

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Following the Planning Commission interviews the Gearhart City Council meeting was called to order on Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 7:23 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Smith, Councilor Cockrum, Mayor Brown, City Attorney Peter Watts and City Treasurer Gail Como. Absent were Councilor Jesse, Councilor Lorain and City Administrator Chad Sweet.

Mayor Brown asked to add an additional 3 minute visitor section, if the Council agrees and they did.

There was no conflict of interest declared by any member of Council.

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve the Nov. 1, 2017 Gearhart City Council minutes, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent.

Each member of Council was given a Police report, Fire Dept. report, Planning Commission report, and City Treasurer report.

Mayor Brown wished good luck and safety to the Gearhart Fire Dept. volunteers who were sent the California fire and he wished the best to our friends in California. Mayor Brown also stated the Fire Committee's working on a fact sheet and cost break down and tax costs for 3 locations and plans to engage the public and hold a town hall meeting for public comment and send it to a vote of the people. Mayor Brown mentioned Gearhart will be 100 years old and anyone interested in being on the celebration committee or help out volunteering should contact Mayor Brown or Chad Sweet. Mayor Brown advised the committee is planning four events for the celebration. The first event will be a birthday party on Jan. 28, 2018, then a version of the Fireman's Ball, then a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and last a formal event in Sept. Bill Berg is also on the committee as the

unofficial historian and author of Gearhart Remembered and we are looking at possibility making a photographic coffee table with 100 years of Gearhart history. Mayor Brown asked if you have any old photos or if you want to volunteer to help please let us know.

Councilor Smith spent 37 hours of CERT and Ham Radio training.

Councilor Cockrum reported working on CERT communications and has had more people become ham operators. Ms. Cockrum had previously mentioned the food in the backpack program for the school kids, so she talked to a nutritionist about healthier food options and advised it's better to have some food rather than no food at all. Ms. Cockrum suggested when we are donating this season please keep in mind good food options, such as: tuna, peanut butter, beans, high fiber cereal, oatmeal, applesauce, low sodium soups with vegetables and macaroni & cheese.

There were several feed back submissions regarding the elk.

Margaret Green P.O. Box 2597 read in the Daily Astorian an article about the Arch Cape water shed which is forest land and they banned the use of pesticides to protect their water and because we are talking about eradicating scotch broom, she asked that the City consider the area around our water source.

Jeannie Mark 1209 N. Cottage asked the Council to consider Ordinance #901 is in effect for 1 full year before any changes are made

Dianne Widdop 1236 Fifer Heights mentioned the elk poop is all over Summit Ave. is really bad. Mayor Brown encouraged residents to comment on the City Website and we can see what can be done. City Attorney Peter Watts added that it is critical to have an actual factual record, to the extent that, it is beginning to impact quality of life with environmental and having a record or evidence for either the legislative or

administrative agency, that would need to help them take action and understand the scope of the problem.

John Green P.O. Box 2597 advised the dog feces is much worse for ground water than elk feces because of what they eat.

Mayor Brown read the synopsis for Ordinance #909 for the Council to consider. The Ordinance will grant a franchise agreement with Light Speed Network, Inc. to install a fiber optic communication network in the Gearhart right of way and if the Council adopts the Ordinance by declaring an emergency, the Ordinance would take effect immediately allowing the construction project to begin. City Attorney Peter Watts felt it is a very fair agreement within what the Gearhart Code allows. A MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cockrum to read Ordinance #909 twice by title and declaring an emergency. Councilor Cockrum commented that she is a little uncomfortable declaring an emergency when there really isn't one. Mayor Brown advised with the construction deadlines this seems like an appropriate time to do so. Mr. Watts added that they wanted this passed in November but the negotiations took longer. The MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent. Following the second reading, A MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cockrum to adopt Ordinance #909, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent.

Mayor Brown appreciated the three applications for the Planning Commission seat and thought all would be good Commissioners but only one can be appointed so he recommended appointing Stephanie Dudley to the Planning Commission. ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to confirm Stephanie Dudley to the Planning Commission, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent.

Councilor Smith commented that the STR election results showed 500 + people who want to keep Gearhart residential and thought it would be a nice time for those residents to get involved and form some citizens committees for resiliency and emergency planning.

Mayor Brown spoke with a resident who lives on F St. who is very concerned with cars driving fast and delivery trucks shaking the ground and the houses. Mayor Brown suggested trucks possibly could use Pacific Way because it is a more commercial wider street and maybe we could put up some signs to encourage them to do so.

John Dudley added that the F Street curve the foliage has grown out and obstructs the view of traffic.

Jeannie Mark agreed with Councilor Smith regarding resiliency and she also thanked the City of Gearhart for the generous donation to the food bank.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cockrum to adjourn, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

  
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Gail Como, City Clerk