

September 6, 2017

The regular City Council meeting was called to order on Wednesday Sept. 6 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Matt Brown. Present were Councilor Lorain, Councilor Jesse, Mayor Brown, Councilor Cockrum, City Attorney Peter Watts, City Administrator Chad Sweet and City Treasurer Gail Como. Councilor Smith was absent.

Mayor Brown advised we will be adding to the agenda an additional 3 minute visitors section after new business if Council agrees and they did.

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

There were corrections to the public hearing minutes for August 2, 2017. ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to approved the minutes as corrected, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

There were corrections for the regular City Council meeting minutes for August 2, 2017. ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to approve the minutes as corrected, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent..

Each member of Council was given a copy of the Police report and the Planning Commission report.

Mayor Brown stated our hearts go out to those in Houston and Louisiana affected by hurricane Harvey. Also closer to home Gearhart Fire Dept. has two teams out fighting fires in Brookings and Eagle Creek Oregon. Chad Sweet reported that Chief Eddy and the crew were in Brookings for 14 days (without a day off) which is the maximum amount of time the crew can be out and that is a Clatsop County record. We also set a State record for a Non-State Dept. fire crew being out the longest time. A task force is made up of 3 smaller trucks, a tender and a differently able truck such as Gearhart's Unimog. Each truck carries 3-4 people and the County sent out two task force

units which occupies a lot of personnel and equipment from the fire depts. Mayor Brown thanked all the volunteers

Councilor Lorain suggested sending a letter of thanks to the City of Seaside for backing up the Gearhart Fire Dept. Council agreed. Councilor Lorain also mentioned Sydney Rapp is a sophomore at Seaside High School is interested in City Government and possibly being the student representative. Ms. Lorain advised Jeff Roberts is a homeless coordinator in the Seaside School District and can help the children find services. Ms. Lorain reported the Fire Committee is working on creating a fact sheet.

Councilor Cockrum reported a CERT sub group programmed the emergency radios to a channel and tested them. Ms. Cockrum has had people asking for a banner for our towns' Centennial Celebration possibly on City Hall or across Pacific Way and asked if the Council would like to act on it. Mayor Brown thought it is a great idea and asked for Council consensus. Council agreed. Ms. Cockrum also mentioned the Lattorette house is 125 years old and they asked to be a part of the celebration.

City Administrator Chad Sweet advised the Council work session for Dune management is 7 pm. on Oct. 10th at City Hall.

There was a letter from Alex Goodman and a letter from Chief Bowman.

Trail's End Vice President Kathy asked Council for a small piece of land to place a sign for the art gallery.

Helping Hands founder Alan Evans asked the city to consider a donation that would provide shelter and meals for the increasing need including children and elderly.

Fred Trollinger S. Ocean Ave. spoke in favor of managing dunes vegetation.

Margaret Marino 202 G. St. is in favor of managing and mowing the dunes and came to the Council a year ago to ask that something be done.

Marilyn Gilbaugh 223 7th spoke to the Council about homeless camps and asked why the police can not do anything. City Attorney Peter Watts gave legal advice.

Liz Warren 862 S. Marion while walking Little Beach she saw toilet paper and four cigarette butts and thought it's a fire hazard and something needs to be done.

Bill Corti 815 S. Ocean Ave. advised of the fire danger especially seeing the Columbia Gorge fire and also stated he lost his view of the estuary and rolling waves and asked permission to top the trees.

Jack Zimmerman 408 W. Kershul stated that there are two lots in Beach Estates Development that have not mowed their lots and asked that the City send them a letter.

ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to read Ordinance #908, an ordinance for the transportation plan, once by title only, MOTION was approved 3-1, 1 absent. Mr. Sweet read Ordinance #908 once by title only.

ON MOTION by Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to approve Resolution #937, a resolution to transfer fund, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to enter into a housing study partnership agreement with Clatsop County, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Lorain, 2nd by Councilor Cockrum to allow CERT to use up to \$5000.00 from the Hazard Mitigation Fund, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION BY Councilor Cockrum, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to reduce a water bill by \$2000.00, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

Bill Corti 815 S. Ocean advised there is a safety hazard at the end of S. Ocean where a transformer was hit and pushed and something needs to be done with it.

Peter Jenkins 248 N. Ocean Ave. stated the scotch broom and shore pines in the dunes are a fire hazard and need to be managed.

Councilor Jesse suggested that citizens consider radio communication as part of their resiliency plan and it only takes a weekend commitment and \$15.00.

Councilor Cockrum reminded everyone to get your flu shots and would like to see a Transportation Plan town hall meeting.

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Matt Brown

Chad Sweet, City Administrator