

JANUARY 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order Wednesday January 4, 2017 at 7:00 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.

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

ON MOTION by Councilor Jesse, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2016 meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0.

Each member of council was given reports from the; Police Dept., Fire Dept., Planning Commission and City Treasurer.

Mayor Brown thanked staff for all the work on the 85 STR applications. Also Mayor Brown mentioned the upcoming Dune Education meeting at the Fire Hall and the new City website and domain.

Councilor Lorain gave the Fire Hall committee meeting minutes to each member of Council. Ms. Lorain also noted the committee will sponsor a pizza party for the Gearhart Volunteer Fire Dept. next Wednesday and would give them a thank-you from the City Council if you would agree with that. Council agreed. Ms. Lorain reported she attended a special CREST audit meeting and mentioned there is a good article in the Daily Astorian about the CREST project at Megler Creek which was a site she visited in the field.

Councilor Cockrum reported that CERT met in Dec. and Carol Lucas showed how to utilize local herbs in an emergency. Ms Cockrum emailed the CERT minutes to the team and mentioned the County CERT leader's meeting was cancelled.

City Attorney Peter Watts stated we are still waiting for LUBA.

City Administrator Chad Sweet reported:

- We are taking applications for the budget committee
- Details of the dune education town hall meeting
- We received 85 STR applications with 4 completed inspections
- a council work session Jan 31, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Mayor Brown noted the City received a letter of correspondence from CASA.

Tom Thies 292 Woodland Ave. was in favor of adding visitor comments at the end of the meeting and would like to see it soon.

Judd Todd P.O. Box 2326 was in favor of public comments at the end of the meeting, would like public comment times to be equal, would like to know the cost of a new Fire Hall, would like the agenda available earlier than the Friday before a meeting and thought the city ordinances should be available for the public to view.

Wilson Mark 1209 N. Cottage appreciated and thanked city staff for all they do.

Jeannie Mark 1209 N. Cottage thought that having 4 items of discussion at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting is a lot for one meeting.

Dianne Widdop 1236 Fifer Heights thanked Chad for all he did for the party and really appreciated everyone who came.

Mayor Brown commented on Judd Todd's concerns and noted the new city website will allow easy search for city codes and council packets and the 5 minutes public comment as per our City Charter. Councilor Jesse stated that the Planning Commission agenda is set by applications and there is a strict timeline and everyone is given an opportunity to speak on each application item.

City Administrator Chad Sweet explained CIS requires a new form too extend worker's compensation and so resolution #932 meets their requirements. ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Lorain to approve resolution #932, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 adjourned voting.

Council discussed adding a public comment section to the end of the meeting and agreed to a 6 month trial for additional 2 minutes for public to speak at the end of the meeting.

Councilor Smith nominated Councilor Cockrum as Council President but she declined, being the junior member of council. Councilor Lorain nominated Councilor Jesse as Council President and Council approved 4-0.

Council agreed to support the Clatsop County Emergency Management project "Tsunami Evacuation Sign System Assessment".

Mr. Sweet gave the council a Hazard Mitigation Plan update and explained he will take it the Planning Commission first and then to the council. Mr. Watts stated having a Hazard Mitigation Plan allows you FEMA insurance in case of an actual disaster.

Councilor Lorain would like to reiterate the town hall meeting is an educational meeting.

ON MOTION by Councilor Smith, 2nd by Councilor Jesse to adjourn the meeting, MOTION was approved 5-0. Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Matt Brown

Mayor Matt Brown

Chad Sweet

Chad Sweet, City Administrator