

MAY 2, 2018

Following the Public Hearing the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday May 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Brown thanked all the applicants who applied for the vacant council position. ON MOTION by Mayor Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to appoint Reita Fackerell, MOTION was approved 3-0. Ms. Fackerell will be sworn in at the June meeting.

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 Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Brown to approve the public hearing minutes for the Hager St. vacation, MOTION was approved 2-0, 1 abstain.

Councilor Smith asked for revisions to the March 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve the minutes as amended for the March 7, 2018 council meeting minutes, MOTION was approved 3-0.

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

Mayor Brown met with Chad Sweet and the ODF&W Commissioners who were touring Clatsop County to observe the elk herd.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported the budget committee met and approved the budget and it is ready to go to the City Council. Mr. Sweet advised the Gearhart Lane Loop is almost done and on budget and he reminded us that the Fireman's Ball is May 26<sup>th</sup> and, to

commemorate Gearhart's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, there will be a silent auction, a slide show, sweatshirts and a champagne toast.

The city received emails about elk.

Chad Sweet read the Medix Proclamation. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to adopt the proclamation, MOTION was approved 3-0.

Chairperson for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday committee Melissa Eddy requested permission to hold a street dance in front of Windermere and close the street to the Sweet Shop on July 6, 2018 from 7:30 – 10:30 pm with musician John Chapman. The committee will raise money for the DJ and are proud not to ask the city for money from the city except to supply the porta-potties. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to approve the street dance and porta-potties and closing the street, MOTION was approved 3-0.

Jeannie Marks 1209 N. Cottage questioned if a new person moves to town and takes out building permit are they made aware of our STR ordinance. Mr. Sweet advised if they ask about what is permitted but that is not part of the process when issuing a building permit.

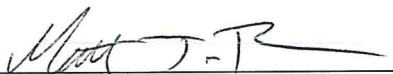
Betty Smith 236 N. Cottage commented there are a lot of sidewalks in need of repair and S. Ocean is the worst and she questioned who is responsible to maintain the sidewalks. Mr. Sweet advised that the property owners are responsible. City Attorney Peter Watts stated that some of the cities form a local improvement district for projects like that. City Planner Carole Connell advised that the Transportation Plan has a sidewalk improvement plan priority for S. Ocean to remove the sidewalk on the east side from Pacific Way to G St. to allow for a wider street and possibly a wider sidewalk on the west side.

Councilor Smith asked to add emergency access maintained with a 12-foot clearance

from the center line to the dune vegetation Ordinance #910. The City Attorney Peter Watts advised the council not to add it. Mr. Watts explained that the Fire Chief should make a request to the city council to clearly establish the findings of why he needs 24 feet, then anyone looking at the record can see those findings as part of the record. Councilor Smith advised that he told Councilor Cockrum he would stand firm on this change and asked that on page 3 paragraph 5 the word ocean view be changed to scenic view. Mayor Brown felt ocean view needs to be in there because that is what we discussed and voted on last time. Councilor Smith wanted to wait until next month until Councilor Cockrum and Council Fackerell are present and we have a full council otherwise he would abstain and it won't pass this month. Mr. Watts advised two votes will be sufficient to pass it this month. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Brown to read ordinance #910 once by title only, MOTION was approved 2-1. Mr. Sweet read ordinance #910 once by title only.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Brown to read ordinance #911 once by title only, MOTION was approved 2-0, 1 abstain. Mr. Sweet read ordinance #911 once by title only.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to adjourn, MOTION was approved 3-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor Matt Brown

  
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Chad Sweet, City Administrator