

City of Brookings
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, June 12, 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 Schrieber; a quorum present

Staff present: City Manager Janell Howard, Public Works & Development Services Director Anthony Baron, Public Works & Development Services Deputy Director Lauri Ziemer and Finance Director Lu Ehlers

Media Present: 2

Others Present: Approximately 30 audience members

Appointments/Announcements

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Appointment - Theresa Mercurio

Mayor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Schrieber seconded, and Council voted unanimously to appoint Theresa Mercurio to Parks and Recreation Commission, Position #2, with a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Scheduled Public Appearances

1. Coast Community Health – David Gilmore, Chief Operations Officer

Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

1. Curt Haskins, 1247 Hub Street, Brookings - addressed Council regarding vehicle parking on Hub and Iris Streets.
2. Ron Schneirson, 111 Schooner Bay Drive, Brookings – addressed Council regarding condition and maintenance issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Requested privacy fence be added to existing chain link fence.
3. Connie Hunter, 1310 English Court, Brookings – spoke in support of the City Council and City Manager Janell Howard.
4. Summer Matteson, 94508 Meyers Rd, Gold Beach - spoke in support of Janell Howard as City Manager.
5. Holly Beyer, 625 Meadow, Brookings – addressed Council concerning no flags were on veterans graves over Memorial Day.
6. Skip Hunter, 1310 English Court, Brookings – spoke in support of the City Council.

Consent Calendar

1. Approved City Council meeting minutes for May 22, 2023

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

Staff Reports

1. Adopt Zply Fiber Franchise Ordinance

Staff report presented by Janell Howard.

Fran Chambers, 1101 Rowland Lane, Brookings – addressed Council concerning the CCEC Franchise fee calculation process.

Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Martin seconded, and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 23-O-807 by title only.

Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Hodges seconded, and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 23-O-807, an Ordinance granting a 10-year franchise to Zply Fiber, for all telecommunication service purposes within the City of Brookings; prescribing the terms, conditions, and manner of the acceptance of such franchise, repealing Ordinance No. 13-O-715.

2. Adopt LS Networks Franchise Ordinance

Staff report presented by Janell Howard.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Schreiber seconded, and Council voted unanimously to read Ordinance 23-O-808 by title only.

Councilor Schreiber moved, Councilor Morosky seconded, and Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance 23-O-808, an Ordinance granting a 10-year franchise to LS Networks, for all telecommunication service purposes within the City of Brookings; prescribing the terms, conditions, and manner of the acceptance of such franchise, repealing Ordinance No. 13-O-706.

3. Chetco Avenue Enhancements – Traffic Study Award

Staff report presented by Tony Baron.

Council discussed. **Councilor Morosky moved, Mayor Hedenskog seconded and Council voted unanimously to authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kittleson & Associates in the amount of \$30,292 to perform a traffic study of Chetco Avenue from Alder Street to Pacific Avenue.**

4. Hold a Public Hearing on State Revenue Sharing and Adopt Resolution 23-R-1239

Public hearing opened at 7:59 pm, no public speakers, public hearing closed at 8:00 pm.

Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers

Mayor Hedenskog moved, Councilor Schreiber seconded and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-R-1239 declaring the City's election to receive State Revenues for 2023-24 fiscal year.

5. Hold a Public Hearing and Approval for Appropriations for FY 2023-24 Budget

Public hearing opened at 8:01 pm, no public speakers, public hearing closed at 8:02 pm.

Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers.

Councilor Hodges moved, Councilor Morosky seconded and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-R-1240, adopting the City of Brookings' budget, declaring tax levied, making appropriations for the 2023-24 fiscal year, and to categorize the levy.

- 6. Approve Water and Sewer Rates, and System Replacement Fees for 2023-24**
a. Resolution 23-R-1241 - Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers

Councilor Schreiber moved, Mayor Hedekskog seconded and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-R-1241, adopting Water rates for 2023-24.

- b. Resolution 23-R-1242 - Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers*
Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers

Councilor Morosky moved, Mayor Hedekskog seconded and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-R-1242, adopting Sewer rates for 2023-24.

- c. Resolution 23-R-1243 - Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers*
Staff report presented by Lu Ehlers

Mayor Hedekskog moved, Councilor Schreiber seconded and Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 23-R-1243, adopting System Replacement Fees for 2023-24.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

Councilor Martin read a statement concerning City Manager Janell Howard. **Councilor Martin moved to terminate the City Manager effective immediately without cause, Councilor Hodges seconded.** Councilor Schreiber commented on the consequences of the potential City Manager's termination. Councilor Hodges commented on the need to have a vote on the issue to access where the matter stands. **With a vote of two to three, Mayor Hedekskog, Councilor Schreiber and Councilor Morosky voting nay, the motion failed.**

Councilor Hodges commented on the need for council transparency and accountability to move forward and the council's decision has been made.

Mayor Hedekskog clarified that the motion made on May 8, 2023 to direct the City Attorney to develop an agreement to terminate the City Manager effective June 16, 2023 never materialized so the motion failed. After three previous motions to terminate have failed, today's vote upholds the decision made January 30th to reinstate the City Manager. The process has been completed in a duly noticed council meeting with a quorum of the councilors present and by a majority vote the motions to terminate have failed, time to move forward operating City government.

Adjournment

Mayor Hedekskog adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

ATTESTED:
this 26th day of June, 2023:



Ron Hedekskog, Mayor



Janell K. Howard, City Recorder