

MARCH 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday March 6, 2019 at 7 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 asked to add 3-minute visitor section to the agenda if the council agrees. The council agreed.

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

Councilor Fackerell noted there is a missing digit in the Feb. 6, 2019 City Council meeting minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to approve the February 6, 2019 City Council minutes as corrected, MOTION was approved 5-0.

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

Mayor Brown reported that the surveys are coming in with encouraging results. Out of 510 received from full time and part time residents 75.6% support a new fire station, 73% support a bond, 57.3% support receiving donations for the fire hall, 52.2% support the highpoint location, 36.4% support the Pacific Way location and 11.4% support the Park location. There has also been a lot of great feedback, ideas and comments. Mayor Brown was asked about the city finances and advised the reserve funds collectively are \$1,965,590 plus we have budgeted amounts to transfer into those accounts every year. We have a cash carry forward into each new fiscal year and have credit rating of A2.

Councilor Fackerell met with the City Planner and Councilor Cockrum will talk about that. Ms. Fackerell also met City Administrator to discuss city finances and the fire chief happened to come in and he answered questions about mutual aid with other fire departments.

Councilor Jesse noted the state of Hawaii banned plastic bags quite some time ago and felt the City of Gearhart should be able to do that for our little community.

Councilor Smith was also at the finance meeting with Chad Sweet and Fire Chief Eddy. Councilor Smith also attended a citizen, county and state meeting at City Hall to discuss procedures and who is in charge of septic systems. He believes that is cleared up. Mr. Smith also met with Chad Sweet to discuss finances. Mr. Smith also met with Tiffany Mitchell.

Councilor Cockrum met with Carole Connell, Reita Fackerell and Sharon Kloepfer to discuss the conservation of the estuary and tree cutting concerns. Ms. Cockrum continues to work on a plastic bag ban, the public emergency cache barrels and spoke with State House Representative Tiffany Mitchell.

Police Chief Jeff Bowman asked permission to spend money from the police car reserve fund to purchase a 2019 Tahoe to replace the 2013 Tahoe. The bid from Ocean Crest was \$37,400 and the bid from Day Wireless \$34,968.91 plus adding the cost of outfitting for a total of \$42,081.71. The cost of decaling will be \$873.00. He plans to keep the 2013 Tahoe. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to go with the lowest bid, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Mayor Brown asked Chief Bowman to talk about the speed study he conducted on Summit Ave. and Ridge Road.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- had a meeting to discuss the information requested by Traci Williams concerning the Gearhart Crossing.
- Fire Committee expenditures to date \$15,708 and the next meeting is on March 19, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant
- Well monitoring project
- Oregon Solutions informally accepted to grant us help with the elk
- Duncan's Crossing delineation has been done and we will re-submit
- FEMA Fire Fighters Grant
- Homeland security grant safety - supplies and food
- Spire (state preparedness & incident response equipment) grant - fuel storage and portable generator
- Parks grant application
- April 11 – joint work session
- April 23 coastal resilience
- March 28th budget meeting

Gearhart Volunteer Fire Department President Zac Plummer asked permission to plan the 58th Fireman's Ball. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Smith to grant permission, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Harold Gable P.O. Box 2379 gave the council an informational handout to explain different ways to survey and vote.

Bebe Michel P.O. Box 2864 asked the council to move forward with the plastic bag ban. (see attached)

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to have the second reading of Ordinance #917, an ordinance that prohibits the attracting or feeding of the wildlife, MOTION was approved. Chad Sweet read ordinance #917 by title only.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2nd by Councilor Smith to declare a proclamation in support of a National Park System, Motion was approved 4-1.

The proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention was tabled until April.

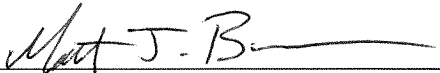
ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to allow up to \$30,000 to award the bid on well abandonment, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve Gearhart Clean-up Day on April 20, 2019, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Bebe Michel P.O. Box 2864 suggested the materials for Duncan's Crossing should be slip resistant and the design should be arched to allow for the rise of the water level.

Councilor Smith advised there are electronic speed signs that will record a vehicle's speed and would like the city to purchase several to place around town. City Attorney Peter Watts commented that some cities are purchasing trailers for speed signs so they can move the trailer to different areas.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator