

September 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday September 2, 2020, online via Go-To-Meeting, using a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone. Citizens could also join the meeting by calling in on a landline telephone. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet, Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker and City Treasurer Gail Como.

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

With changes to the minutes, A MOTION was made by Councilor Smith 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to approve the August 5, 2020 City Council meeting minutes, as corrected. The MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2nd by Councilor Smith to approve the August 27, 2020 special City Council meeting minutes, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 abstain.

Mayor Brown gave a fire station update.

Councilor Smith met with Councilor Cockrum to give his input on the employee handbook.

Councilor Cockrum confirmed that Chad Sweet is not driving city vehicles. Ms. Cockrum is also working on the employee handbook, CERT and the Parks Master Plan Committee.

City Attorney Peter Watts advised that the State of Oregon is drafting some Administrative Rules that would take away any independent 3rd party Building Official and require them to be a city employee.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- Budget Update
- Covid 19 City Hall is still closed to the public.
- C-1 commercial zone consideration
- Oregon Solutions
- Emergency Cache Container Program
- Awarded a Homeland Security Grant
- Employee Handbook
- Great Oregon Shakeout Oct. 15th at 10:15
- Elections; 1 running for Mayor, 2 for Position #4, 2 for position #2
- Clatsop County Ballot drop box is installed
- Duncan's Crossing, we have 12-15 volunteers and estimate the project cost at \$32,000.
- We have 3 Gearhart fire trucks coming home from wildland fires in Oregon.

There were letters of correspondence.

There were no visitors who spoke.

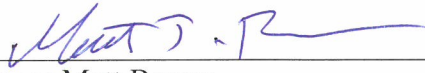
ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to proclaim that the week of Sept. 1-7 is Home Inventory Week and the month of September be National Preparedness Month, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Smith to continue the City Administrator's employment and review in the spring during the budget process, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Last spring the budget committee awarded the Necanicum Watershed Council \$1000 and they would like to spend the money on a project to benefit both the city and the watershed council. Chad Sweet asked the council to pick the top 5 projects from the list provided.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to transfer \$4300 from the Hazard Mitigation Fund, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.



Mayor Matt Brown



Chad Sweet, City Administrator