

Brier City Council Minutes

March 27, 2001

Mayor Kaske called the regular meeting of the Brier City Council to order at 7:30 PM and the flag salute was given.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmembers Colinas, Jordan, Starks, Doolittle, Moller, Magnuson, and Warner.

Reports of Committees and City Officials:

Councilmember Jordan reported that he is trying to reactivate the Library Board and is in the process of making contact with the members. Mayor Kaske reported on potential regional wastewater treatment sites for King County.

Public Requests and Oral Communications:

There were audience questions concerning the potential regional wastewater treatment site and Mayor Kaske responded and gave background information. There was a question regarding the committee on the budget and Mayor Kaske explained that the Council would be discussing the committee on the budget next week. Diana Johnson asked about the discussion for the sidewalk on 236th Street and Mayor Kaske responded it would be appropriate to discuss it when it comes up on the agenda.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Kaske opened for consideration of the Consent Agenda. **Councilmember Colinas** moved and **Councilmember Moller** seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of the Brier City Council Minutes of March 13, 2001 and approval of the Bid proposal for the Brier Park Tennis Court for the Small Works Roster. Motion Carried.

Hearings

Mayor Kaske asked for an opening statement on Variance Application No. 00-001 by Ed and Theresa Crafton at 22906 27th Avenue W. for an ingress/egress access and reduced front yard setback. Councilmember Jordan disclosed he had made a site inspection of the property. Ed Crafton stated that there is a paved access easement south of his property. Theresa Crafton stated that they would like to put a cover over their porch. Mayor Kaske opened the public hearing. There was no public input. **Councilmember Moller** moved and **Councilmember Jordan** seconded to close the Public Hearing on the Variance Application No. 00-001 by Ed and Theresa Crafton at 22906 27th Avenue W for ingress/egress and reduced front yard setback. Motion Carried. There was Council discussion with the City Attorney regarding having a properly recorded easement. There was continued Council discussion. **Councilmember Jordan** moved and **Councilmember Starks** seconded to approve Variance Application No. 00-001 by Ed and Theresa Crafton at 22906 27th Avenue W for ingress/egress and reduced front yard setback to include that a

document be drafted for the easement issue and submitted and including the conditions of Dick Russell's February 16, 2001 memo. Motion Carried.

New Business, Petitions, Communications, Application Appeals, etc.

Mayor Kaske opened for consideration to approve up to \$1,250 for fence or landscape at 236th St SW sidewalk between Brier Road and 29th Avenue W. There was Council discussion. Mayor Kaske opened for public input. Victor Andrade stated that this concerns his property and explained the background concerning this issue. Mr. Andrade stated his concern is for the safety of the citizens and asked that a fence be installed. Craig Christenson 2596 234th Pl. SW, stated that he felt there should be a fence installed for safety. Don Watson 23319 39th Place W. stated that he agreed a fence should be installed there. Brian Harding 23569 28th Avenue W. stated that he has kids that are always going up there and the drop off is dangerous and asked for a fence. Diana Johnson 23508 29th Avenue W, stated that she and her two grandchildren need safety when they walk that way. Lorraine Jansen 2919 236th Street SW stated that she feels a fence is a much better idea. There was Council discussion with Dick Russell and members of the audience.

Councilmember Moller moved for a five-minute recess. Motion died for a lack of a second. Councilmember Magnuson asked Council to remove the issue of liability as an issue. Councilmember Colinas stated that an 18-inch free zone is a standard if a fence is installed. Don Watson asked Dick Russell if they left sleeves for posts and Dick Russell responded they are in the sidewalk. Councilmember Magnuson stated this is a unique situation in the City because there is a high volume of pedestrian and bicycle traffic there. Diana Johnson asked if sidewalks were now being built for bicycles instead of pedestrians and stated her concern for children walking and falling down an embankment. There was continued Council discussion with the public. **Councilmember Jordan** moved and **Councilmember Starks** seconded to approve up to \$2,000 for a fence provided it meets all code and safety standards and is located in the sleeves, if it meets standards, or on the south side of the keystone blocks, if necessary. Mr. Don Watson asked Council to be aware that the City has violated their codes up and down 228th St. SW. Motion Carried with Councilmember Magnuson abstaining.

Mayor Kaske opened for discussion to authorize publication requesting statements of qualifications for engineering and design work on 35th Avenue W sidewalk project with an expenditure of \$80.00. **Councilmember Moller** moved and **Councilmember Warner** seconded to authorize publication requesting statements of qualifications for engineering and design work on 35th Avenue W sidewalk project with an expenditure of \$80.00. Motion Carried.

Consideration of Bids, L.I.D.'s and Related Matters:

Mayor Kaske opened for review of awarding the bid for a vactor/flush truck to Ben-Ko-Matic. Dick Russell stated that he has become aware of a concern regarding servicing problems with this equipment and Councilmember Colinas expressed his concern regarding the City of Edmonds' problems with them. Dick Russell responded and introduced Glen Irwin from Ben-Ko-Matic who was present to answer any questions. Warranty coverage was discussed for both used and new trucks. **Councilmember Colinas** moved and **Councilmember Moller** seconded to award the bid for the used vactor/flush

truck to Ben-Ko-Matic in the amount of \$138,500 plus tax and including a one-year extended warranty. Motion Carried with Councilmember Jordan opposing as he felt the new one would give the City better service.

Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders: None

Miscellaneous Business by Call of Councilmembers and City Officials:

Councilmember Moller moved and **Councilmember Magnuson** seconded to appoint Mayor Kaske as the City's voting delegate to Snohomish County Tomorrow and Councilmember Colinas the alternate. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Doolittle stated the Park Board has asked for \$100 for additional ground cover such as kinnikinnick **Councilmember Doolittle** moved and **Councilmember Jordan** seconded to approve \$100 for additional ground cover such as kinnikinnick. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Magnuson reported there will be some scouts planting trees.

Mayor Kaske reported that the City has one signature on the easement for the Seattle City Light Park and he believes they will still get the other signature. Mayor Kaske reported there will be some clearing under the power lines.

Mayor Kaske reported they have three new trees planted at City Hall that were donated by Emory's Nursery.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Moller moved and **Councilmember Jordan** seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.