



CITY OF GEARHART

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July 9, 2020

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

STAFF: Carole Connell, Chad Sweet

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for July 9, 2020 via teleconference was called to order at 6:10 by President Virginia Dideum.

On **MOTION** by Anderson, 2nd by Tomlinson, the minutes of May 14, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

The financial report as of May 29, 2020 was as follows:

Planning Commission Expenses:

Year to date	3759.97
Balance	9240.03

Planning Commission Secretary Expenses:

Year to date	12,545.70
Balance	17,454.30

On **MOTION** by Dudley, 2nd by Smith, the financial report of May 29, 2020 was unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Connell reported the Parks plan was off to a slow start about 5% along the process. She has an outline and a good inventory list; she is currently waiting for the parks advisory committee to be appointed. Sweet noted the committee list will be forwarded to Connell this week.

Connell reported on the Clatsop county housing study recalling the abundance of vacant land and questioning the accuracy of the numbers due to the methodology used in determination. The city would need better evidence to expand its boundary and has contracted with the company Angelo Eaton Planning Group for an onsite, Gearhart only buildable lands inventory that in addition to more accurate data could be used as an update to the Comprehensive Plan. The city contributed \$10,000 to the original report and piggybacking on the work would cost the city a lot less to accomplish a refined report.

Fire Station update. Sweet reported working on final numbers and site geology. Next step is to initiate an ORS 33710 Judicial Review for a judge to determine if a fire house can be constructed at the High Point site. A decision from the judge is binding.

Sweet reported that building throughout the county is busy and realtors are busy with prices going up in the market. The county is discussing moving public works out of the tsunami zone to property behind Gearhart.

Sweet has been working on increasing tsunami inundation signage and directional around town through grants.

The Mayor has appointed a small business committee to shepherd new businesses through the process of establishing a business in town. Sweet will forward a member list to commissioners next week.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Dideum asked the financials to be included in the agenda packets.

Dideum asked about enforcement of “no camping” on the beach and who she would contact. Sweet reported the beach is Highway 1 and enforceable by Oregon Parks and Recreation, Oregon State Police and Clatsop County Sheriff.

GOALS LIST

By consensus *Buildable Lands Inventory* is to be moved to in process. Discussion followed regarding *code enforcement* and *commercial design review*; no action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

VISITORS COMMENTS

Tom Thies, 292 Woodland Avenue – reported U-Haul moving truck out to the highway and asked if they can be fined for not complying. Sweet reported it was a ‘promise made’ but not included in the hearing process and not enforceable.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C1 zone amendments - Sweet reviewed the proposed amendments of November 2019 noting some draft discussion points of July 9, 2020 which included proposed new definitions with the goal of making simple, successful changes. Staff will work the amendments together and bring them back to the Commission in August for review before moving on to the public hearing process.

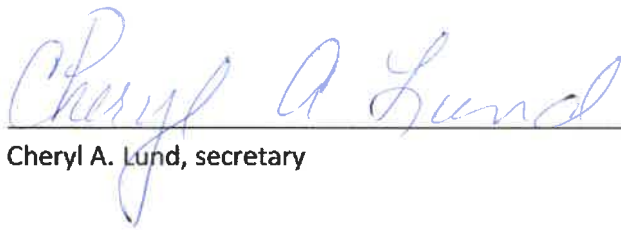
NEW BUSINESS

None

CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.



Cheryl A. Lund

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