

AUGUST 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday August 5, 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. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet, Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Chad Sweet addressed the article in the Seaside Signal.

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

With changes to the minutes, A MOTION was made by Councilor Cockrum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to approve the July 1, 2020 City Council meeting minutes, as corrected, MOTION was approved 5-0.

With changes to the minutes, A MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to approve the July 7, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes, as corrected, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Mayor Brown reported:

- He attended the Parks Master Plan committee meeting
- The Gearhart Grade School may have a potential buyer
- He has received a lot of feedback and data for the portable speed radar trailer

Councilor Cockrum reported:

- She appreciated the speed radar trailer
- Looked at tansy ragwort in the dunes reported by a phone call
- Had the first meeting for Parks Master Plan
- CERT meeting working on radios and the cache program
- Gearhart Policing Policies

There was some correspondence on elk feedback and speed trailer.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- Oregon Solutions – The greater Clatsop Plains study seeks to reduce elk human related conflicts, increase public safety, and reduce damage to land
- Emergency cache container program scheduled for Sunday August 23, 2020. You can buy a barrel, fill it with emergency supplies and we will store it. Information is online
- Gearhart Grade School property – the potential buyer possibly could be partnering with the City of Gearhart to maintain the softball and soccer fields
- Speed sign trailer
- Yard debris dumpster – not for landscapers and have installed cameras
- State Homeland Security Grant
- Great Oregon Shakeout
- Water Department installed software for transmitting electronic readings
- Short Term Rentals; changed our software company for online applications
- The 2020 Census takers will be in the area
- November elections – there are 3 seats up for election Mayor and two council positions. Online are the election forms and procedures
- Will schedule a special meeting to revise and refine our budget ordinance following the counties' suggestion for clarification

City Attorney Peter Watts advised we received a comprehensive public records request from the attorney for the Palisades Homeowner's Association. It is an opportunity to demonstrate how much public process, planning, outreach to the community and how we came to consider the High Point site.

Mr. Watts will file the validation proceeding with the Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Dave Larmouth of Recology Western Oregon Waste spoke to council about the rate change sheet provided in the packet.

John Baum 656 C St. of the Fire Dept. Association read a statement giving full support to Chad Sweet as a <sup>Captain</sup>~~Lieutenant~~ on the Gearhart Fire Dept. and as a City Administrator for the City of Gearhart.

City Administrator Chad Sweet stated that resolution 950 is a budget category transfer that will move the grant money to the proper category. ON MOTION by

Councilor Fackerell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse, to transfer as written in resolution #950, MOTION was approved 5-0.

City Council scheduled an executive session for Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 6 p.m. for the annual City Administrator job performance review.

Mayor Brown stated that Councilor Cockrum has been working hard on the Employee Handbook and has done an amazing job on it. The synopsis is the final draft which is attached for review. Council options are approving the employee handbook final draft as written or recommend revisions or do nothing. Staff recommends approving the attached final draft. Mr. Sweet and Councilor Cockrum had some potential changes and will bring it to a future meeting.

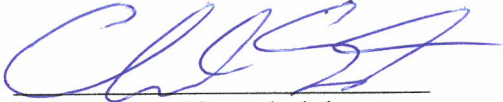
Necanicum Watershed Council applied for State Revenue Sharing and was awarded \$1000 during the budget meetings. They have reached out to us with the list of projects (included in the packet) that could benefit both the city and the watershed council.

The City Council thanked Councilor Cockrum on the awesome job on the employee handbook

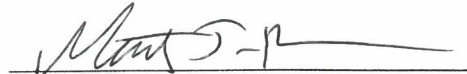
Councilor Cockrum questioned the project on Gun Club Rd. (Gearhart Loop Rd). Sweet advised the culvert from the Hwy to the creek is 20 feet deep which is creating a sink hole. We are working to resolve that issue.

Mr. Sweet also reported new progress on Duncan's Crossing. We will be pouring pads, building the pillars, and building the crossing.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to adjourn, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.



Chad Sweet, City Administrator



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Mayor Matt Brown