

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Aagaard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were sixteen (16) guests present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** Present: Mayor Joanne Aagaard, Council President Rich Riley, Councilors Jim Doyle, Terry Walhood, Sue Wilson and Mardi Wing. Also present: City Manager Lars Gare, City Attorney John Putman, Public Works Director Luke Shepard, Fire Chief Barry Mammano and Police Chief Charlie Stewart.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Mayor Aagaard asked for questions. Walhood made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to approve the consent calendar, the minutes of the November 18, 2015, regular City Council meeting and the November 2015 check register as indicated; Walhood, Wilson, Doyle and Riley voted in favor, Wing abstained; motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Ted Johnson, 1741 N. Miller Street, stated he was the Secretary of the Lions Club and the Chair for the Disaster Relief Committee, which had hosted a chili feed for flood impacted residents over the past weekend. He said they had opened a relief account at US Bank and wanted to work with the City the County to help victims of the flood. He stated there were a number of fundraisers coming up and the bank account at US Bank allowed people to make donations at any US Bank in the State. Johnson added that they had a website where everyone could see what they were doing. Wing asked what the qualifications were to receive assistance. Johnson said the funds they would be receiving from the Lions Foundation would be used as directed they be used. He explained the funds would be used to pay a contractor directly for a service rendered and not go directly to the property owner. Wilson asked when they would begin taking applications. Johnson replied as soon as they found out how much funding they would be receiving.

**PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**, Police Chief Charlie Stewart introduced Officer George Deyarmond and welcomed him back from the Academy. He stated Deyarmond was acclimating to Rockaway Beach. Doyle asked if Stewart was sending an officer to the Academy in February. Stewart stated yes, he would go to the Academy in February and graduate in June. Gare noted Deyarmond had been in the Coast Guard.

**STAFF REPORTS** Fire Chief Barry Mammano reported the Department had 85 man hours, 5 fire calls, 1 MVA and 16 medical calls in November. He stated they had 2 new members and the cadets were doing well. Walhood thanked them for all they did during the flooding.

Police Chief Stewart reported there had been a lull in town and they were able to close out some cases. He stated December 11, 2015 – January 6, 2016, he would be working with other agencies in the County and OSP to increase safety on the roads. He reminded everyone the Polar Plunge was coming up if anyone wanted to join them on January 31. He stated if people didn't want to take the plunge, they could make a donation or if they wanted to volunteer, please call him at the station. Stewart reported that this Friday he would be participating in the Shop with a Cop at Fred Meyer to make sure people had a Merry Christmas. He stated there was an IRS scam going around and cautioned people that the IRS does not call people at home. He said the perpetrators were trying to get a check or credit card number and if anyone receives a call like this to give the Police Department a call, but do not give them personal information. He noted that he appreciated what the Fire Department and Public Works had done during the flooding. He noted the Police Station had gotten a little flooding. Stewart reported that there were some pending cases with other agencies involved and he mentioned the incident in the County offices. Mayor Aagaard asked about setting up some sort of Nixle for notification when incidents occurred. Stewart replied that there were ways that could be done. He stated for the recent incident he had used reverse 911 in a limited area and then put out a bigger broadcast later. He said it was definitely something that could be discussed as long as it was tactically sound and safe for the community.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard reported that since last Tuesday it had been rough on the Public Works crew and the contractors the City had hired. He stated they had been going non-stop and would continue to do so until everything was repaired from the storm flooding and mudslides. He said they had felt the brunt of at least 3 storm systems. Shepard reported that Tuesday night they had measured 6 inches of rain, had very high tides along with a very rough surf and when that happens there's a lot of water with nowhere to go which causes flooding. He stated in addition to the flooding there was a lot of wood debris that was deposited along the roads. He reported in the higher elevations there had been high creek flows that caused a lot of damage. He stated the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) had flooded in it and it lost power for a while. He reported that over the weekend there had been a water main break which had been difficult to find, but they had gotten get it repaired. He said because they were able to mobilize quickly all the damage was either fixed or scheduled to be fixed. Shepard added that there were no loose ends at this time, they were just wrapping up. He stated all the silt and mud was in the process of being removed and that should speed up tomorrow as he had another contractor coming to help. Riley commended them on a job well done. Wilson asked how the damages would be paid. Shepard replied that what FEMA wouldn't pay, would be paid with contingencies and the healthy fund balance.

City Manager Lars Gare thanked and congratulated all the City departments, Police, Fire and Public Works for the work they had done

through the flooding. He noted there had been no medical calls while the City was isolated. He stated the Police Department had been very short handed, the only officer on duty was the Chief, but nothing serious happened. He said those things that Shepard had mentioned were all true and significant. Gare encouraged the Council to go look at the WTP and see the significant damage that had eroded the bank of the creek. He stated once that had been taken care of that they were able to make water and had plenty in the reservoir. He stated since the Council had supported the purchase of the sand filters it had helped and it had been the right thing to do. He said Public Works had been down to only 4 employees when all this took place and then they ended up with only 3 because one was stuck in Bay City. He stated they had prioritized, they dealt with broken water lines, and sink holes. He reported the Fire Department had performed water rescues so all and all it was a mess, but the approach went well. Gare stated City Hall had been open and had the Red Cross over the weekend giving out clean up kits and doing assessments of private properties. He said that staff had quite a few phone calls from absentee home owners wanting to know about flooding and staff was able to help them. He commented that it was a big effort on everybody's part and staff learned some lessons so after this the City would look to improve certain things, however nothing was forgotten and there was nothing that wasn't done right. He said this happened because the City had a good crew who didn't hesitate to reach out to contractors. He noted the City had one contractor who had come over the logging roads to get here to help and they were still here. He added that eventually the Federal government would declare a state of emergency and that would open up some funding. Gare explained that for much of what happened to public buildings the City could be reimbursed up to 75% from FEMA. He reported that in Lake Lytle Estates there had been a big mudslide and hopefully this next rain wouldn't be as severe.

**REAPPOINT  
JUDGES**

Mayor Aagaard said this item would be set over until the January meeting.

**APPROVE  
LETTER OF  
SUPPORT**

Mayor Aagaard stated the North Coast Land Conservancy and North Coast Basin Coalition were seeking support for their efforts to obtain a "Place-Based Planning Grant" from OWRD regarding watershed and other issues. She stated the support letter keeps the City engaged in a positive manner for future watershed planning issues. Gare explained the proposed letter was in Council packets with a letter from Senator Betsy Johnson. He stated this was for a planning grant, which the City had supported previously and it was to protect watershed works with all of the agencies. He noted they were being asked to support this and he didn't see why the Council couldn't. Riley made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to approve the letter of support for a "Place-Based Planning Grant" from OWRD regarding watershed and other issues; Riley, Wilson, Wing, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

**APPROVE  
LETTER OF  
SUPPORT**

Mayor Aagaard said staff was seeking grant funds from the EDC/Visit Tillamook Coast TLT grant program for improvements to the Civic Facility kitchen to convert it from a catering kitchen to a full commercial kitchen. She stated a letter of support was needed from the Council to submit with the grant application. Gare explained this was the City's letter asking for grant funds to do the improvements to the kitchen and he was requesting Council's approval. Walhood stated she thought it would really help because the Hope Chest had trouble finding a caterer to serve their dinner because of the limitations in the kitchen. Riley made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to approve a letter of support to Tillamook Coast for a grant funding application to be submitted by the City for the Civic Facility kitchen upgrade project; Riley, Doyle, Walhood, Wing and Wilson voted in favor; motion carried.

**DISCUSS PRO-  
POSED ORD.  
NO. 15-426**

Mayor Aagaard announced that at a previous City Council meeting members of the Council had expressed an interest in implementing a 3% sales tax on the sale of recreational marijuana items. She stated Council directed the City Attorney to develop the ordinance which was included in the packets. Gare reminded Council that at the last meeting the City Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance which he had done in order for the City Council to have the first reading tonight. Wilson pointed out a date in the recitals that needed to be changed. Walhood asked if this would go before the voters in November. Mayor Aagaard stated yes, so the Council's actions now would set this up for the voters and then if it is approved, it would go into effect January 2017. Riley made a motion, seconded by Wing, that Ordinance No. 15-426 receive a first reading, as amended; Riley, Wing, Wilson, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Gare performed the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-426.

**ACCEPT TC MBR  
RESIGNATION**

Mayor Aagaard announced that Ruth Daugherty had recently resigned from the Tourism Commission. She stated the City Council needed to accept her resignation before appointing a new member. Gare stated Daugherty was one of the original Tourism Commission members and had found it necessary to resign due to personal issues. He explained at the Tourism Commission's meeting last week they discussed Daugherty's resignation and wanted to recommend Neil Patel be appointed. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Wing, to accept Ruth Daugherty's resignation from the Rockaway Beach Tourism Commission; Doyle, Wing, Wilson, Riley and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried.

**APPOINT NEW  
TC MEMBER**

Mayor Aagaard said the Tourism Commission at their regular meeting on December 8, 2015, voted to recommend Neil Patel, a local business man and lodging operator, to fill the vacancy created by Ruth Daugherty's resignation. She added Neil Patel had expressed an interest in filling the vacancy. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Walhood, to appoint Neil Patel to the Rockaway Beach Tourism Commission; Wilson, Walhood, Wing Riley and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Doyle asked that a letter be sent to Daugherty thanking her.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Mayor Aagaard moved to executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) Evaluation of the Performance of a Public Employee at 6:46 p.m.

**REGULAR  
SESSION**

Mayor Aagaard reconvened regular session at 7:08 p.m. Riley made a motion, seconded by Wilson, acknowledging the evaluation of City Manager Lars Gare and approving based on evaluation to extend his contract for 1 year with a 3% increase effective January 1, 2016 and an additional week of vacation; Riley, Wilson, Wing, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

**CC COMMENTS**

Wilson and Wing wished everyone happy holidays. Riley stated when Walhood was appointed Mayor she wanted to clean up Seaview Lake and she was joined by Cliff Gunderman. He stated they had worked around the lake cutting brush and slowly it started taking shape. He stated now it was completed; the fountain was in and was lighted. He stated Walhood had gotten tables and park benches from the Lions Club and the High School. Riley said because of this he would like to have some plaques for Terry Walhood and Cliff Gunderman on the park benches. He stated he thought it would never happen, but it sure had and he wanted to recognize their efforts. Wing stated that was an excellent idea and all agreed. Walhood thanked Riley and the Council remarking that it had taken 3 years to clean up the lake.

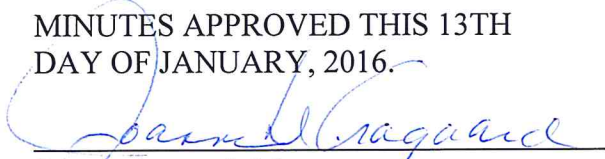
**MAYOR'S  
REPORT**

Mayor Aagaard announced the Fire Department was having a Christmas party that she would be unable to attend. She wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She agreed the plaques were a good idea.

**ADJOURN**

Riley made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn; Riley, Wilson, Wing, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Mayor Aagaard adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH  
DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

  
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Joanne Aagaard, Mayor

  
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Lars Gare, City Manager