

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday Sept.5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Brown advised we will be adding an additional 3-minute visitor section to the agenda, if the Council agrees. The Council agreed.

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

Councilor Fackerell noted corrections to the minutes from the August 1, 2018 City Council meeting. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cockrum to approve the minutes as amended, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to approve the minutes for the special City Council meeting on August 7, 2018, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Reports from the Police Dept., Fire Dept. Planning Commission and City Treasurer were given to each member of the Council.

Mayor Brown thanked everyone who came to the Gearhart 100th year Gala. There were 250 tickets sold, which was a good turnout, and it was a lot of fun. Mayor Brown also thanked the 100-year committee members; Bill Berg, Lori Lum, Erin Jackson, Candice Smith and Melissa Eddy for all of their hard work on the Gala and on all of the events during the year. Mayor Brown also thanked Chad Sweet for all of his help, it was greatly appreciated.

Councilor Smith attended the Planning Commission meeting to get Tom Horning's information. Mr. Smith also attended a 2-hour Ethics class put on by the League of Oregon

Cities. Smith suggested having the class here for the Planning Commission and the City Council members, and possibly invite other cities, if the Council agrees. The City Council agreed.

Councilor Cockrum stated the CERT group met and discussed purchasing a Conex storage box and noted that there is a letter from the CERT Team in your packets. Ms. Cockrum mentioned there will be CERT basic training, which is county-wide, coming up Nov. 16th, 17th, 18th, of 2018

City Attorney Peter Watts reported we have received a tort claims notice from Mr. Janik which I forwarded to our insurance carrier CIS. It is regarding the dunes scotch broom, trees and vegetation and the risk of fire. Mr. Watts advised that Mayor Brown, Chad Sweet and I had already met with Mr. Janik to discuss dune vegetation and to take a tour of the fire road to see what was out there and what we could do under our ordinance. Mr. Sweet also pulled some pictures to show post widening the fire road. The work that has been done in consultation with our Fire Chief is to make sure the conditions are as safe as possible for the fire service providers. The work that has been done is under the scope of our ordinance, and we are continuing to mitigate the fire danger. Individual homeowners may also apply for a permit with the City to remove vegetation. Mr. Watts also reported that the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of appeals ruled today whether cities could prosecute people sleeping on the streets. Mr. Watts added if becomes an issue in Gearhart we need to be careful in following the perimeters of the law. Mr. Sweet added that Chief Bowman was interested in this topic and any issues that could arise from it.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported on:

- Properties being mowed in the dunes where some scotch broom was 8 ft tall.
- Mr. Sweet has issued 7 dune vegetation permits
- Oregon Solutions regarding the elk

- The marijuana tax measure was filed
- Golf Tournament Benefit is Sept. 15, 2018

Carl Peters from Recology Western Oregon Waste talked to the City Council about curbside yard debris pick-up. The curbside yard collection program would raise rates for everyone.

The City received a request from the CERT team to purchase a Conex storage unit for emergency supplies. CERT member Pat Johns advised that the Conex would be on high ground and would provide a storage facility for families to keep personal supplies.

County Commissioner Sara Nebeker reported various projects the County is working on:

- A County wide arts survey.
- Renewable energy
- Self-sustaining respect facility
- A homelessness fund
- Donating a building to Helping Hands
- A housing study
- Secured a company to take care of families in case of a disaster
- Pre-school feasibility for at risk you “Cradle to Prison Pipeline”
- Jail catch & release
- County behavioral problems

Margaret Green P.O. Box 2597 is pleased the City Council is working on a plastic bag ban.

Dianne Widdop P.O. Box 2116 is opposed to getting rid of the yard debris dumpster and replacing it with curbside yard waste. Ms. Widdop asked the City Council to consider the additional cost to the residents and please ask the residents what they think before deciding.

Virginia Dideum 468 Daly noted that Tom Horning is on the Tsunami Resilience Committee and his Tsunami Resilience presentation happened after the Planning Commission meeting had been adjourned. She thought that City Planner Carole Connell may have the minutes from that. Ms. Dideum is opposed to curbside yard waste. The

additional \$4.00 cost, for the 130 homes in The Reserve, is \$6240.00 a year. Ms. Dideum had concerns with making room for another can and paying for it when you may not need it.

Doug Barker 553 Daly commented on Commissioner Nebeker's report about the prisoners.

Emerson Fisher 750 B St. stated he made many calls to report a potentially sick or rabid skunk and questioned who to call. Chad Sweet remembered that situation and advised he did contact Herman Biederbeck from ODFW and asked how to handle this in the future. Mr. Biederbeck spoke to Seaside Dispatch on how to handle those calls and they will notify ODFW who in turn will send a local State Police officer who is also a wildlife officer. The number to call in an emergency is 911 and non-emergency is 503-738-6311.

Tom Thies 292 Woodland Ave. agreed with Dianne Widdop and did not see a need for curbside yard debris because Gearhart residents can take yard debris to Astoria for free. Mr. Thies also reported the skunks spray his dogs, then the dogs come into the house through the doggie door and it's really bad.

The City Council discussed prohibiting feeding the elk and other wildlife and will continue working on a draft ordinance.

City Administrator Chad Sweet requested permission to spend \$15,000 from the Building Reserve Fund for three renditions of a new fire station, on each of the proposed sites, to present at the town hall meeting. Following Council discussion, A MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Tom Thies stated that the current location of the fire station is still a viable spot

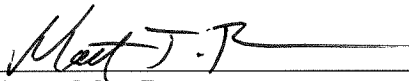
Councilor Fackerell reported she attended a Gearhart Home Owners Association meeting and joined the Association. Ms. Fackerell was asked to be on the Airport

Committee by Chief Bowman, Randy Frank and Dale McDowell of Seaside Public Works. She went to the meeting however Dianne Widdop is still on the committee and only one person from Gearhart can be on the committee at one time. Ms. Fackerell thanked her for her service.

Councilor Jesse recapped the negative feedback from the yard debris discussion but encouraged everyone to recycle all of the organics that you can and keep it out of your garbage cans.

Councilor Smith had concerns that the foot path around the golf course has turned into a bike path and questioned adding another stripe, so the bicycles have a separate section. Mr. Sweet thought that it was originally made for a multi-use purpose, however we can look at some designs and talk about it.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

  
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Mayor Matt Brown

  
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Chad Sweet, City Administrator