

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

Following the Public Hearing the regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday Nov. 7, 2018 at 8:42 p.m. by Mayor 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.

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

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to approve the City Council meeting minutes for Oct. 3, 2018, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 abstain.

Mayor Brown congratulated Councilor Smith and Councilor Cockrum for winning their re-elections and thanked them for serving. Mr. Brown also congratulated all of the Mayors of Clatsop County. Mayor Brown announced there will be a non-alcoholic “Happy Hour with the Mayor” this coming Friday Nov. 9th at City Hall at 3 p.m.

Councilor Fackerell reported she walked Carol Lucas’ property and it is beautiful and would make a nice park. Councilor Fackerell also walked the dunes with Margaret Marino and John and Margaret Green to get a better understanding of the dune issues.

Councilor Cockrum attended a CERT meeting and the team continues to work on projects.

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

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported on:

- A comparison of this year’s budget vs. last year’s budget. We are in good shape. Expenses are down by 5% and revenue is up by 20%.
- The dune vegetation and restoration project costs are \$7500.00
- The Town Hall meeting to discuss a new fire station will be on Dec. 18, 2018

- Working on a pre-application with Oregon Solutions to help with the elk

Mayor Brown noted there are some elk feedback forms as well as a dune letter from John & Margaret Green. They are in your packets.

City Administrator Chad Sweet responded to the Dune Devastation letter written by John & Margaret Green by discussing each of their concerns individually.

John Green P.O. Box 2597 disagreed with Mr. Sweet.

Margaret Green P.O. Box 2597 referred to the comprehensive plan 6.175 section 16 and 17. She would like to see more care taken in the estuary.

Thad Clark P.O. Box 2132 noted the heavy equipment tracks in the dune grass.

Candice Smith P.O. Box 2863 Gearhart Homeowner's Association proposed a project to beautify our town by planting along the Trail's End to echo the Water Treatment Plant landscaping.

The Gearhart Fire Department requests permission to spend \$50,000.00, for SCBA, from the fire equipment reserve fund. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to allocate \$50,000.00 from fire apparatus reserve fund, MOTION was approved 5-0.


The City Council scheduled a joint work session with the CERT team for Nov. 27, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss emergency supply storage.

City Administrator Chad Sweet stated the city is pursuing a grant with the Oregon State Weed Board. They award funds that restore, enhance or protect fish and wildlife habitat.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to adjourn the meeting. MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator