

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 7 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Lorain, 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 the Council.

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to approve the minutes for the January 3, 2018 council meeting, MOTION was approved 4-0, 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 thanked everyone that helped with the 100th year celebration and slideshow which it turned out great.

Councilor Lorain attended a CREST board meeting and she mentioned that CREST has developed a go pack list and they have put go bags in their vehicles and their staffs' cars. Ms. Lorain also listened to a complaint from a resident who did not know about the 100-year celebration birthday party, so she suggested adding a note onto the water bills before the next event.

Councilor Cockrum attended the monthly CERT meeting.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- The 25-mph speed reduction on Gearhart Lane is in effect.
- The Gearhart Lane Loop project will start soon.
- A reminder of the Romine Public Hearing on Feb. 28, 2018 at 7 pm.
- Tom Thies is doing much better and thanks everyone for all the well wishes.

Councilor Cockrum mentioned the 2017 Traffic Accident Report listed 27 accidents in Gearhart and half of them were between milepost 17.6 and milepost 19 and she thought it should be forwarded to ODOT to show that most of the accidents happen in four lanes. Mr. Sweet noted that ODOT already realizes that the four lanes create a race track affect and the City will learn the process to ask for a possible speed reduction and will report back to you.

Oregon Parks & Rec. Dept. gave a presentation on the Snowy Plover Habitation Conservation Plan.

Richard Newman P.O. Box 2351 Vice President of Trails End asked to lease a small piece of land to place a sign. Mr. Sweet advised the Council that they are asking to put a sign on property that is not owned by them and our sign ordinance in our zone code does not allow a sign that is not located on the property being represented. We can look into some other options.

Sharon Kloepfer P.O. Box 2512 mentioned the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Town Hall on April 7, 2018.

Margaret Green P.O. Box 2597 discussed the dune vegetation management committees' recommendation and suggestions.

Mark Prescott P.O. Box 2730 thought the City should look at all the debris in the culverts, and suggested issuing a proclamation to John & Lisa Allen for excellence of service to our community and also mentioned there are seven deer living in his neighborhood.

Bill Corti 815 Ocean Ave. talked about the elk, dune vegetation and the electrical box near his property needs to be moved because someone backed into it and knocked it off its foundation.

John Green 1250 N. Ocean was proud of the Gearhart Volunteer Fire Dept. fighting fires in California and other areas.

Under old business; Mr. Sweet advised we have completed the Dune Management work session #3 and you have a draft document in your packets. Mr. Sweet asked the Council to review the Dune Vegetation Draft Document and he will put this into an ordinance.

Mr. Sweet noted the monitoring wells were installed to study and monitor water and they need to be removed. Mr. Sweet advised to do that we will go out for bids as soon as possible and it should cost under \$50,000 to be used from the water construction fund. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to go out for bids, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to adopt the budget calendar, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.


ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to designate Chad Sweet as the budget officer, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

Bill Corti advised there is a lot of elk traffic in the snowy plover area and the dune vegetation work session did not define vertical trimming.

Lisa Chervy P.O. Box 2368 reported 20 to 30 elk were spooked and they started stampeding.

Mayor Brown suggested that you can go to the City website and under the heading Community you can choose the Gearhart Elk & Wildlife option and you can leave your feedback and even forward it to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to adjourn, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator