

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday Nov. 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Daniel Jesse. Present were Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts and City Administrator Chad Sweet. Mayor Matt Brown and Councilor Lorain were absent.

Councilor Jesse asked for Council consensus to add an additional 3 minute visitor section. Council agreed.

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

Councilor Cockrum noted a few corrections on the October 4, 2017 Council meeting minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve the Oct. 4, 2017 minutes as corrected, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent.

Councilor Jesse thanked Planning Commissioner Mr. Owsley for his 8 years of service and advised we are taking applications.

Councilor Cockrum attended Suzanne Bonamici's Town Hall, along with Councilor Smith, and her town hall topics included housing, Federal funding and gun control. Ms. Cockrum also attended a CERT meeting.

City Administrator Chad Sweet introduced and welcomed Jessica Parsons, an assistant to Mr. Sweet and new addition to City staff.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- An opportunity to apply for a resiliency grant through FEMA.
- For the ham radio site we ordered a tuff shed and the electrical and consider this a part of our resiliency.
- Taking applications for a Planning Commission vacancy which is a 4 year term.
- Dune vegetation documents are now on our website just click on [Community](#).

Each member of Council was given a Police report, Fire Dept. report, Planning Commission report, and City Treasurer report.

Tom Thies P.O. Box 2831 asked for a water rights update. Mr. Sweet advised it is very difficult to get rights from the Water Resource Department because they are not offering any more water rights allocations for cities, so besides our study of how the aquifer is performing, we are looking into the possibility of local business' who have water rights that are not being fully used and potentially purchasing them. The last way would be to use a water rights attorney Douglas McDougal and make an appeal to the Water Resources Department.


Mr. Sweet reported that LS (LightSpeed) Network is a fiber optic company working on a project with McMenamins and would like to bring fiber cable into Gearhart for a future cell tower, placed in a faux chimney, for their new building. Mr. Sweet stated they would use the right of way space like other utilities do and sign a 7% franchise agreement. Mr. Sweet noted there is a draft ordinance in your packets and he recommends reading the ordinance at the December meeting, twice by title only and declaring an emergency so it goes into effect right away.

Council discussed Mr. Leary's water leak and his request for a reduction. On motion BY Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Smith to adjust his water bill to a balance of \$500.00, MOTION was approved 3-0.

Bill Corti 815 S. Ocean asked if there is a date scheduled for the next work session and would like to see discussions on tree thinning, topping, removal, fire protection and widening the fire road for the fire trucks.

As a CERT member and back pack transporter Councilor Cockrum would like to look into healthy food options for the kids.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 absent. Councilor Jesse adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Daniel Jesse, Council President



Chad Sweet, City Administrator