

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Following the Executive Session, the regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday Nov. 6, 2019 at 7 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.

Councilor Cockrum noted this is not a conflict of interest however last year she received a survey from Cape Falcon Marine Reserve and she filled it out and returned it. Ms. Cockrum also noted she sees Skyler Archibald at the pool.

Councilor Cockrum asked for a spelling correction. Councilor Smith asked that a word be added to the minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to approve the City Council meeting minutes for Oct. 2, 2019 as corrected, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Mayor Brown reported that he helped the Gearhart Elementary students participate in voting on a new school name, mascot and school colors. The students filled out a ballot and got a sticker. Mayor Brown commented many people have been asking what is going to happen to the school property. The school district has the property for sale. It is zoned PSP (public semi public). The zoning does not allow for a housing development; it is not zoned for residential and our comp plan does not allow anymore commercial property.

Councilor Fackerell reported attended a meeting with Councilor Cockrum on homelessness.

Councilor Cockrum attended the meeting on emergency housing and services for the homeless and looked at having a liaison who could bridge the homeless to those services. Ms. Cockrum reported the CERT group worked on the private cache program and participated in the Shakeout.

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:

- Cache – to provide personal storage space for emergency supplies.
- Pickleball nets are up and the lines are done.
- Wally Hamer offered to teach a class on pickleball to the Fire Dept.
- Elk Solutions – met and divided into sub committees.
- Duncan’s Crossing – archaeological sub surface tests.
- Thanked everyone for participating in the Great Oregon Shakeout.
- Joint work session Tuesday Dec. 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Housing Study

Councilor Jesse responded to a letter of correspondence regarding the school property and advised that the City does not have the money. Mr. Jesse thought it would be great if a group could raise enough to buy it.

Clatsop County Public Health Director Mike McNickle gave the City Council an update on the county tobacco license ordinance.

Mr. McNickle also announced the opening of the household hazardous waste facility will be December 14, 2019 located at the Astoria Transfer Station on Williamsport Road. You can find more information on the Clatsop County website.

Margaret Minnick representing the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve spoke to the City Council about managing coastal waters, the outreach, education, focus and plan.

Skyler Archibald Executive Director of Sunset Empire Park & Rec. spoke to the City

Council about possible park ideas for the Gearhart Elementary School property. He proposed that the City of Gearhart join the Sunset Parks & Rec. District. Councilor Jesse questioned the district tax rate. Mr. Archibald said it is 92 cents per thousand. SPRD would take out a General Obligation Bond and allocate the tax revenue for the purchase of the property and project maintenance. There could be outdoor sports fields, gym space and possibly community space rentals.

Jeannie Mark 1209 N. Cottage advised to advance cautiously and make sure people understand that this is not a bond that will be paid off. Their tax bill will go up permanently.

City Attorney Peter Watts stated in order to join a special district such as this it would be referred to a vote of the people and perhaps even the district.

Cheryl Newman commented that the school will be moving the play structure to the new location. Ms. Newman thought that children need a place to play.

Chris Bell P.O. Box 2833 suggested purchasing play equipment and put it in the park we already own at Pacific Way and Marion.

Jack Zimmerman 408 W. Kershul Circle questioned the sale of the school property and if the council has authority to ask the school for more time to work on the parks plan.

Peter Watts advised the council has not had any discussions in regard to a purchase. Finding a buyer right now is extremely difficult due to zoning. A zone change would take both time and a comp plan amendment, which is the same process as a parks master plan. It would take a year or more before anything could happen.

Richard Newman 258 Kershul questioned how much land the city owns. Mr. Newman then stated he found the city's park master plan in the art gallery. Mr. Newman then stated we have an opportunity to join the Sunset Parks District where we would have a lot of

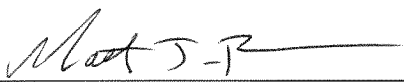
recreation options. We need recreation. Councilor Smith asked to see the Parks Master Plan he found. It was only a drawing from a group of citizens.

City Administrator Chad Sweet advised we are replacing a 20-year old John Deere tractor with trade-in. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to accept the bid, MOTION was approved 5-0.

City Administrator Chad Sweet brought a bid for a radar speed sign and trailer plus shipping for \$7150. Council will discuss in the future.

Councilor Cockrum would like to discuss plastics and HB 2509 sometime in the future.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting. MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator