

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order Wednesday February 5, 2020 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 he will recuse himself from the OLCC license renewals because his business is on the renewal list. There were no other conflicts of interest.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to approve the minutes for the Jan. 8, 2020 Council meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Each member of council was given reports from the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and City Treasurer. There was not a Jan. 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Brown reviewed the state of Gearhart:

- We are in desperate need of a new Fire Station.
- The original building was built in 1958. It was built on cinder blocks and now the walls are cracking.
- A Citizen's Committee formed about 3 to 4 years ago.
- A town hall was held about a year ago.
- Surveyed the community for opinions, ideas and critiques. We received almost 1000 pages of feedback.
- Results were that 82.5% of registered voters are in favor of a new fire station, 79.4 % support a bond and the majority support High Point, which would survive 95% of earthquake threats.
- Hired a geo-tech to examine the land.
- Working on final costs and grant negotiations.

Mayor Brown's hope is that we come to a decision and sometime this year go for a bond for a new fire station.

Since budget season is coming up and citizens are curious about how we spend tax-payer money, Mayor Brown noted that the City has done a good job. Last year's budget the city underspent by \$225,000. Not many cities can say that. We are building

our reserve funds and have nearly 2 million dollars. In the event that a natural disaster happens, the city would have enough money for 1 or possibly 2 years. Not many communities can say that.

Mayor Brown and Chad Sweet met with Sheila Roley Superintendent of Seaside School District to find out the progress on the new school and to find out more information about the school property in Gearhart. We mentioned to her that there are residents that would like the property to remain open space possibly a park. We let her know as we go forward with our Park Master Plan, we would take a look at that. Councilor Fackerell stated that the County gave that property to the City of Gearhart and questioned if it was ever deeded to the School District. She never saw a record of the deed. City Attorney Peter Watts advised we can do a title report.

Councilor Cockrum reported working the City Administrator job description and evaluation review and the personnel handbook. Ms. Cockrum noted that CERT has been meeting for 10 years or more. We are currently working on implementing the cache barrel program. A team of CERT members are Ham Radio operators and will be our emergency communications.

City Attorney Peter Watts reported working with the President of the Palisades Homeowner's Association and continuing steps for High Point.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- We have received the final report from PSI
- Geotech – foundation and underground stone columns adds to the construction costs.
- ACC - will report estimated cost for final review
- Continuing property negotiations
- Duncan's Crossing-We are ready to begin construction and will need volunteers.
- Clatsop Alerts will be sending out test alerts soon
- Cache barrel program – sign-up sheet coming soon.

- Work session March 31st to discuss the C-1 zone
- Attended an Oregon Solutions Steering committee meeting on Jan 15, 2020
- Attended a Clatsop County Hazard Mitigation meeting on Jan 28, 2020

Jeannie Mark 1209 N. Cottage mentioned that the Clatsop County Hazardous Waste facility will be open this Sat. from 9-2 p.m. for free disposal and you can view other collection dates on the County website.

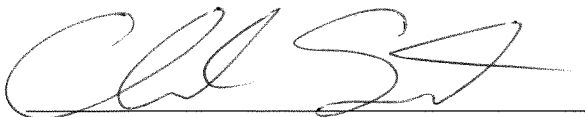
ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve the budget calendar, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to appoint Chad Sweet as the budget officer, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Smith to take no action and let the OLCC licenses will renew automatically. Councilor Fackerell questioned if there were any problems. There were none. MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 recused.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Mayor Brown to approve spending up to \$25,000 from the Building Reserve Fund to purchase the final review, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mr. Sweet added this certifies that the information is accurate and is required in applying for the grant for the fire station.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Chad Sweet, City Administrator



Mayor Matt Brown