

January 14, 2010

MEMBERS: Paulina Cockrum, Sarah Nebeker, Todd Schultz and Stephanie White

STAFF: Sabrina Pearson

GUESTS: Mayor Kent Smith and Craig Calder

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for Thursday, January 14, 2010 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Todd Schultz.

Schultz welcomed Stephanie White as new commission member. White stated she has lived in Gearhart for 2 ½ years, in the county for 5 years and has a local dental practice.

The financial report as of January 4, 2010 was as follows:

Planning Commission Secretary expenses:	
Year to date	1,391.79
Balance	2,971.21
Planning Commission expenses:	
Year to date	576.01
Balance	1,623.99

On **MOTION** by Nebeker, 2nd by Cockrum, the financial report of January 4, 2010 was approved. Motion unanimously approved.

On **MOTION** by Cockrum, 2nd by Nebeker, the minutes of November 12, 2009 were approved as mailed. Motion unanimously approved.

Mayor Smith talked about the proposed joint Council / Commission meeting on February 3rd. Due to the unavailability of commissioners the mayor rescheduled the meeting for March 3rd @ 7:00 p.m. Tentative talking points were discussed; invasive species, open space, transportation plan and emergency preparedness. The mayor requested the commission set the agenda for the meeting; invasive species, open space, transportation plan and emergency preparedness would be tentative agenda items.

Schultz passed around correspondence from The Seminar Group regarding a Solar Power Conference, March 25, 2010 in Portland.

Discussion followed on wind energy; set backs in regards to tower height and the need to lower tower for repair, density to consider noise impact, height restrictions in areas of airport overlay zone. Craig Calder Gearhart residence interested in wind energy stated 60 foot generators come apart in 20' sections for repair. He will provide copies of the product to the commission for review. Wind generation was continued to the February commission meeting. Pearson is to provide more information on model ordinances from coastal cites.

Pearson review annexation process in regards to Urban Growth Boundary. She stated the questions of *need* and *urbanization* are addressed at the time property is incorporated into the UGB. Property annexed into the city from the UGB is a political process, *need* and *urbanization* criteria being previously addressed.

Election of officers was tabled to the February meeting since commissioners Brown and Jesse were absent.

Nebeker was asked about the progress of the Homeowners invasive species removal project along Ridge Path. She stated they did not complete removal on the path, work parties would begin again in late summer early fall.

On **MOTION** by Nebeker, 2nd by White, commissioners Jesse and Brown were granted excused absences from the January 14, 2010 commission meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

On **MOTION** by Cockrum the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Cheryl A. Lund

Cheryl A. Lund, secretary

March 11, 2010

approved