

June 11, 2009

MEMBERS: Matt Brown, Paulina Cockrum, Sally Mannex, Sarah Nebeker, and Caroline Ward.

STAFF: Dennis McNally

GUESTS: Patrick Corcoran, Tom Thies and Nancy McCarthy.

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for Thursday, June 11, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-president Matt Brown.

On **MOTION** by Nebeker, 2nd by Ward, commissioners Jesse and Schultz were granted excused absences from the June 11, 2009 commission meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

On **MOTION** by Ward, 2nd by Cockrum, the minutes of April 9, 2009 were approved as mailed. Motion unanimously approved.

The financial report as of May 29, 2009 was as follows:

Planning Commission Secretary Expenses:	
Year to date	3,263.28
Balance	1,799.72
Planning Commission Expenses:	
Year to date	1,084.62
Balance	1,415.38

On **MOTION** by Nebeker, 2nd by Cockrum, the financial report of May 29, 2009 was approved. Motion unanimously approved.

There was no staff report or correspondence.

Domestic Chicken Ordinance: McNally noted Pearson prepared the staff report, the council was not opposed to the ordinance but had specific direction for the commission as far as fine tuning the ordinance and then returning it to the council; coops were to be no higher than 6 feet (fence height) and covered with runs totally enclosed. Commission is to determine appropriate zones for domestic chickens and exclude the RA zone since raising of chickens is already allowed in that zone. Commissioner Brown clarified that the job was to prepare a draft ordinance for the council. Discussion following on cleanliness of coops, safety from predators, enclosures, number allowed, setbacks, licensing. It was determined no roosters would be allowed, domestic chickens would be allowed for single-family dwellings in the R1 and R2 zones, property owners would be allowed a

maximum of 6 chickens, setbacks will be a minimum of 20' from property lines, owners will be required to obtain a permit but chickens will not need to be licensed, there will be no selling of chickens or eggs (no commercial activity). McNally will draft an ordinance and work directly with Pearson.

Projections from Buildings: McNally explained the amendment was brought by him to update the ordinance and bring it in line with current building standards. On **MOTION** by Nebeker, 2nd by Mannex, a public hearing is to be set for the *projection from building* text amendment. Motion unanimously approved.

Cockrum asked about the status of the emergency preparedness committee. McNally said the committee members were selected and a meeting was yet to be set.

Nebeker asked about a homeowner's letter regarding invasive species sent to the council. McNally said the letter was routed to all of the council members and not read at the meeting.

There were no concerns of the commission or questions for the land use attorney.

On **MOTION** by Nebeker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Cheryl A. Lund

Cheryl A. Lund, secretary

July 9, 2009

approved