

JANUARY 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Lorain, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Brown mentioned we will add an additional 3 minute visitor section with the consensus of the Council. Council agreed.

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

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2017 meeting, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 abstain.

Each member of council was given reports from the; Police Dept., Fire Dept. and City Treasurer.

Mayor Brown mentioned Gearhart's 100 year celebration will be on Jan. 28, 2018 from 1-4 p.m. at the Fire Hall, with a cake, a slide show of old pictures and guest speakers.

Councilor Lorain reported the Fire Station committee has completed the fact sheet and they are planning; a mailing, a town hall meeting, a citizen input and survey and then go out to vote on the Nov. 2018 ballot.

Councilor Smith completed a 10 hour emergency management class with FEMA and working on two more.

Councilor Cockrum reported:

- Finished a draft of an operating policy for communications
- Finished a communications plan on how the CERT team uses the yellow radios and how they operate with ham radios in an emergency.
- "How to prepare in a year" Each month CERT will post a "to-do" list on the BLOG.

- CERT purchased 5 long antennas for the yellow radios and requested allocating \$104.75 for reimbursement.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- we received a grant from DLC \$14,000 to do some work on Tsunami evacuation
- we have limited funds for the 100 year celebration
- scheduled a dune vegetation work session Tuesday Jan. 30, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- ham radio hut has been installed and the electrical

Mayor Brown stated we received correspondence regarding the elk. City Attorney Peter Watts noted the changes in the size of the herd over the years and advised the people who do not live here do not understand the scope of the problem and suggested cataloging their behavior. Councilor Jesse questioned the City's liability. Mr. Watts stated someone can always bring a lawsuit against the city. We have been looking at various solutions over the last couple of years but found we are limited in what we can do with the elk.

Bob Carson 226 Ridge gave a presentation on Tsunami preparedness.

Dana Gandy thanked the community leaders for getting the hut in place.

Jeannie Mark 1209 N. Cottage appreciated Bob Carson's presentation and stated it is an ongoing serious issue and we need to be resilient.

Chad Sweet updated the Council on a proposed water main connection project that will improve the efficiency, health and operation of the water system and asked to allocate \$24,000, from the reserve fund, to extend the main and complete a loop. ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to use up to \$24,000 from the water reserve fund for the Gearhart Loop water project, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Mr. Watts stated one lot is going to be split into 2 lots and two homes are going to be built and there is a question as to what is required to provide water to these two homes. The planning commission asked that a certain water pipe size be used and he declined. Mr.

Watts advised that tonight the Council needs to determine the level of review for the appeal. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Smith to use option B (limited to the presentation of additional evidence on such issues as the reviewing body determines necessary for a property resolution of the matter) to move the Ray Romine appeal forward. Councilor Cockrum questioned if the motion should specify to the state law and city codes for pipe size and costs associated with that. Mr. Watts agreed. A MOTION by Councilor Jesse amending the motion, 2nd by Councilor Smith, MOTION was approved 5-0. The City Council set the Ray Romine Appeal hearing for Feb. 28, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Chad Sweet advised the City received a letter and a petition signed by 33 people from the Clubhouse Condo Association requesting a speed reduction on Gearhart Loop from 35 mph to 25 mph. The letter stated there are near misses at the corner of Gearhart Loop and cars entering and exiting Gearhart Greens condo driveway. There was also concerns for the safety for golfers crossing Gearhart Lane. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to reduce speed on Gearhart Loop Road from Hwy 101 to 25 mph and to remove the hedge. A MOTION by Councilor Smith to amending the motion to trim the hedge for clear vision, seconded by Councilor Lorain, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to approve the Dennis Conner Management Audit letter as written, MOTION was approved 4-1.

Jeff Johnson 649 Summit suggested making a crosswalk where the golfers cross Gearhart Loop Road.

Dana Gandy 1349 Wakeman Lane offered a tour of the Ham hut.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Smith to adjourn the meeting,
MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator