

APRIL 5, 2017

Following the two public hearings the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday April 5, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. by Mayor Brown. Present were Councilor Lorain, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Brown advised we are adding to the agenda an additional 3 minute opportunity for visitors to speak after new business.

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

Councilor Lorain suggested revising a sentence for the March 1, 2017 minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to approve the minutes as modified, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve the Special Council meeting minutes for Feb. 15, 2017, MOTION was approved 3-0, 1 abstain, 1 absent.

Each member of Council was given a copy of reports from the Police Dept., Fire Dept., Planning Commission and City Treasurer.

Mayor Brown reported attending his first CEDR meeting where he reported on Gearhart's transportation plan and how it will be good for the C2 zone on Hwy 101. Mr. Brown also is working with Councilor Jesse on the City Administrator review forms.

Councilor Lorain reported attending a town hall meeting for the new fire station where it was suggested putting the fire station matrix on the city website and that has been done.

Councilor Jesse reported a citizen came to him with concerns about the potential sites for a new fire station and he encouraged them to read the data, which is now online, and come to the meetings and be involved with the process.

Councilor Smith reported there is a new dune committee that has partnered with CREST and they are still looking for committee members. If you are interested you can read more about it on the city website.

City Attorney Peter Watts reported some people have questioned the vacation rental initiative and the ballot title saying it is too brief however he advised that State Statues dictates the limit of 175 words.

Sharon Kloepfer P.O. Box 2512 advised it is difficult to find letters of correspondence on the city website. Mr. Sweet advised that letters received before the packets are sent out they are included in the packets and the packets are put onto the BLOG. If a letter is brought to the council meeting for example it misses being in the packet and on the BLOG.

Kathy Todd P.O. Box 2326 questioned where is the BLOG. Mayor Brown advised it is at CityofGearhart.wordpress.com and soon will be intergraded with the website where there will be a button to press to go to the BLOG.

Shannon Smith P.O. Box 2173 mentioned;

- webinars are a good way to teach people to navigate websites
- the founders of Gearhart had a vision for the city
- Bob Carson had another site for the new fire station
- quarterly meeting for businesses' in Gearhart
- Good Neighbor resolution is too open ended and could be easier to understand.

City Administrator Chad Sweet advised that resolution #934, a Transient Lodging Dwelling Good Neighbor Policy resolution has been developed over time and will go out with rental permits and will be required to post them near the door. ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adopt resolution #934, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

Pacific Power & Light representative Alicia recapped the Blue Sky Challenge and the options for the City Council to consider. Council had a discussion and asked for those in the audience to raise their hands if they are in favor. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain we as a community become a Blue Sky Visionary & EPA Green Power Partner, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

City Council scheduled an executive session on Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 5 p.m. for the City Administrator's job performance review.

After some discussion the Council appointed Jack Zimmerman, Reita Fackerell and Judy Schnector to fill the three seats on the budget committee.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to proclaim April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to proclaim April to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

Kathy Todd P.O. Box 2326 questioned what are proclamations and what do you do with them. Mr. Sweet reported they are brought to the Council for approval, signed by

the Mayor and sent back to the organizations to show the City supports them and it may help with fundraisers and things.

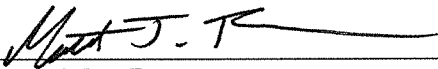
Judd Todd P.O. Box 2326 appreciated the great job the council is doing and felt it is a hard job and you are doing for free and felt you all are doing it well.

Councilor Jesse had concerns about the newspaper article that said the City of Gearhart supports the “Life Flight Bond” which he does not agree on.

Councilor Smith had concerns with the wording for the dune vegetation ordinance.

Mayor Brown stated concerns with the need for more Administrative Assistance for City Hall and may be looking at that while processing the budget.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator