

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday Sept. 4, 2019 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 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.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2019 City Council meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Reports from the Police Dept., Fire Dept., City Treasurer were given to each member of the Council.

Mayor Brown thanked the city staff for all they do.

Councilor Cockrum noted the CERT team did not meet this month.

Councilor Fackerell attended the Gearhart Homeowner's meeting and she got to see the nice things they are doing for Gearhart.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- We are combing through the Geo Tech report for fire station.
- At the Oregon Solutions meetings we continue discussions about human interactions with elk data.
- Duncan's Crossing: We have the design. We need to price materials and hope to turn this into a volunteer construction project.
- You can now pay your water bill on-line at the City of Gearhart website.
- We still are waiting to hear the results of the grants that we applied for.
- Carole Connell drafted a summary of the Parks Master Plan which is on the city website.
- We will participate in the Great Oregon Shakeout on 10-17-19 @ 10:17 am.
- CERT will hold a certification training in Cannon Beach.
- SOLV will have a beach clean-up on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- A joint work session date is to be scheduled to discuss commercial zones.

Bebe Michel 661 10<sup>th</sup> St. as a citizen of Gearhart and representative of Indivisible North Coast Oregon she voiced her concern about the climate crisis and asked that the community be part of the climate solution.

Randy Frank 454 Highland Dr. is a tennis player who supports taking one court to convert to a pickleball court.

Dianne Widdop 1236 Fifer Heights is against destroying one court and thought the money could possibly be spent on the park by Trail's End.

Margaret Marinio 202 G St. asked the City Council to consider 1) setting up a fund process for donations 2) revisit removing wood chips in the dunes 3) clearing in the dunes for view corridors.

Bill Baum 426 Pacific Way was concerned about taking away one tennis court but living next door to the courts he doesn't see both courts being used at the same time.

Wally Hamer 312 Spruce thinks pickleball is a great sport and a great opportunity to encourage recreation. It's not about destruction.

Jan Elliot 643 Creekside is all for pickleball but is not in favor of destroying one tennis court. She is in favor of the original proposal of sharing the court, so it is a multi-use court.

Sandy Duncan 627 6<sup>th</sup> St. is glad to see things are moving along with Duncan's Crossing.

Sheila Nolan 724 Creekside is in favor of the tennis courts and noted they were full over the weekend.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to proclaim that Sept. 1-7 be known as Home Inventory Week, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Councilor Cockrum gave a beach dune vegetation report. (included in the packet)

Last month unfortunately the wrong pickle ball synopsis went into the packet. We are going to re-do the pickle ball discussion this meeting. The City Council discussed the options. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to add pickleball lines and nets on both of the courts, MOTION was approved 3-2.

Bebe Michel was disappointed in the decision.

Jan Elliot also was disappointed in the council decision.

David Cook 1146 N. Marion wondered how you could get two pickleball courts in there and questioned the nets.

Randy Frank had concerns because the pickle ball overlay can be confusing. Also, it would be nice to have a fence.

Sheila Nolan was very disappointed in the council decision and felt the whole thing was underhanded.

Brent Warren of Creekside also was disappointed in the council decision.

Bill Baum reminded everyone that this is not taking away tennis courts. It's adding pickleball. We still have the tennis court.

Stan Elesky 323 Kershul stated that a pickleball paddle is like a ping pong paddle and the balls are like wiffle balls.


Councilor Cockrum made a motion to re-consider the pickleball court decision. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Brown, MOTION was approved 3-2.


The Council had more discussion on the pickleball project.

ON MOTION by Mayor Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cockrum to add pickleball lines to the east court spending up to \$2800.00 and ask the pickleball association. to match half the project, MOTION was approved 3-2.

Councilor Cockrum would like to have work sessions ongoing every 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting,  
MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

  
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Mayor Matt Brown

  
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Chad Sweet, City Administrator