

# CITY OF GEARHART

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September 12, 2019

**MEMBERS:** Carl Anderson, Virginia Dideum, Stephanie Dudley, Terry Graff, Russ Taggard, Austin Tomlinson and David Smith.

**STAFF:** Chad Sweet

## Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for September 12, 2019 was called to order by President Virginia Dideum at 6:00 pm.

On **MOTION** by Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taggard, the minutes of July 11, 2019 were unanimously approved.

The financial report of August 29, 2019 was as follows:

Planning Commission expenses:

Year to date 1,002.77

Balance 11,997.23

Planning Commission Secretary expenses:

Year to date 2,774.28

Balance 27,225.72

On **MOTION** by Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taggard, the financial report of August 29, 2019 was unanimously approved.

## STAFF REPORT

Sweet reported on the following items:

**FIRE STATION UPDATE** – the city did not make the deadline for the November ballot, there are still questions to be answered from the Geotech report to assure the most stable structure in case of a natural hazard event. Negotiations are continuing with the property owners; the process is moving forward to mid-February for a May ballot.

**DUNE VEGETATION** – Councilor Cockrum reviewed the dune vegetation process and prepared a detailed report to the Council with a list of recommendations the City will start working on. The ordinance will need to be looked at and that portion of the work will go back to the Commission for ordinance amendments.

PARKS MASTER PLAN – the City has been awarded the grant Connell applied for, Sweet recommended the commission familiarize themselves with the timeline which will include conversations on dune vegetation and pickle ball. He clarified the grant was not for pickle ball but staff time reimbursement.

COASTAL RESILIENCY GRANT - the grant has been extended to use the balance of the grant funds, following a meeting with Meg Reed it is possible for the City to get an additional \$40,000. Reed is checking to see if the money could be put towards the fire station design, community meeting as the process gets closer to election cycle or new signage.

NOXIOUS WEED PLAN – the City is working with Oregon Solutions and the Elk and has had several meetings regarding public education.

FENCE REQUIREMENTS – after reviewing the Helligso Fence variance he had some clarifications; the City does not require a fence permit, previous City Administrator allowed lattice on top of a 6' fence due to a confrontational fence issue in recent years all fences were grandfathered and from that time forward all new fences are not to exceed 6'.

GREAT OREGON SHAKEOUT – the City is participating in the Shakeout on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:17 am, the public is encouraged to participate, fire dept, Hamm operators and CERT will be stations at each evacuation site. City staff will be having a tabletop exercise going through the City Emergency Operation Plan at that time.

GEARHART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – the school is on the market for \$1.9 million, a zone change would be required to allow anything other than a school.

JOINT WORK SESSION C1 ZONE – the work session has been established for October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

EMERGENCY CASH SUPPLY GRANT – the City received a \$60,000 grant and has purchased Conex's to place at the water reservoir site, future purchases include MREs, water purifications systems, and basic necessities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT – the fire department received a \$124,000 grant for self-contained breathing apparatus.

#### COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Tomlinson reported on the Basic Species meeting a multi-agency group discussing management of invasive species in the dunes, they are working on a plan that will correlate with the parks master plan.

GOALS LIST

No action taken

CORRESPONDENCE

None

VISITORS COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

HAZARD ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

Sweet reported the County wrote a grant so all the cities could be working on Hazard Mitigation Plan updates together and writing the plans with technical assistance, so plans work together with neighboring communities. The two big issues with the plan are risk assessment and mitigation strategies, the Commission will be the citizens board in the process. An updated plan allows for cities to receive FEMA reimbursements. Sweet reviewed the matrix worksheet, the commission will hear public comments at the October Commission meeting on the matrix that will be sent back to the county group meeting.

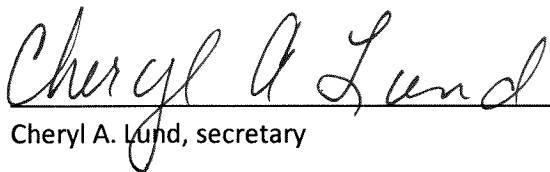
CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION

None

QUESTIONS FOR LAND USE ATTORNEY

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

  
Cheryl A. Lund, secretary

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