

November 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday November 4, 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, Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Brown congratulated Councilor Jesse, Councilor Fackerell for winning the election as well as Mayor elect Paulina Cockrum.

Councilor Jesse declared that as a CERT member he would not participate in the CERT discussion. Mayor Brown declared he is a member of the CEDR Board but did not feel that would be a conflict of interest.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve the October 7, 2020 City Council meeting minutes, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Mayor Brown read the Planning Commission report.

Mayor Brown attended the second meeting of the Gearhart Small Businesses. They plan to do an inventory of all the businesses including vacant spaces and a directory of C-1 and C-2 commercial zones. Small Business Resources & Education was added to the City of Gearhart website page. (at top of the page hover over community and it will drop down a box with "Small Business Resources" at the bottom)

Mayor Brown advised that through the CARES Act the City of Gearhart will have \$50,000 to spend which some could go to help Small Businesses. CEDR has helped facilitate funds for other cities. We will talk about that later on this evening.

Councilor Cockrum reported:

- Meeting with Chad Sweet to discuss Oregon Solutions for the elk
- Attended a Parks Planning meeting
- CERT training and request funds for Ham Radios (under new business)
- The school ball fields
- The Hwy 101 improvement funding was approved by ODOT

Councilor Fackerell has been researching old growth tree maintenance and will have more to report later.

City Attorney Peter Watts advised the Federal Funding guidelines allow you to purchase audio/video equipment, communications equipment, or the small business program but there is a very tight timeline.

Mayor Brown read the City Administrator report:

- Oregon Solutions – working on elk solutions
- Ridge Path we are doing some construction and taking donations
- Great Oregon Shakeout – report
- High Point
- working on the employee handbook
- SHSP Grant - update
- Elections official - congratulations
- C-1 zone continuance Public Hearing Nov. 12, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- The task force returned from California
- Planning Commission applications are accepted

CEDR Director Kevin Leahy mentioned they have been contacted by Col-Pac to manage the funds coming from Business Oregon, the State of Oregon and CARES Act (which is a pass through) We have been working with other cities in Clatsop County and our region, to allocate funds to small businesses who have applied for funds. We currently have small businesses who have applied for funding, but we have a shortfall and do not have funds for them. Mayor Brown questioned if the city would have any say as what businesses get funded. Mr. Leahy agreed you would. Councilor Cockrum

questioned if any Gearhart Businesses applied. Mr. Leahy said yes, they have. The council will hold a special council meeting to discuss the CARES Act Funds.

Wally Hamer asked the council to consider striping the other tennis court for pickleball court and net. The council asked staff to get a quote for the project so the council can make an informed decision at the Dec. meeting.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to resolve to transfer as described in Resolution #952, MOTION was approved 5-0

The Necanicum Watershed Council project list discussion was tabled until Dec.

One of the two potential buyers for the grade school property, Jeff and Celeste Bodner attended the Go To Meeting. They shared their backgrounds and visions for the property. Visitor Cheryl Newman 758 Kershul Circle hoped the playground equipment would stay. Seaside Superintendent Susan Penrod affirmed they will be moving the new playground equipment to the new school.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to approve the request for \$2000 to purchase ham radios, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 abstain.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to approve the request for \$40,000 for the repair of the Water Treatment Plant System manifold, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Councilor Smith's concern was to do due diligence at the grade school to keep the playground equipment and make it a park.

Councilor Fackerell had concerns with a beaver eating her laurel bush and wondered if anyone has complained about them. Ms. Fackerell also thanked Mayor Brown for serving as Mayor for 4 years and being so nice. ON MOTION by

Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

  
Paulina Cockrum

  
Chad Sweet, City Administrator