

AUGUST 1, 2018

The Gearhart City Council meeting was called to order on Wednesday August 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Brown advised we will be adding an additional 3-minute opportunity for visitors to speak if the Council agrees. The Council agreed.

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

Councilor Smith noted a correction on the July 11, 2018 City Council minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to approve the minutes for the City Council meeting on July 11, 2018, as amended, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Each member of Council was given a copy of the Planning Commission report and City Treasurer report.

Councilor Jesse spoke with Seaside City Councilor Horning about the importance of the cities working together.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported

- The city will receive a 10k grant to place a tsunami siren.
- Countywide transient tax of 1%. As Jan 1, 2019.
- Petition from Woodland Ave. neighbors asking Council to consider prohibiting feeding more animals than just the elk.
- Received a letter from the Greens regarding beach dune vegetation.
- Best practices for trees draft
- The City is now insured for the beach accessible wheelchair coverage.
- Dollar General – sign variance
- Plamberg applied for a zone change from a R-A to a R-2.

Oscar Nelson from Sweet Relief Gearhart read the Oregon State Statues relating to marijuana tax limitations and noted that the tax in Gearhart is 10% where other cities in Clatsop County have a 3% tax and he asked the City Council to consider a tax in accordance with the other cities tax rates.

City Attorney Peter Watts advised that the City of Gearhart passed a marijuana tax two years ago, before recreational marijuana was legal, and advised that to repeal and replace it, you will need to go to the voters, according to the State Statues. The City Council will hold a Special Council meeting in August for further discussion.

Visitor Margaret Marino 202 G Street gave the Council a notice of enforcement, to the City of Gearhart, for City Code Chapter 92 nuisances & weeds. Ms. Marino gave Council a map and stated this is City property and this is my request for the City to enforce section 93.2

Visitor Shannon Smith 774 Pacific Way owns the Gearhart Livery Stable and asked the City to relieve the fines occurred in the history of the stable. Ms. Smith noted it is a historic structure on the original site.

Visitor Vineeta Lower 815 6th Ave Seaside Oregon introduced herself as a candidate for House District 32 and running for a seat that Debbie Boone is stepping down from.

City Administrator Chad Sweet requested permission to spend no greater than thirty-five thousand dollars from the water reserve fund. The project will extend the water main on Hililla to McCormick and the next phase will connect to Salminen Lane Road and added it speaks to our water master plan. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to approve the request, MOTION was approved 5-0.

The City Council discussed an ordinance prohibiting feeding the elk and other wildlife. A sub- committee was formed with BeeBee Michel, Councilor Fackerell and Councilor Cockrum, to draft an ordinance.

Visitor Bob Shortman 423 Woodland Ave. advised he had 10 skunks in his yard. The geese never migrate they are in our neighborhood all year long.

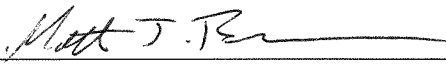
Visitor Tom Thies 292 Woodland Ave. agreed with Bob Shortman that there is an influx of skunks and it's getting really bad and you see them day or night.

Visitor Shannon Smith 774 Pacific Way stated Bob McEwan need help feeding Poncho.

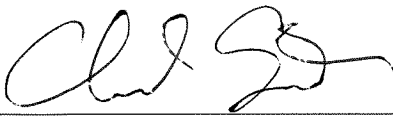
Visitor Jack Zimmerman 408 W. Kershul commented that Beach Estates also has a problem with noxious weeds and we would like to see them taken care of, it would be good for the community.

Councilor Cockrum had concerns about plastics and questioned should we ban plastic bags.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Smith to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator