

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order on Wednesday February 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Lorain, Councilor Jesse, Councilor Smith, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como.

Mayor Matt Brown declared a conflict of interest and will recuse himself regarding voting on the liquor license renewals because his business is on the renewal list.

Councilor Smith noted a transposition of words on page 1 of the minutes. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to approve the minutes as corrected for the January 4, 2017 council meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Each member of Council was given a copy of reports from the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and Planning Commission.

Mayor Brown reported meeting with the Council members on January 31, 2017 for a work session, to discuss RV's and strategic planning.

Councilor Lorain attended a CREST meeting in January to elect officers and she was elected to be the treasurer. Ms Lorain also reported she attended a Fire Hall committee and the committee requests to be on the March Council agenda

Councilor Smith met with the Police Chief and Fire Chief regarding emergency access in the dunes.

Councilor Cockrum also met with the Chiefs and attended a CERT meeting.

City Attorney Peter Watts has been working with Carole Connell to submit the supplemental record to LUBA.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- he will schedule a town hall meeting in March
- there will be a joint work session on Feb. 16, for the transportation plan
- the Gearhart Volunteer Fire Dept. has logged 9500 volunteer hours
- the last day to appeal is Friday and have not received any to date
- there are a lot of opportunities to volunteer and the fire dept. is always needing volunteers
- Jon Blissett celebrated 55 years volunteering on the Gearhart Volunteer Fire Dept.
- League of Oregon Cities elected officials meeting in Cannon Beach March 9th.

Mayor Brown noted the City received correspondence from the South County Food Bank and a letter regarding scotch broom.

Rick Sabol 1149 N. Cottage spoke in favor of the golf cart building and introduced President David Butler to explain the plan.

David butler 89841 Sea Breeze Drive Surf Pines stated the golf cart building is an old metal building in need of renovating and the foot print will remain small and felt it will be a good thing.

Thad Clarke P.O. Box 2132 questioned the process for budget committee where the members are required to be registered to vote in Gearhart and it is not a requirement for a planning commission member.

Kathy Schroeder 124 S. Marion agreed with Mr. Clarke and noted that property owners pay taxes to the city of Gearhart and they should have a say in how tax money is spent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to adopt the budget calendar, MOTION was approved 5-0.

ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to appoint City Administrator Chad Sweet as the budget officer, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Mayor Matt Brown recuses himself from voting on OLCC license renewals because his business was on the renewal list. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to approve the annual OLCC renewals, except the Gearhart Grocery, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 abstain. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to request additional time from OLCC to investigate the Gearhart Grocery liquor license, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Councilor Jesse recuses himself from voting on allocating money to CERT. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to allocate up to \$1000.00 from the Hazard Mitigation Fund for medicines and supplies for the CERT team's emergency preparedness, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 abstain.

Council discussed goals and priorities such as RV parking. The Council directed staff to bring to the March Council meeting the drafted RV ordinance and also draft an ordinance addressing commercial property because there are two parts the zoning and the municipal codes.

Ed Fishel 1324 Wildrose reported there is a new social media group for our community called "Next Door".

Tom Thies 292 Woodland really appreciated the additional visitor comment section and wanted it for a long time.

Judd Todd P. O. Box 2326 commented on the budget and proper time to review it, the police chief's jurisdiction for RV's, and the 100 year anniversary of the City of Gearhart.

Cathy Todd questioned if someone donate money to CERT or the 100 year celebration and what is the protocol. Mr. Watts stated you can donate to the city and have it earmarked for CERT if the city agrees to it.

Chad Sweet updated the progress on Duncan's Crossing. The Army Corp of Engineers asked for more information that Gibbs & Olson is helping with and we have been approved by the State of Oregon to work in the wetlands.

Kathy Schroeder commented that all home owners should be required to have routine septic inspections.

Councilor Lorain asked for a resolution to make Gearhart a welcoming community and also had concerns regarding the budget committee.

Councilor Jesse had concerns with the budget committee.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor Matt Brown

Chad Sweet, City Administrator