

JANURARY 2, 2008

The regular meeting of the Gearhart City Council was called to order on Wednesday Jan. 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Chuck Schluter. All Council members were present, except Mayor Kent Smith. All City Officials were present except the Chief of Police.

There was no conflict of interest declared by any member of Council.

ON MOTION by Councilor Tice, 2nd by Councilor Widdop, to approve the minutes for the Gearhart City Council November 7, 2007, the minutes were approved, as presented, 4-0, 1 absent.

ON MOTION by Councilor Widdop, 2nd by Councilor Tice, to approve the minutes for the Gearhart City Council meeting December 12, 2007, the minutes were approved as presented, 3-0, 1 abstain, 1 absent.

There was no Police report.

There was no verbal Treasurer report.

There was no City Attorney report.

City Administrator, Dennis McNally informed Council that the hiring process, to replace Police Officer Sivley, will start on Monday Jan. 7, 2008, the applications will be received and reviewed and the process may take a couple of months.

Mr. McNally had nothing to report on the water, however has scheduled a meeting, for Monday, with the new City Manager for Warrenton.

Mr. McNally recapped Dec. events, the storm and clean-up, the tree and woody debris removal, using the lot across from the Fire Dept. as a drop off site, closing off one block of Pacific Way to make it possible to bring in H&H wood recyclers to grind and remove 44 chip truck loads, each weighing 32 ton per truck or 110 cubic foot per truck. Mr. McNally reported the broken sidewalk in front of that site will need to be replaced and will be getting estimates and will be meeting with FEMA on Friday to discuss storm expenses. Mr. McNally reported having a list of expenses prepared for the meeting, which include purchasing generators, replacing chain

saws, and excavation costs. Other Dec. events include asbestos and mold removal from City Hall, along with the Holidays and closures.

City Administrator, Dennis McNally, along with, Longview Fiber representative Jay Holland, visited the City property on Lewis & Clark Road, the 3rd week of November 2007, to discuss timber. Mr. McNally reported that ½ the timber are down and asked Council for permission to bring in a consultant to discuss a plan for logging and replanting. Council unanimously agreed.

Larry Well, 507 N. Cottage, commented on the lack of news coverage on the hurricane that came through our area and praised Mr. McNally for his quick thinking and outstanding performance in leadership and to the volunteers, for all their time and hard work, as well.

There was no ordinances or resolutions.

Councilor Schluter recapped prior events, regarding two Planning Commission positions expiring. ON MOTION by Councilor Widdop, 2nd by Councilor Well, for the City Administrator and City Attorney to revise the Planning Commission Ordinance and limit terms of Planning Commission members to two consecutive terms only, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent.

Council scheduled a work session on Wednesday Jan. 9, 2008 at 6 p.m. at Gearhart City Hall, to conduct interviews for the applicants, applying for the two Planning Commission vacancies. Council decided to create some interview questions and directed staff to phone the applicants and schedule the interviews.

Council agreed to take no action, on the Oregon Liquor License renewals, which is the same as a favorable recommendation being made.

Mr. McNally asked Council thoughts about the Fire Station, re-design and getting it on the May ballot. Councilor Tice questioned getting an advisory vote. Councilor Schluter had concerns with the voters, voting the same way, due to no action yet with the water project. No action was taken and there was no further discussion.

ON MOTION by Councilor Tice, 2nd by Councilor Well, to direct City Attorney to investigate revising the years between re-electing Council members, to eliminate a “sweep” consisting of a Mayor and two council members, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent, and subject was added to the Feb. Council agenda.

Councilor Tice resigned his position as Police Commissioner, due to, the loss of a Gearhart Police Officer, however will remain on the City Council.

There was no student representative report.

ON MOTION by Councilor Widdop, 2nd by Councilor Well. to adjourn, MOTION was approved 4-0, 1 absent. Council President, Chuck Schluter adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Chuck Schluter, Council President

Dennis McNally, City Administrator