

# CITY OF GEARHART

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June 14, 2018

**MEMBERS:** Carl Anderson, Jeremy Davis, Stephanie Dudley, Virginia Dideum, Russ Taggard and David Smith

**STAFF:** Carole Connell, Chad Sweet, Meg Reed, DLCD (Tsunami Resilience Grant), Adam Dailey (Engineer, Resilience Project)

## Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for Thursday, June 14, 2018 was called to order by President Virginia Dideum at 6:00 pm.

On **MOTION** by Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taggard, by unanimous motion Commission Graff was granted an excused absence from the June 14, 2018 commission meeting.

On **MOTION** by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderson, by unanimous motion the minutes of April 12, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

The financial report as of June 5, 2018 was as follows:

### Planning Commission Expenses

Year to date	16,107.74
Balance	(6,107.74) over budget

### Planning Commission Secretary Expenses

Year to date	24,506.17
Balance	5,493.83

On **MOTION** by Taggard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Davis, the financial report of June 5, 2018 was unanimously approved.

## REPORTS:

Sweet reported on the text amendments for the Beaches and Dunes Overlay stating the ordinance had passed and would become effective in about 20 days. The ordinance is more permissive allowing for removal of noxious weeds, some topping and limbing of trees, and beach grass mowing. The city will be establishing guidelines for best practices and will begin scotch broom removal work in late summer after bird nesting and plant seeding season occurs. Sweet is working with teams that will hand pull the scotch broom and he would like to partner with both sides of the vegetation issue. The fire road was approved and improvement will begin with simple cutting.

4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is under new leadership this year (Sweet), route will be the full length of Marion, Sweet is looking for volunteers, line up time is 10am, start time is 11am.

Fire Station Committee is working on verbiage to get information to the public. The mayors next focus will be a new fire station.

FEMA Flood Hazard ordinance was approved by emergency to become effective immediately.

#### COMMISSIONERS

None

#### GOALS LIST

Connell reported Item #1 CRG Resiliency Grant work begins tonight and is a one-year project.

Item #2 FEMA code amendments have been adopted and can be removed from the list.

In process #1 Dune vegetation Code Amendments has been adopted and can be removed from the list.

Discussion followed on what would be involved with Subdivision Ordinance update and the incorporation of System Development Charges into the ordinance.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### VISITORS COMMENTS

None

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Connell introduced Meg Reed, DLCD Coastal Shores Specialist out of the Newport office.

Connell noted the grant is to work with DLCD to evaluate the city's risk to the Cascadia Subduction Zone Tsunami Hazard and decide which land use resilience measures to develop and implement to help reduce the risk. The grant is funded by NOAA. Connell also introduced Adam Dailey, OTAK Engineer who will be providing technical assistance for the grant, and noted Tom Horning, geologist will also be providing technical assistance. Connell said, if adopted, within a

year text amendments will be in place in the zoning ordinance, comprehensive plan and subdivision ordinance to make the city more resilient.

Reed said DOGAMI is an important partner in the project doing the siting's behind the tsunami work. The department has received 2 federal funding sources from NOAA for the coastal hazard grant. The project involves 1) land use planning measures and 2) modeling and mapping in terms of evacuation and improvements. Resilience is the ability of a community to *bounce back after a disaster* and the focus of the project is life safety and critical facility placement. A good resource is [oregontsunami.org](http://oregontsunami.org). Reed reviewed current resources and tsunami known event history used to determine inundation times and levels. Historically Gearhart has never experienced an extra-extra-large quake (9.1 and above) and chance of an extra-extra-large quake occurring is less than 5%. Reed said projects that could increase resiliency might be vertical evacuation, reinforcing trails over creeks and bridges, new trails or more signage. The project makes use of the Land Use Planning guidebook which includes a model code to develop a Tsunami Hazard Overlay Zone with guidelines for placement of critical facilities, regulations for facilities that help with critical facilities (tanks/fire suppression equipment), requirements for new development within inundation zones including tsunami evacuation routes and flexible development options. DLCD also provides sample comprehensive plan policy updates, and tsunami evacuation facilities improvement plans. The first step in the process should be to review the model code and determine which aspects are relevant to development of city code.

By consensus, the commission will serve as the advisory committee for the tsunami grant process. With an anticipated short commission meeting in July a work session will following the meeting to discuss Tsunami Resiliency.

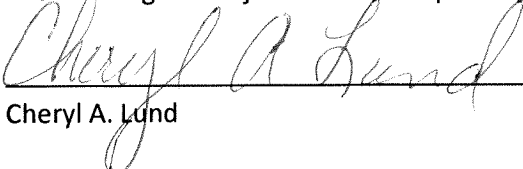
CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION


None

QUESTIONS FOR LAND USE ATTORNEY

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

  
Cheryl A. Lund

  
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