

City of Brookings
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, April 24, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Hedenskog called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Zierner

Media Present: 1

Others Present: 38

Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

- Lynne Smith, 28 Floral Dr, Brookings – spoke on behalf of Barbara Nystad in opposition to reinstatement of Janell Howard
- Connie Hunter, 1310 English Ct, Brookings – provided information on non-profit organizations
- Rick Bishop, 625 Spruce Dr, Brookings – provided opinion on properties in C3 zoning
- Jean Soderman, 413 Hillside Dr, Brookings – provided opinion on first amendment

Consent Calendar

1. Approve City Council meeting minutes for April 10, 2023
2. Accept March financials

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

Staff Reports/Hearings

1. Coos Curry Electric Cooperative Franchise

Staff report presented by Janell Howard

Council discussed proposed ordinance. **Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Martin seconded, and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 23-O-806 by title only.**

Councilor Schreiber moved and Council Martin seconded to adopt Ordinance 23-O-806, granting a 10-year franchise to Coos-Curry Electric, Inc., for the operation of an electric power transmission and distribution system within the City of Brookings; prescribing the terms, conditions and manner of the acceptance of such franchise; repealing Ordinance No. 23-O-805 with the following changes:

Section 10(a) to read: "In consideration of the rights, privileges and franchise hereby granted in Section 2 of this Ordinance, Grantee shall pay to the City a fee equivalent to 5.0% of the Grantee's gross operating revenues, earned within the City ("Franchise Fee") effective May 1, 2023", and striking in it's entirety Section 10(c).

Keith Burkhalter, Coos Curry Electric representative questioned striking Section 10(c) in it's entirety. Councilor Martin withdrew his second and Councilor Schreiber clarified his motion.

Councilor Schreiber moved and Councilor Martin seconded, to retain the motion but correct it to only strike the first sentence in Section 10(c). Council voted to adopt Ordinance 23-O-806 four to one with Mayor Hedenskog voting nay.

Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Hodges seconded, and Council voted unanimously that in the event Coos Curry Electric, Inc does not agree to sign the agreement the Council authorizes the City Manager to proceed with implementation of ORS 221.450 at the rate of 5%. Signed agreement to be received by April 27, 2023 close of business.

2. Ferry Creek Dam Removal

Staff report presented by Tony Baron

Councilor Schreiber moved, Mayor Hedenskog seconded, and Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to pursue the removal of Ferry Creek Dam as proposed by River Design Group.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Martin motioned to dismiss City Manager Janell Howard without cause effective immediately. Councilor Hodges seconded, and with a three to two vote, Councilor Morosky, Councilor Schreiber and Mayor Hedenskog voting nay, the motion failed.

Council scheduled an executive session for Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 4:30 pm for further discussion on this personnel issue.

Adjournment

Mayor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Schreiber seconded and Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

ATTESTED this 8th day of May 2023:



Ron Hedenskog, Mayor



Janell K. Howard, City Recorder