



CITY OF GEARHART

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January 14, 2021

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

STAFF: Carole Connell, Mayor Paulina Cockrum

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for January 14, 2021 via teleconference was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Virginia Dideum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On **MOTION** by Graff, 2nd by Dudley, Commissioners Dideum and Smith were unanimously elected to serve as President and Vice-President respectively for 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA

On **MOTION** by Anderson, 2nd by Taggard, the consent agenda was unanimously approved, approving the minutes of November 12, 2020 and the financial report of January 5, 2021 and recognizing inclusion of the Rules of the Council

STAFF REPORTS

Connell reported on the Parks Advisory committee, noting a survey to citizens either online or included in with the water bills. Survey will run until March 1st after that time a plan will be developed and presented to the Commission.

Hwy 101 plan for safety and transportation improvements - the project is funded by ODOT, Connell and the Police Chief are on the working committee. Currently they are forming an advisory committee of businesses and property owners along the highway.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Tomlinson, a member of the Parks Committee, reported receiving 140 responses to the survey so far. He will be compiling the information for the next Parks committee meeting.

GOLS LIST

No action

VISITORS COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Clatsop County Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft

Connell is in the final stage of the Gearhart section of the Plan, checking data and working with the Commission to determine any errors, confirm priorities and incorporate any additions from the Commission. She reviewed the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis sheet, noting under Critical Facilities the Elementary School has been sold which will affect overall numbers. Connell noted after adoption, the document will become a city planning document with the city working through Mitigation Actions to decrease any vulnerability to the city and its residences. The City Council has acknowledged Fire Station replacement as the highest priority for the City.

CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION

Graff asked about the school site. Connell reported a fence is being installed along Pacific Way. The property owner has lots of ideas including keeping the building, developing a library and studio apartments, and putting a caretaker on site which will require a conditional use application to the Commission. There is the possibility of some residential dwellings that will require a zone amendment to the Commission along with some of the property being retained for youth playfield.

Smith asked about the council process on the C1 zone amendments and the elimination of the 10pm closing time. Connell/ Dideum reported the change came from the planning commission when the neighborhood café definition was changed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.



Cheryl A. Lund, secretary

approved