

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2020

A special meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held on Wednesday May 20, 2020 online via Go-To-Meeting, using a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone. Citizens could also join the meeting by phoning in. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Councilor Cockrum, Mayor Brown, City Administrator Chad Sweet, City Treasurer Gail Como and Krysti Ficker Executive Administration.

Councilor Smith questioned if it is a conflict of interest being a volunteer and voting on the worker's comp resolution. Chad Sweet advised he would speak with the city attorney about worker's comp covering city councilors. For tonight Mr. Sweet recommended he participate in the voting.

Mayor Brown asked for a budget report.

Budget Officer Chad Sweet noted for the 20/21 budget the tax rate is staying the same at \$1.0053 per \$1000 assessed value and for the Road District the tax rate is staying the same at \$0.0602 per \$1000. The City's resources are steady, and revenues are greater than expenses.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing on receiving state revenue sharing. Hearing no testimony Mayor Brown called for a motion to close the hearing. A MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to close the public hearing, MOTION was approved 5-0. The hearing was closed.

Councilor Cockrum noted that the wording in Ordinance #925 should not say declare an emergency. A motion by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to read ordinance #925, an ordinance electing to receive state revenue sharing by title only and as amended by removing declare an emergency. The MOTION was approved 5-0. Chad Sweet read ordinance #925 by title only.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing for the 20/21 budget. Hearing no testimony Mayor Brown called for a motion to close the public hearing. A MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to close the public hearing, MOTION was approved 5-0. The hearing was closed. Councilor Smith questioned why the increase for the Lieutenant does not match the increase for the Rural Fire Protection District. Budget officer Chad Sweet advised over the next couple of years, the increases to the GRFPD will be greater and will cover his wages.

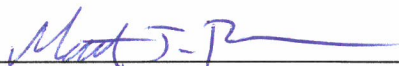
A MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to read ordinance #926, an ordinance imposing taxes for the city, by title only, MOTION was approved 5-0. Chad Sweet read ordinance #926 by title only.

Mayor Brown opened the public hearing for the 20/21 Road District budget. Hearing no testimony Mayor Brown called for a motion to close the public hearing. A MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2nd by Councilor Smith to close the public hearing, MOTION was approved 5-0. The hearing was closed. A MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to read Ordinance #927, an ordinance imposing taxes for the road district, by title only, MOTION was approved 5-0. Chad Sweet read ordinance #927 by title only.

A MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to read ordinance # 928, an ordinance fixing compensation for city officials, by title only. MOTION was approved 5-0. Chad Sweet read ordinance #928 by title only.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to adopt resolution # 948 Extending Worker's Comp to Volunteers, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown

Chad Sweet, City Administrator