa Lawson, 820 Brookhaven, Brookings – provided opinion on transparency of City Council
- Connie Hunter, 1310 English Court, Brookings – spoke in support of short-term housing and USDA loan

**Consent Calendar**

1. Approve City Council meeting minutes for February 27, 2023
2. Accept Planning Commission minutes for February 7, 2023

**Mayor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Morosky seconded, and Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.**

**Staff Reports/Hearings**

**1. Chetco Avenue Enhancements**

*Staff report presented by Tony Baron*

**Councilor Morosky moved, Councilor Martin seconded, and Council voted unanimously to request the Oregon Department of Transportation complete an analysis of the following street enhancements along Chetco Avenue between Oak Street and Pacific Avenue to include:**

**Eliminate on street parking in various locations from Oak Street to Pacific Avenue in order to accommodate center turn lanes at intersections and provide enhanced visibility at crosswalks.**

**Eliminate all left turns except at Oak Street and Center Street where traffic signaling will offer safe left turns. Develop center turn lane at these intersections.**

**Enhance pedestrian crossings at Fern Avenue, Willow Street and Mill Street/Hillside Avenue intersections.**

**2. USDA-RD Loan Resolutions**

*Staff report presented by Janell Howard*

**Mayor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Schreiber seconded, and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-R-1236, authorizing the City Manager to sign three RUS Bulletins 1780-27, totaling \$24,996,000 in loans and \$2,569,000 in grants; and authorizing the City Manager to incur debt through USDA in the same amount at 2%, to finance the Wastewater Treatment and Sewer Line Improvement project.**

**Informational/Non-Action Items**

February Vouchers

**Remarks from Mayor and Councilors**

Councilor Hodges remarked that he appreciates people coming to speak and let their voices be heard.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Schreiber seconded and Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

ATTESTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023:

  
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Ron Hedenskog, Mayor

  
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Janell K. Howard, City Recorder