

May 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday May 6, 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 7:00 pm. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Councilor Cockrum, Mayor Brown, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet, Executive Administration Krysti Ficker and City Treasurer Gail Como.

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

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve the March 4, 2020 City Council meeting minutes, MOTION was approved.

The April city council meeting was canceled. No minutes to approve.

Mayor Brown reported:

- Our Gearhart friends and residents are doing a great job at social distancing and the community is taking Covid 19 very seriously. A shout out to 2nd homeowners for being considerate and helping everyone stay healthy.
- The Gearhart Volunteer Fire Department is available to assist anyone who needs help getting groceries or picking up prescriptions. They are available to help.
- Mayor Brown offered to help guide any small business with the emergency grants applications or help with business modifications to meet the new requirements.
- The mayors of Clatsop County have discussed ideas and concerns for re-opening. We are following the State guidelines and Health Department guidelines.
- The Governor's Executive order is now extended to July 6th and Clatsop County's Executive order for hotels and short-term rentals goes through May 31st.
- News of Bornstein Seafood Plant employees testing positive for Covid 19 in north county.

Councilor Cockrum and Councilor Smith attended a CERT meeting where they practiced a ham radio exercise. Ms. Cockrum will be attending an ODOT Hwy 101 safety meeting later this month.

Councilor Jesse gave a shout out to the Gearhart Volunteer Fire Dept. for answering the smoke alarm call at his in-laws, while he was away.

City Attorney Peter Watts complimented the city for good financial standing.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- City Hall is closed to the public however city services have continued.
- The 10th St. beach approach is closed.
- Covid 19 information update is online.
- Fire Chief Bill Eddy is routinely meeting with Clatsop County Public Health.
- Kevin Leahy at CEDR has information online to help small business.
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Dave Larmouth with Recology Western Oregon Waste spoke to council about a rate increase.

Visitor Bebe Michel had concerns about re-opening too soon. The Mayor and Council agreed.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.



Chad Sweet, City Administrator



Mayor Matt Brown