

CITY OF GEARHART
Public Hearing of the City Council
Wednesday, June 5, 2024
6:00 pm On-site and Virtual/Telephonic

A public hearing of the Gearhart City Council was held Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Council members, City staff, and the public were able to attend on-site, virtually, or by dialing in on a telephone.

Present were Mayor Kerry Smith, Councilor Preston Devereaux, Councilor Reita Fackerell, Councilor Dana Gould, Councilor Sharon Kloepfer, City Administrator Chad Sweet, City Attorney Peter Watts, Executive Assistant Krysti Ficker, and City Treasurer Justine Hill. A quorum of the Council was present.

At 6:00 pm Mayor Smith opened the public hearing for the naming of a private road, McAdam Court. There were no objections to the City Council hearing the matter. There were no conflicts of interest declared by any member of the Council.

Administrator Sweet went over City Planner Phillips' staff report that is in the June 5, 2024 City Council meeting packet. He talked about Ordinance 944, which would allow a newly developed private road in the City of Gearhart to be named McAdam Court. He explained that the City of Gearhart currently does not have a naming process for roads, and that because City staff did not feel comfortable just assigning a name, a procedure was developed. Administrator Sweet went over the physical location of the private road that needs to be named. Attorney Watts clarified that private roads serving over a designated number of dwellings must be named to ensure that emergency services can efficiently identify their destinations. There was a brief discussion on the status of the current development, easement access to adjoining properties, and owner's due diligence. Administrator Sweet clarified that the name, McAdam Court (after the inventor of asphalt), was proposed by the current owner to give homage to the previous property owner who owned a paving company. Attorney Watts reiterated that this road, or driveway, would remain a private road.

Mayor Smith asked if there were any proponents, which there were none.

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Mayor Smith closed the public hearing for deliberation at 6:17 pm.

- ON MOTION by Councilor Devereaux, 2nd by Councilor Gould to move forward with naming the private drive after the inventor of asphalt (McAdam), MOTION was approved 4 yeas (Devereaux, Gould, Kloepfer, Smith) - 0 nays - 1 abstain (Fackerell). *Ordinance 944 to name the private drive will be further discussed in the June 5, 2024 City Council Meeting.*


Reita Fackerell, President of the Council


Chad Sweet, City Administrator