



# CITY OF GEARHART

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September 9, 2021

**MEMBERS:** Virginia Dideum, Stephanie Dudley, Sharon Kloepfer, David Smith, Russ Taggard and Austin Tomlinson.

**STAFF:** Carole Connell and Chad Sweet

## Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for Thursday, September 9, 2021 was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Virginia Dideum.

On **MOTION** by Taggard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dudley, the consent agenda for September 9, 2021 was unanimously approved. Said agenda approved the minutes of August 12, 2021 and the financial report of August 27, 2021.

The following correspondence were reviewed:

From - Bob Morey to RJ Marks

Re: Clarifying vision for the Gearhart School property and improvements to date.

From – Verizon

Re: proposed wireless attachments to McMenamins. Connell noted documents are for information only. The Commission discussed the proposal, agreed there are no review or approval criteria for the request. David Smith said he would like it to come before the Commission. The Commission decided they did not play a role in the proposal for communication antenna attachments. Subsequently, Carole requested more information from the applicant and was told the attachments would not be visible from the exterior of the building.

## STAFF REPORTS

Sweet reported the November election has been delayed due to a circuit court appeal by Jack Zimmerman and Harold Gable, the hearing falling after the required submit date for the November election. There is a recommendation to the council that the matter move forward with putting it on the May ballot. The judge will provide his decision within the next couple of weeks.

Sweet noted fire department is currently 168 over last year's calls, estimating total calls for 2021 will be around 650, a significant increase.

## COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

None

GOALS LIST

To be discussed during the October agenda.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Tom Thies, 292 Woodland – asked if there is actually a chimney with exhaust on the McMenamins building? If not a chimney, would it be considered a facade or shroud falling within height restrictions?

Connell reported the chimney is a design element for the purpose of concealing the antenna, it already exists, will not be enlarged and the city does not require any design review.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

21-04CP.ZTA Gearhart Parks and Recreation Master Plan. On **MOTION** by Taggard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Smith, by unanimous motion the public hearing was continued to October 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Connell reported that following the joint work session on August 31 and the number of comments provided, staff needed more time to make edits to the draft plan, to prepare the staff report have it ready for the public hearing on October 14. Connell said the grant expires October 31 but that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. director said the city can ask for a 3 or 4-month extension to complete the plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None


NEW BUSINESS

None

CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION

Smith expressed concerns secretary Lund has retired. Sweet reported there are computer issues with her computer tonight and she is currently working the meeting from the council chambers. Sweet said Lund has given her retirement notice and praised her long service and many contributions to the city.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

  
Cheryl A. Lund secretary

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