

City of Brookings CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415
Monday, October 23, 2023

Call to Order

Mayor Hedenskog called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Roll Call

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

Staff present: City Manager Janell Howard, Public Works and Development Services Director Anthony Baron, Public Works and Development Services Deputy Director Lauri Ziemer, City Attorney Lori Cooper (by phone) and Deputy Recorder Brooklyn Osterhage

Media Present: 1

Others Present: Approximately 45 audience members and APP-1-23 - Applicant's Attorney Allison Reynolds (by phone)

Consent Calendar

1. Approve Council minutes for October 9, 2023
2. Receive monthly financial report for September 2023

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

Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

1. Cheryl Kelmar – 914 Marina Heights, Brookings spoke on light pollution.
2. Don Bemis & Debra Salzman – Braynard Lane, Brookings spoke on behalf of Wreaths Across America, and invited everyone to attend the ceremony on December 16, 2023 at 9am.
3. Connie Hunter – 1310 English Court, Brookings spoke on Nonprofit Ethics Awareness month.

Public Hearings

Review of Planning Commission decision on File APP-1-23 denying the appeal of a Notice of Abatement issued April 14, 2023 to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, at 401 Fir Street, Assessor's Map & Tax Lot No. 4113-05BC-07300.

In this matter, Councilor Andy Martin watched a portion of the last Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Hedenskog had been involved with St. Timothy's Church as a volunteer and manager of the kitchen from approximately 2009 to 2018. Both stated they could make an unbiased decision on this matter.

There were no bias, personal interest, or conflicts of interest declared and no objection to the jurisdiction of the City Council to hear the matter.

The public hearing was opened at 7:19 pm. PWDS Director Tony Baron reviewed the staff report.

The applicant's attorney, Allison Reynolds, presented applicants statement.

Members of the public that spoke at hearing:

1. Dave Carlson – 1123 Barclay Lane, Brookings spoke in opposition of St. Timothy's abatement.
2. Robert O'Sullivan – 96734 Demoss Road, Brookings spoke in opposition of St. Timothy's abatement.
3. Blake Peters – 501 Old County Road, Brookings, neighbor of St. Timothy's, spoke in support of St. Timothy's abatement.
4. Mikaya & Chris Mayo – 414 Fir Street, Brookings, neighbors of St. Timothy's, spoke in support of St. Timothy's abatement.
5. Sister Cora Rose – 551 Spruce, Brookings spoke on behalf of St. Timothy's church.

Applicant's attorney, Allison Reynolds, requested additional time to submit materials and to leave the record open for an additional seven days. Parties agreed.

The public hearing was closed at 8:35 pm.

Remarks from Mayor and Councilors

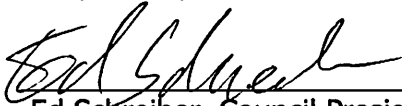
Councilor Martin encouraged everyone to attend the "Salmon Rodeo" scheduled on 10/24/23 for the fish acclamation program.

Councilor Schreiber addressed Mr. Carlson's comment, stating that the abatement is not about the services, it's about where the services are being provided, and that's why it's seen by the Planning Commission; because it's a land use issue in a residential neighborhood. He recognized Anthony Baron, the Public Works and Parks Departments, Janell Howard, and the community for their hard work and the successful reconstruction of Kidtown.

Adjournment

Mayor Hedenskog adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

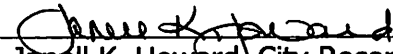
Respectfully submitted:



Ed Schreiber, Council President

ATTESTED:

this 13th day of November, 2023:



Janell K. Howard, City Recorder