

CITY OF GEARHART  
Public Hearings and Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
6:00 pm / 7:00 pm On-site and Virtual/Telephonic

Public hearings and a regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday, June 4, 2025. Council members, City staff, and the public were able to attend on-site, virtually, or by dialing in on a telephone.

Present were Mayor Kerry Smith, Councilor Paulina Cockrum, Councilor Preston Devereaux, Councilor Dana Gould, Councilor Sharon Kloepper, City Administrator Chad Sweet, City Attorney Peter Watts, Police Chief Josh Gregory, Fire Chief Josh Como, City Planner Garrett Phillips (*public hearing only*), Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker, and City Treasurer Justine Hill. A quorum of the Council was present.

At 6:00 pm Mayor Smith went over the hearings disclosure statement and opened the first public hearing for zoning text amendment replacing the entirety of Gearhart Zoning Ordinance Section 3.10 Flood Hazard Overlay Zone with text implementing the Oregon Model Floodplain Management Ordinance Endangered Species Act Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (ESA PICM). There were no objections to the City Council hearing the matter. There were no conflicts of interest declared by any member of the Council. City Planner Phillips gave a brief overview and explained there were two options for City Council. He went over option A and option B. He mentioned that FEMA has required cities to implement the new requirements by July 31, 2025. He discussed the Planning Commission's observations and recommendations. He pointed out that the Planning Commission recommended option A until the "Clear and Objective Standards" issue can be resolved. He indicated that there is a hearing in the Federal District Court of the District of Oregon, which may have impacts on the PICM implementation deadlines or modify PICM requirements. City Planner Phillips said that staff supports the recommendation by the Planning Commission and also suggests continuing the hearing until next month to see if any new guidance comes out before the required adoption deadlines. Mayor Smith inquired about consequences if the City did not meet the adoption deadlines. Attorney Watts explained that FEMA is looking for substantial work towards adoption. He indicated that this process was a priority of the last administration. He said that there has not been clear communication regarding the continued progress. He also mentioned there may be some potential conflicts between the FEMA requirements and the Governor's housing bill. He agrees with the recommendation to move forward with DLCD compliance (option A); however, encourages the City Council to delay the FEMA portion (option B) of the

decision-making requirement as long as feasible. Attorney Watts also mentioned that a special City Council meeting could be scheduled later in July.

- Mayor Smith asked if there were any proponents.
  - Todd Miller (762 2nd Street) noted he submitted written correspondence in favor of plan B.  
*(Email submitted as late correspondence in the City Council packet.)*
- Mayor Smith asked if there were any opponents, which there were none.
- Mayor Smith asked if there were any neutral comments, which there were none.
- Mayor Smith noted that Shannon Smith had signed up to speak; however, was not at the meeting.
- Mayor Smith asked if there were any applicant's rebuttal, which there were none.

Mayor Smith requested a continuation of the public hearing for the zoning text amendment replacing the entirety of Gearhart Zoning Ordinance Section 3.10 Flood Hazard Overlay Zone with text implementing the Oregon Model Floodplain Management Ordinance Endangered Species Act Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (ESA PICM).

- ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Gould to continue the hearing to July, leaving the record open, with the intention of adopting at least Option A in July, and perhaps Option B if the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline remains in effect and if Option B can be made consistent with clear and objective standards requirements, MOTION was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays.
- Councilor Kloepper asked for clarification on the Governor's housing goals, which she thought were focused on workforce housing. Attorney Watts clarified that the language in the housing bill was not constrained to income. He referenced the term "middle housing," which is any housing that is necessary to address the State's housing crisis. City Planner Phillips referenced the statute that says all housing within the urban growth boundary, which lists single family housing without qualification.
- Councilor Gould requested clarifications on if the new FEMA rules also impacted work that the City may need to do (e.g., streets). Attorney Watts said that the new rules will impact homeowners, as well as, the City and create a more lengthy process for approval.
- Attorney Watts clarified that there are some language issues with the FEMA requirements that need to be addressed. He encouraged the City to defer as long as it can; however, he indicated

that if the City does not move forward with the implementation process, homeowners are in jeopardy of losing access to flood insurance. He is hoping for more clarification before the implementation deadline.

Mayor Smith opened the second public hearing for the proposed Public Safety Building process. There were no objections to the City Council hearing the matter. There were no conflicts of interest declared by any member of the Council. There was no additional correspondence.

- Mayor Smith asked if there were any proponents.
  - Tom Thies (PO Box 2831, Gearhart) gave his support to move forward with a new Public Safety Building. He felt the citizens owed a debt of gratitude to the volunteer firefighters. He gave examples of their job responsibilities and community outreach. He stressed they were volunteers and talked about their training hours and required certifications. He thanked the first responders for their service. *(Letter submitted as late correspondence in the City Council packet.)*
  - Eric Halperin (PO Box 2864, Gearhart) started by thanking Mayor Smith, City Council, City Administrator Sweet, Chief Como, Chief Gregory, Division Fire Chief Park, and Public Works Director McFadden for their diligence and commitment to working towards providing the community with a new Public Safety Building. He feels the process listened to residents, was fair, and transparent. He feels that qualified professionals were brought in to work with the community. He acknowledged that the current facilities are decrepit, unsafe, and no longer functional. Although he would like to see the Public Safety Building outside of the tsunami inundation zone, he feels that because there are no other viable location alternatives, he will support the current location. He talked about the financial impacts and broke down the estimated figures. He feels the investment is like insurance, which requires citizens to pay for protection. He would like the community to come together to make the new Public Safety Building a reality. He urges everyone to support the project.
- Mayor Smith asked if there were any opponents, which there were none.
- Mayor Smith asked if there were any neutral comments.
  - Terry Graff (302 S Ocean) was interested in the total cost of the project. He referenced hearing the construction costs amount, but does not feel he has heard the total cost of the

bonds (including interest) for the project. He felt that the public should know the total project numbers (e.g., \$33 million versus \$50 million).

- Cathy Graff (302 S Ocean) inquired if there was another plan if the current Public Safety Building proposal fails. She indicated that based on previous failed bonds, she is skeptical it will pass. She would like to know if the Council has any other alternatives. Mayor Smith indicated there has been no decision to move forward with a November ballot. He indicated the Council is still formulating a plan and hopes to have a voter's poll. He would like community input before moving forward to a vote. Attorney Watts indicated that he has been talking with a polling consultant and that they may have availability. He indicated costs may be around \$20,000. Councilor Gould inquired about a polling timeline and Attorney Watts said they did discuss potential dates; however, there was no commitment. He suggested that a good rule of thumb with polling results would be 58% approval before moving forward with a ballot. He said that voter turnout should also be a consideration in selecting a November or May ballot date.
- Georgia Wenger (PO Box 2034, Gearhart) requested clarification on if the polling survey would be focused on all of the original Town Hall design options or just the two options that had been Council approved. She also inquired if it may be prudent to give the option of segregating out departments (e.g., just fire station) and if citizens would have input into the polling questions. Attorney Watts indicated that the polling consultant would assist with the development of the questions. He feels that the Council needs to gather information that assists them in moving forward with decision making on the Public Safety Building project. Councilor Cockrum also pointed out that segregating out certain departments gets difficult because the department buildings are connected (e.g., Fire Station/Public Works). Mayor Smith reiterated that the Council has not discussed an alternative option. Councilor Gould agreed with Councilor Cockrum's comments about the different departments' facilities being connected and the complications around segregating out department facilities. She also mentioned OSHA standards, vehicle size, foundation costs, and narrowing choices due to cost estimate consultant fees.
- TJ McDonald (3007 Pine Ridge, Shamrock) appreciates the discussion, but wanted to know what was changed from the last time the Public Safety Building project was put on the ballot. He has concerns over the cost, which has significantly increased since the last measure. He does not feel the project will pass and that the Council seems to ignore that cost is a factor.
- Jack Zimmerman (408 W Kershul) voiced support for what TJ said. He feels the numbers need to be accurate and include all costs (e.g., bond costs). He indicated that some

community members feel the amount of money spent on the investigative process would be considered wasted money if the Council does not move forward with the Public Safety Project. He feels there should be an alternative. He mentioned that costs were based on specific needs and assumptions, which he feels may have driven up costs. He would like to know if there is a level of compromise on the needs. He brought up the option of expanding the Hertig Fire Station, which is outside of the tsunami inundation area. He feels messaging is very important. He suggests nominating someone who is the primary spokesperson. He feels he never received survey results from the Town Hall meetings. He recommended that when the City does create their survey to please make it simple.

- Patricia Roberts (366 N Ocean) agreed with many of the points that Jack expressed. She feels that the main Gearhart fire station should be at the Hertig Fire Station, which would reduce costs and be out of the inundation zone. She feels the City needs access to Medix, not pumper trucks. Attorney Watts mentioned that removing apparatus from one building to one with a further response time, may increase property owners' fire insurance premiums. Councilor Gould pointed out that the Hertig Fire Station is owned by the Gearhart Rural Fire Protection District (GRFPD). She mentioned that moving the City of Gearhart fire department would require either the GRFPD to expand their current facility to accommodate or the citizens of Gearhart would need to agree to pay for an expanded facility on GRFPD's property. Councilor Devereaux mentioned that the GRFPD is their own taxing entity, which contracts with the City of Gearhart to provide fire protection services. There would have to be discussion about merging the two entities.
- Shannon Smith (774 Pacific Way) would like the City to consider vertical elevation towers to save lives, which could also serve as a viewing platform.

Mayor Smith closed the public hearing for deliberation at 7:14 pm.

- ON MOTION by Mayor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Gould to close the public hearing on the proposed Public Safety building options, MOTION was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays.

Mayor Smith called a recess at 7:15 pm to allow for a technology transition break. At 7:20 pm, he called the Budget Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting to order.

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing on the 2025-2026 possible uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds; the 2025-2026 City of Gearhart Budget; and the 2025-2026 Gearhart Road District Budget. There were no objections to the City Council hearing the matters. There were no conflicts of interest declared by any

member of the Council. There was no additional correspondence relevant to the public hearing topics. Mayor Smith asked if there were any proponents, which there were none. Mayor Smith asked if there were any opponents, which there were none. Mayor Smith asked if there were any neutral comments, which there were none. Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 7:22 pm.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to close the public hearing on the 2025-2026 possible uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds; the 2025-2026 City of Gearhart Budget; and the 2025-2026 Gearhart Road District Budget, MOTION was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.

Mayor Smith announced that Bob McEwan passed away and that the City would be lowering the flag to half-staff as a symbol of mourning and respect for the long-time resident of Gearhart. Councilor Gould proposed a minute of silence, which was honored by the Council, staff, and citizens.

There were no conflicts of interest declared by any member of the Council.

#### Approve Minutes.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Kloefer, 2nd by Councilor Gould to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Budget Committee meeting, MOTION was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.
- ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Gould to approve the amended minutes of the May 7, 2025 regular meeting of the City Council (page 1 and page 6), MOTION was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.
- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Kloefer to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025 worksession of the City Council, MOTION was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.

Mayor Smith inquired if there were any questions on the Planning Commission document in the Councilors' packets. Councilor Cockrum noted that the minutes were from the March 13, 2025 meeting.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Smith indicated it had been a busy month.

#### Councilor Reports.

- Councilor Kloefer had no report.
- Councilor Cockrum attended the Clatsop County Regional Housing Taskforce meeting, which continues to investigate a "Lease to Locals" program that would incentivise short-term rental owners

to consider long-term renting options. She anticipates the City Council receiving a resolution of support to try and get a grant to support the incentive. She resigned from the County's CERT team. She also plans to attend the ribbon cutting for the Trail's End Art Association's Little Art Gallery.

- Councilor Gould attended the CEDR awards; as well as the CEDR Board Meeting where they discussed their budget. She attended the Public Safety Building meeting. Conversations with citizens have led her to focus on two priority items: 1) an ordinance requiring licensing on long-term rental properties; and 2) amend the Sunday prohibition language for contractor work hours.
- Councilor Devereaux supports Councilor Gould's exploration of amending the Sunday contractor work hours ordinance. He feels it is hurting the local landscapers.

#### City Officer Reports.

- Chief of Police. Police Chief Gregory went over statistical data for the police department. He said they continue to be busy. Councilor Kloefer requested clarification on a citation versus a warning. Police Chief Gregory talked about the differences.
- Fire Chief. Fire Chief Como went over statistical data for the fire department. He indicated that the Firefighter's Ball was successful and may have raised the most funds ever. He mentioned that he had been asked about training and provided a report detailing required firefighter certifications.
- City Treasurer. Financial reports were submitted in the Councilors' packets. Treasurer Hill thanked the Budget Committee for their service and participation. She mentioned that Gearhart is fortunate to have steady revenue streams; however, they are being outpaced by increasing operating costs. She reiterated from the Budget Message that the City's resource short-fall situation will only perpetuate. Oregon's property tax system restricts the growth of assessed values; there are restrictions that forbid growth on short-term rentals; there are discrepancies with Gearhart's population estimates; and there are limited amounts of property for development. She suggested exploring other financial revenue sources. Treasurer Hill also mentioned that all resources for the State Revenue Sharing fund have been received and they came in less than anticipated. Because the City had committed to community grants using these funds and there is a shortfall, a partial grant award will be funded in the General Fund, Community Care account. Also in revenues, she noted that the City received a PRC distribution payment for the withdrawal of a 2024 tax appeal by Georgia Pacific; as well as the \$35,000 for the 2025 Wildfire Season Staffing Grant. She referenced the letter received by the Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division regarding the City's 2023-2024 audit, which was in correspondence. She indicated the

issues were minor, required no corrective action, and that she is working with the City's auditors to satisfy the comments.

- City Attorney. Attorney Watts received information from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) clarifying how cities and public bodies must handle food provisions for public officials. He indicated that city staff and elected leaders cannot accept anything of value simply because they hold public office, unless it is part of an official compensation package. He discussed a complaint received that Administrator Sweet violated Oregon election laws. Attorney Watts feels very strongly this is not accurate and that Administrator Sweet did not violate any laws. He referenced ORS 260.432, which only applies at a certain point in the election process timeline (an initiative is out of signatures, a referendum by citizens to appeal an ordinance is issued, a referral by Council to place a measure on the ballot). He indicated that none of the requirements on restrictions for political campaigning for public employees has occurred. He felt it was important to address the issue because the City's insurance carrier, CIS, advises that the best way to deal with alleged violations of the law is to take steps to mitigate the issue. He will also be contacting the Clatsop County legal council to talk about the issue since their staff was referenced in the complaint. Attorney Watts also clarified that he did not recommend erecting a gate at 10th Street on the 4th of July. He did suggest CERT volunteers monitoring appropriate types of vehicles for beach access. He suggested public safety, common sense practices. He also talked about a Clatsop County pilot program, which incentivizes short-term rental property owners to convert their properties to long-term rentals. He would suggest looking at other options. Councilor Gould mentioned that she also had contacted OGEC and they reiterated what Attorney Watts had clarified about the City not being in any violation in terms of election laws.
- City Administrator. Administrator Sweet's report was sent to the Councilors in their packets. He shared information from ZCS Engineering regarding the feasibility of a Seismic Retrofit Grant opportunity for the Gearhart fire station. They indicated that based on the information they reviewed, they do not believe that the fire station would qualify for grant funding due to the risk of liquefaction and lateral spreading.

Visitors. None.

Public Communications - Written & Oral. Mayor Smith reminded everyone that oral public comment is specifically for items not on the agenda. There was written correspondence submitted by Stewart Schulz (Need for PTHA to Optimize Public Safety Building Design); Deanna Mancill (Amendment to Tree Ordinance); Sharon Kloepfer (Tree Value); Amy John, Oregon Secretary of State Audit Division (Audit

2023-2024); Tim Mancill (Public Comment); and Phil Lopez, FFA Architecture & Interiors (Correspondence Letter).

- Todd Miller (762 2nd Street) thanked Council members for their time. He is a homeowner in Gearhart. He and his wife live next to a proposed two home building development at the end of 2nd Street. He feels that this development has raised serious concerns, not just because of the location but also because it is an area that was never supposed to be developed. He said that 31 mature trees will be removed, some over 150 years old on just under an acre of land. He indicated that these trees are part of an environmental infrastructure that stabilizes soil, supports the water table, absorbs flood waters, and protects neighboring homes from the effects of storms. He noted they also anchor an ecological corridor that is connected to the broader Necanicum Estuary. He is asking that the Council look at implementing three steps to protect the neighboring homes, which included investigating the root system of trees removed before grading; adopt option B on the GZO Flood Hazard Overlay Zone amendments; and reengage environmental stewardship exemplified by the Neacoxie Watershed Commission.
- Shannon Smith (774 Pacific Way) distributed “Protect Neacoxie Creek - Help Save It from Destructive Development.” She honored Bob McEwan's memory. She has concerns over the 2nd Street development. She believes Gearhart is a special place. She talked about estuary history and partners. She mentioned the Neacoxie Watershed Stewardship proposal, which she says obligates the City of Gearhart to take responsibility for conservation of natural resources within the City limits and urban growth boundary. She feels there has not been adequate citizen input in terms of the 2nd Street development, which she feels will impact everyone in Gearhart. She has concerns over language changes from unbuildable to undevelopable on the property. She would like the City to take another look at the development.
- Deanna Mancill (2945 Hwy 101) talked about a request for a text amendment on the tree ordinance. She has suggested using a specific invasive list for a reference point. She feels the list used in the current ordinance is not encompassing enough for watershed areas. She feels that updated materials should be used, especially when conservation is being considered. She also talked about the Neacoxie Watershed Steward Mission Statement. She feels the Statement document requires the City to protect the Neacoxie Watershed, which includes the entire Necanicum Estuary. She feels that the original intent of the Neacoxie Watershed Steward Commission was to prohibit development in specific areas. She has concerns over development that may happen in these areas due to a change in City administration.

Ordinances/Resolutions.

Ordinance 946 - An Ordinance Amending the Start Time of City Council Meetings. Mayor

Smith introduced the ordinance and Administrator Sweet went over it.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Kloepper to amend the start time of the City Council meetings. There was discussion.
  - Councilor Kloepper had a concern over the legal analysis on the staff report in terms of meetings directly following the end of the regular work day. City staff expressed no concerns. Councilor Gould had concerns over a time change that may impact future Councilors who have a regular work schedule. Councilor Devereaux felt that 7:00 pm gave time for dinner before the meeting. Council Cockrum suggested that language be drafted that allows meetings to start at 6:00 pm. Executive Assistant Ficker suggested reviewing the entire ordinance to make sure that there were no impacts on other types of meetings by changing language to all meetings starting at a particular time. Attorney Watts felt this would be a prudent endeavor. He felt language could be drafted that could incorporate all types of meetings (e.g., executive session, worksessions) so that the regular City Council meeting would just directly follow.
  - MOTION was withdrawn by Councilor Cockrum.
- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Mayor Smith to table Ordinance 946 was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays.

Mayor Smith introduced the budget resolutions and Treasurer Hill indicated that she had distributed a “Budget Process Resolution Recommendations” document (also available online). She noted that each fiscal year there are standard regulatory procedures to finalize the budget process; and, that because these resolutions are reoccurring every year and are more of a technical, procedural step, staff reports were not submitted in Council’s packet.

Resolution 1007 - A Resolution Granting Budget Appropriation Transfers (Road District).

Treasurer Hill noted that this resolution adjusts appropriations in the current 2024-2025 adopted Budget; however, did not impact the total amount of the adopted Budget. Because budgeting is done on an estimation basis, the Oregon Budgeting Laws allows the City Council to move appropriations between existing categories within a Fund. Staff recommended approving the Gearhart Road District budget appropriations transfer for the 2024-2025 Budget.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Kloepper, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum for Resolution 1007, a resolution granting budget appropriations transfers for the Road District was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays.

Resolution 1002 - A Resolution Granting Budget Appropriations Transfers (City). Treasurer Hill again reiterated that this resolution adjusts appropriations in the current 2024-2025 adopted Budget; however, did not impact the total amount of the adopted Budget. Because budgeting is done on an estimation basis, the Oregon Budgeting Laws allows the City Council to move appropriations between existing categories within a Fund. There two funds needing adjustments are the General Fund and the Building Reserve Fund. The General Fund departments impacted are Non-Departmental, Court, Planning, and Parks. Staff recommended approving the City of Gearhart's budget appropriations transfer for the 2024-2025 Budget.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Devereaux for Resolution 1002, a resolution granting budget appropriations transfers for the City of Gearhart was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays.

Resolution 1003 - A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Treasurer Hill noted that the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) requires all cities annually to certify eligibility in order to receive state revenues (cigarette, liquor, marijuana, and highway taxes). In order to qualify to receive the funds, cities are required to approve and submit a resolution. Staff recommended approving the City's election to receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Kloepper for Resolution 1003, a resolution declaring the City's election to receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays.

Resolution 1004 - A Resolution Adopting the Budget for the 2025-2026, Imposing Taxes, Categorizing Taxes and Making Appropriations for the City of Gearhart. Treasurer Hill noted that this was the final step for the completion of the 2025-2026 Budget document. She indicated that could be two adjustments before Budget approval. She mentioned that these two changes were de minimis in terms of the overall Budget; however, amending them would provide the most accurate projection figures. As the Budget Officer, she recommended that General Fund Resources, Property Tax – Current (line 2) be increased by \$18,498 and General Fund had been notified that one of the three PRCs projected to be withheld next year has been withdrawn, which would increase the City's property tax revenue. She also mentioned that the City had a tentative contract agreement with the Gearhart Rural Fire Protection District. The amount negotiated was less than approved by the Budget Committee, which would decrease the City's budgeted

allotment. She explained that these were not significant changes; however, because the Budget has not yet been approved, it did allow an opportunity to make a change before final adoption.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to adopt the amended 2025-2026 Budget in the amount of \$7,948,836, which includes a permanent tax rate limit levy of \$1.0053 per thousand of assessed value and general obligation debt service was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.

Resolution 1005 - A Resolution Adopting the Budget for 2025-2026, Imposing Taxes, Categorizing Taxes and Making Appropriations for the Gearhart Road District. Treasurer Hill again reiterated this was the final step for the completion of the 2025-2026 Gearhart Road District budget document.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Kloefer to adopt the Gearhart Road District approved 2025-2026 Budget in the amount of \$355,040 with a permanent tax rate limit levy \$0.0602 per thousand of assessed value was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.

Resolution 1006 - A Resolution Fixing the Compensation of the Following Officers of the City of Gearhart: City Attorney, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Administrator, Treasurer, and Judge, and Repealing all prior Ordinances &/or Resolutions Affixing the Compensation of these Officers of the City of Gearhart. Treasurer Hill noted that this resolution has been traditionally approved by City Council. She explained that it satisfies the requirement in Section 12 Salaries in the Gearhart Charter that states: “The compensation for the services of each non-elected officer and employee will be the amount affixed by the Council.” She mentioned that all staff salaries are provided in the Budget document, which goes through a process of approval by the Budget Committee and City Council and allows several opportunities for public comment throughout the budgeting process.

- MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Devereaux for Resolution 1006 by title only was approved 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloefer, Smith) - 0 nays.

Old Business. Mayor Smith invited the public to comment on the old business item.

4th of July Discussion Follow-Up. Mayor Smith introduced the topic and Police Chief Gregory went over a document he distributed (“2025 4th of July Update”). Police Chief Gregory covered 10th Street Access; Officer Directives; Marion; Fireworks; Outside Agency Collaboration; and Expectations. There was continued discussion on a potential IGA with Seaside regarding detainment; feasibility of traveling to other cities due to traffic; Oregon Parks staffing;

enforcement; garbage can placement; pedestrian concerns; feasibility of response time by towing companies; and potential safety issue with people sleeping in vehicles.

Mayor Smith wanted to address a scrivener's error in the City's tree ordinance. Attorney Watts indicated this would be an agenda item at another City Council meeting.

New Business. Mayor Smith invited the public to comment on the new business item.

Discussion - Public Safety Building Next Steps. Mayor Smith introduced the topic and Administrator Sweet indicated that he needed to gather further information before discussion. He would like to have follow-up with Attorney Watts on a survey and/or polling. He would also like to do some timeline work to see if August is a feasible date to move forward with a potential November ballot resolution. He requested the topic item be tabled. He also mentioned that Town Hall survey results would be posted online.

Gearhart Rural Fire Protection District (GRFPD) Contract Renewal. Administrator Sweet explained that the GRFPD Contract with the City of Gearhart for fire protection services was up for renewal and reviewed at their May Board meeting. He indicated that the contract amount increased five (5) percent. Councilor Gould asked if City staff could talk with the GRFPD to see if they would be interested in dissolving their Fire District and consolidating with the City of Gearhart to assist with a new fire station (infrastructure). There was discussion on the City voters also having to agree on consolidating and forming a new separate fire structure.

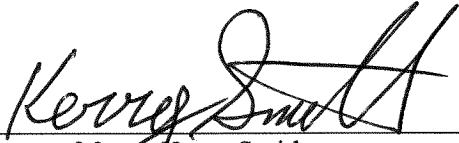
- By consensus, the City Council approved the City to enter into a contract agreement with the Gearhart Rural Fire Protection District - 5 years (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 days.

Council Concerns.

- Councilor Devereaux reported no concerns.
- Councilor Gould reported Beach Clean up is scheduled for July 5th. She said each beach entrance should have a bucket with bags. The suggested show-up time is around 7:00 am. She indicated that information would also be posted out on the City's Blog.
- Councilor Cockrum reported no concerns.
- Councilor Kloepper reported no concerns.
- Mayor Smith reported no concerns.

Adjournment.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Gould, 2nd by Councilor Kloepper to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5 yeas (Cockrum, Devereaux, Gould, Kloepper, Smith) - 0 nays. Mayor Smith adjourned the regular Council meeting at 9:07 pm.

  
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Mayor Kerry Smith  
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Chad Sweet, City Administrator