

AUGUST 27, 2020

The special meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Thursday, August 27, 2020, online via Go-To-Meeting using a computer, a tablet or a smartphone. Citizens could also join the meeting by calling in on a landline telephone. Council President Paulina Cockrum called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Present were Council President Cockrum, Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet, and Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker. Mayor Brown was absent.

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

No minutes needed approval. No visitors were present.

Council President Cockrum advised the purpose of the meeting was to approve imposing taxes for the City of Gearhart via resolution at the County's request to correct the introduction wording. City Administrator Chad Sweet requested to comment. He stated Resolution #951 would correct the ordinance passed earlier in the year during the budget special meeting. The County sent over their preferred resolution format. City Attorney Peter Watts confirmed a resolution vs. an ordinance was acceptable and he reviewed the form the County sent. Mr. Sweet advised the form presents the budget in a clearer format, including the corrected verbiage; nothing else has changed.

Mr. Watts added that we have used the same version of our ordinance for years passed without the County taking issue. Councilor Smith questioned whether the County does want a resolution adopted in the format suggested and Mr. Watts stated yes, the County has a new Council seeking uniformity in the format jurisdictions use. While the budget can be adopted via

ordinance or resolution, the County adopts a resolution so we would do the same. Mr. Sweet added it was also provided for in accordance with our Charter.

Council President Cockrum questioned the format going forward. Mr. Watts said we would likely see the same pushback next year and suggested using the resolution format for future years. Councilor Smith also questioned the future of the budget process, passing a resolution instead of the numerous meetings needed to adopt the budget ordinances. Mr. Sweet pointed out we could simplify the budget process taking less time in future years using a resolution vs. ordinance.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve Resolution #951, adopting the budget for 20-21, imposing taxes, categorizing taxes and making appropriations for the City of Gearhart. President Councilor Cockrum noted there is a motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>; is there any discussion? No discussion. The MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

Council President Cockrum noted there was no further business on the agenda.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to adjourn the meeting. MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent. Council President Cockrum adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Council President Paulina Cockrum

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Chad Sweet, City Administrator