

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Aagaard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were twenty-one (21) guests present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Joanne Aagaard, Councilors Jim Doyle, Terry Walhood, Sue Wilson, and Jonathan Beeman. Also present: City Manager Lars Gare, City Attorney John Putman, Public Works Director Luke Shepard, Police Chief Charlie Stewart, and Fire Chief Barry Mammano. Absent: Kristine Hayes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Doyle made a motion, seconded by Walhood, to approve the Consent Agenda, the minutes of the October 11, 2017, regular City Council meeting and the October 2017 check register as presented; Doyle, Walhood, Wilson and Beeman voted in favor; motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT  
NON-AGENDA  
ITEMS** None.

**PRESENTATIONS,  
GUESTS & AN-  
NOUNCEMENTS** Nan Devlin, Tourism Director and interim EDC Director, reported on Visit Tillamook Coast and what had been done to implement the new marketing campaign “Small Town Big Stories”. She announced there would be a 2-page article in Willamette Living regarding the great food place Rockaway Beach had become. She noted there were now signed contracts with Media America and Travel Oregon. Devlin stated she had contacted Garibaldi and Bay City to see if they wanted to cooperatively advertise and they both agreed to, so that would be launched in the spring. She reported that the in-store promotions would be delivered to businesses and motels next week by Mike Arsenault. She reported she had worked with Intercom Radio on a 2-week contest for Rockaway Beach, there were approximately 800 entries and the City had gained 496 subscribers to the newsletter. Devlin stated there was a 36.75% increase on Facebook and the City received an extra 100 followers in social media in October. She reported that they would be exhibiting at the Northwest Women’s Show for both a spring break promotion and girlfriends’ getaway promotion and that would take place at the end of February. She gave a brief video presentation.

**STAFF REPORTS** Melissa McCarty, Parks & Recreation Director, reported on the Parks & Rec Program Halloween parties and how successful the dance and party were. She informed the Council and attendees of the sea lion illness, leptospirosis, that was killing seals on the coast. She stated she had been working with the state to let the public know about the virus, which is deadly to dogs who come in contact with an ill seal. She asked that people and their dogs keep their distance. McCarty announced the Holiday Gift

Fair coming up where they would be doing the concessions on November 24 and November 25 in the Civic Facility from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Fire Chief Barry Mammano reported they currently had 16 members and had 78-man hours in October, 5 fire calls, 1 MVA, 16 medical calls and they had taken one of the department trucks to the preschool. He noted the trucks had all been pump tested and all had passed.

Police Chief Stewart reported that the department had remained at a steady pace. He stated there had been an increase in mental health calls and suggested people carry cell phones, if out early in the morning. He stated there had been incidents of doorbell ringing in his neighborhood. He stated as the holiday and tax seasons approach he was already getting calls regarding IRS call scams and even some mailing scams going out, so he cautioned to be careful and to verify who personal information is given to. He announced a November 17 fundraiser in Tillamook at Pacific Restaurant for the Shop-With-A-Cop Program from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Stewart reported that during the last month volunteers trained for active threat and fingerprint training. He stated with the help of a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund he would be working toward modifying the front counter and fixing leaks in the police building.

Luke Shepard, Public Works Director, reported that the raw water impoundment project was up and running and running well. He stated the storm in October was a good test for it, when there was 6.6 inches of rain and the creek came way up, but the stream bed handled it well. He stated he had received potentially good news from ODOT that they wanted to work with the City to address the crosswalk at S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. that was difficult for the Fire Department trucks to navigate. Shepard stated he had a busy spring and summer schedule ahead; in January the City would put out to bid the crosswalk project at Washington St. and Hwy. 101, and the Nature Preserve project, the bid for Breaker Ave. waterline replacement would go out in February and also the culverts on Rock Creek and then finally the paving on Breaker Ave. He stated he also had the application out to the Special Cities Allotment (SCA) grant, which if received, would allow the City to do work on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. He added that he would pave as much as possible next summer. Shepard said Public Works was preparing for the tree lighting ceremony.

Gare announced that Veteran's Day was on Saturday, so City Hall would be closed on Friday, then the Holiday Gift Fair was November 24 and November 25 and finally the Celebration of Life for Ruth Daugherty was on November 18 a potluck in the Civic Facility from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He added that it was fitting to be in the facility since Daugherty had been responsible for many things that occurred in there. He reported that on October 18 he had an emergency management meeting which was well attended and where there was a lot of discussion. He noted one agenda item tonight was an off-shoot of what took place at that meeting. He gave

kudos to the Beautification Committee for their outstanding job all spring and summer long. Gare reported that there were now cameras in City Hall that were mainly focused on the entrances with video surveillance during the day at the counter. He noted staff would be putting up signs that there was audio and visual recording in process. He noted Shepard's mention of the impoundment at the Water Treatment Plant which had made huge leaps and bounds since he had been with the City. He stated the improvements had made the Water Plant state of the art with the large impoundment that could be filled with water to allow the sediment to settle and made it easier to treat. Gare said it allowed the City to make more water and make it 24/7, so it had come a long way. He added the City had outstanding water and the ability to treat a lot of it. He stated one thing being addressed tonight was the water rate increase that was needed to operate the system.

**APPROVAL OF  
RES. NO. 17-660**

Mayor Aagaard said a public hearing had been held and the Council received materials pertaining to the increase in rates, a rate study had also been conducted by an outside agency. Gare stated at the public hearing Shepard had done a great job of articulating why the City needed to increase the water rates. He stated the City could continue to wait to increase rates which was what had been done, so now the City would raise the rate and then increase it in small increments over the next few years. He added that Shepard would continue to search for leaks. Doyle added that it hadn't been said that 30% of the water lines needed to be replaced. Shepard agreed and said the City had approximately 3 miles of water lines that needed to be replaced. Gare pointed out that the increase being proposed was significantly less than what the rate study had proposed. Doyle said he thought the rate suggested had been a \$20.00 - \$40.00 increase per month. Gare stated staff knew that wouldn't work, but it needed to be increased enough to support the operation of the plant because utilities have to pay for themselves. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Doyle, approving Resolution No. 17-660 setting water rates effective January 1, 2018 with the first 3% increase starting in 2019 for the next 4 years; Wilson, Doyle, Beeman and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried.

**ESTABLISH  
COMM. TO  
ADVISE CC**

Mayor Aagaard stated the Council needed to establish a committee to advise the Council and City Manager in matters pertaining to emergency management. Gare explained there needed to be a committee with members not only from the Fire Department and Police Department, but from CERT members as well and have representatives from each group. He stated he did not want this to be a permanent committee. He said he wanted the Council to authorize the City Manager to establish the committee with one City Council liaison. Mayor Aagaard asked if people would apply to be on the committee. Gare stated yes, interested parties could fill out a form. Wilson made a motion seconded by Walhood, for the establishment of an Emergency Management Advisory Committee in the City of Rockaway Beach and authorizing the City Manager to appoint

members thereof; Wilson, Walhood, Beeman and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

**CC COMMENTS**

Walhood spoke on behalf of the Beautification Committee that there would be a real tree this year at the Wayside, then there would be the Holiday Gift Fair and the Lighting of the Tree on Friday at 6:00 p.m. She stated this year there would be the Polar Express from Garibaldi to Rockaway Beach which would stay for a couple of hours so people could shop and the stores will remain open. Walhood stated this was part of the Village Lights Program and Santa would visit with the children at the Wayside. She invited everyone to come. She stated all the merchants were participating by putting up the clear white lights on their windows. She noted they were asking people to make ornaments for the tree.

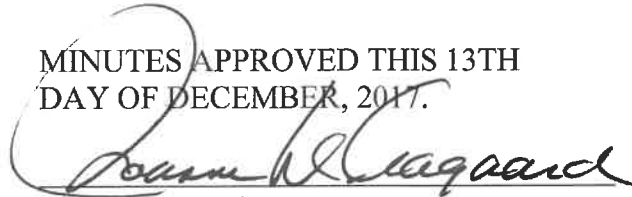
**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Aagaard said she had family from Denmark visiting and they had really enjoyed themselves. She gave a shout out to the Special Olympics kids.

**ADJOURN**

Wilson made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to adjourn; Wilson, Doyle, Walhood and Beeman voted in favor; motion carried. Mayor Aagaard adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH  
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.



Joanne Aagaard, Mayor



Lars Gare, City Manager