

March 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday March 3, 2021, 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 Cockrum called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Cockrum, Councilor Warren, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet, City Planner Carole Connell, Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker, and City Treasurer Gail Como.

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

Mayor Cockrum added to the agenda a Red Cross Proclamation.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to approve the February 3, 2021 City Council meeting minutes, MOTION was approved 5-0.

The Council received a report from the City Planner Carole Connell that in lieu of the regular monthly Planning Commission report. (The February Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.)

Mayor Cockrum reported:

- In late January, we lost Gearhart resident Jim Furnish. He was known by many in the community and was an administrator of a couple of Facebook groups. It was Jim's request that a photograph of historical value be hung in City Hall. The photograph is of the wife of William Badger, the first African American to Gearhart City Councilor and to hold office in the State of Oregon. Mrs. Emma Badger ran a restaurant called Badger's Chicken Dinner. Thank-you to the Furnish family for this donation, it is a great part of Gearhart history.
- The Master Parks Plan committee received a lot of good feedback from the surveys. There was broad approval for children's play equipment with more to come on that.
- She sent an email to Clatsop Behavioral Health and the County Commissioners regarding improving funding for non-police responses to mental health.
- Chief Bowman and I were interviewed by Oregon Public Broadcasting.
- County in low COVID risk; vaccine clinics dealing with low supply.
- CERT looking for a volunteer to complete the HAM radio project.
- Chief Bowman requested that the Council review and revise the Gearhart Municipal Ordinance 660, an ordinance prohibiting overnight camping on public property, and address Homelessness.
- Weekly meetings with the City Administrator have been helpful to both parties.

Councilor Fackerell reported:

- Met with Lt. Como to learn about fire trainings, tests, calls, equipment, mutual aid

with other cities and tour the facility.

- Met with Public Works Director Mark McFadden to gain education on every aspect of the water department, including touring the facility.

Councilor Smith reported:

- Meeting with both the Mayor and City Administrator and is all for the fundraising of playground equipment, and in favor of spending money after the budget process.

Councilor Jesse reported:

- Also, in favor of allocating funds to move the playground equipment purchase forward.
- Attended an ODOT Hwy 101 Facility meeting; he is on the committee and is very interested to see the outcome on whether it will transition from a 4-lane to 3-lane corridor or not.

Councilor Warren reported:

- Small Business Committee met and finalized survey, also looking for 2 new members.
- Curious if the parks survey results will show support for playground equipment as a priority and where to place it, also in favor of matching money toward private donations.
  - Mayor Cockrum confirmed preliminary survey results show a number of responses that would like to see playground equipment, and to leave Dune Meadows Park as it is.

The Council acknowledged receipt of Chief Bowman's letter. City Attorney Peter Watts explained that in regard to driving on the beach, there are jurisdictional agreements throughout the County, which is why you often see multiple jurisdictions responding. How Council sets the vision values to prioritize enforcement was discussed.

Councilor Warren asked what Miscellaneous – Other is (on the Treasurer Report). Mr. Sweet stated miscellaneous - other is things that sometimes unexpectedly come into the City, or line items that you don't want to keep necessarily every year, if just one-off items. The California Wildfire wages were used as example.

City Attorney Peter Watts reported that he has been in contact with the president of the Palisades Association. We want to keep their community involved and hope to develop trust.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported a number of topics, all of which were typed and uploaded to the City website for future reference, as he spoke.

No visitors spoke.

ON MOTION by Councilor Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve Resolution #955, a resolution for a Multi-Jurisdictional National Hazard Mitigation plan for Gearhart 2021, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to continue Chad Sweets' employment and determine salary adjustment at budget process time, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to enter into a revised retirement agreement for Fire Chief Eddy and re-hire as interim fire chief, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Warren, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Smith to approve the bid with Accuity as the new auditors, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Warren, to allow Gearhart Clean Up Day, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Chad Sweet advised that historically we have had four signers on the Columbia Bank checking account. ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse that Mayor Paulina Cockrum and Councilor Kerry Smith be added as signatories to the Columbia Bank account and previous Mayor Matt Brown be removed and City Clerk Gail Como is in attendance and recording, MOTION was approved 3-0, 2 abstain.

Mayor Cockrum read the Red Cross Proclamation, proclaiming that March 2021 be Red Cross month and encouraged all citizens join in this observance.

Councilor Fackerell has concerns with cutting trees.

Councilor Warren shared neighborhood concerns with construction hours and suggested additional limitations.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Jesse to adjourn, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Cockrum adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

  
Chad Sweet, City Administrator

  
Mayor Paulina Cockrum