

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Following the Public Hearing, Mayor Brown opened the special meeting of the Gearhart City Council at 8:00 pm. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Councilor Cockrum, Mayor Brown, City Attorney Peter Watts and City Administrator Chad Sweet.

Councilor Jesse recused himself because he is a Gearhart small business owner.

Mayor Brown noted the purpose of this special meeting is to talk about allocating funds from the CARES Act for Gearhart small businesses. Mayor Brown reminded City Council of CEDR's short fall and the eight applicants from Gearhart Businesses who are waiting for money. Mayor Brown also reminded city council that Kevin Leahy advised there will be another round of funds coming.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith to allocate \$40,000 of CARES Act funds to CEDR specifically for businesses in Gearhart listed in need of funding. MOTION dies for lack of second.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2nd by Councilor Smith to give \$50,000 to CEDR. City Administrator Chad Sweet commented that the city has spent taxpayer money for COVID related purchases to keep Police, Fire Dept, staff, the council and everyone safe. Mr. Sweet recommended \$10,000 to the city to help recoup taxpayer dollars. Councilor Cockrum and Mayor Brown agreed with Mr. Sweet. He made a good point. After some council discussion City Attorney Peter Watts suggested that if council wants to just vote on the motion because it is a cleaner way to handle a motion with a second. Mayor Brown called for a vote. MOTION failed 0-4, 1 recused.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to allocate \$10,000 to the city for COVID mitigation and \$40,000 of CARES Act funds to CEDR for Gearhart businesses on the list waiting for relief, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 recused.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Fackerell to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.



Mayor Paulina Cockrum



Chad Sweet, City Administrator