

CITY OF GEARHART  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

On-Site & Virtual via Zoom

A special meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Councilor Gould, Councilor Tomlinson, Councilor Fackerell, Councilor Devereaux, City Treasurer Justine Hill, City Administrator Chad Sweet, and Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker.

Both Councilors Gould and Devereaux declared conflicts of interest due to relatives working for the County Sheriff's office. After brief discussion, it was decided Councilor Gould would abstain at the recommendation of City Attorney Peter Watts due to an immediate family connection. Councilor Devereaux's statement would be noted for the record, with no conflict determined.

No written public communication was received. Oral public comment was received by the following:

- Janet Elliott (643 Creekside) - concerned with the homeless situation and hopes Gearhart is collaborating with neighboring towns on such a large undertaking.

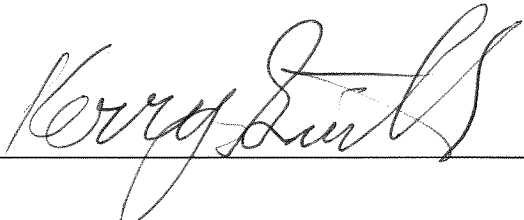
City Administrator Chad Sweet read the synopsis for the only item of business this evening; a proposed IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between the City of Gearhart and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office for interim law enforcement coverage during the police chief recruitment process. The base cost was noted at \$12,000/month. Councilor Devereaux noted the June 30th expiration date. Mr. Sweet stated that the agreement could be extended; Council could grant the City Administrator the authority to extend the agreement tonight when motioning to approve it. It was also mentioned that Sergeant Brown did have a chance to review the agreement.

ON MOTION by Councilor Devereaux , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Fackerell to approve an IGA between Clatsop County and the City of Gearhart for law enforcement services with the addition of authorizing City Administrator Chad Sweet the ability to extend it on a monthly basis, as needed. No further discussion. The MOTION passed 4-0, 1 abstention (Gould).

Mayor Smith requested a motion to adjourn the special meeting.

ON MOTION by Councilor Fackerell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Gould to adjourn the meeting. MOTION

approved 5-0. Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. with – after a brief pause for a zoom restart – a Council worksession immediately following.



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Mayor Kerry Smith



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Chad Sweet, City Administrator