

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Council President Sue Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were twenty (20) guests present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CONSENT CALENDAR Walhood made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to approve the consent calendar, the minutes of the January 11, 2017, regular City Council meeting and the January check register as presented: Walhood, Doyle, Wilson and Beeman voted in favor, Hayes abstained; motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT NON-AGENDA ITEMS Victor Troxel, 146 S. Hwy. 101, stated he was representing the merchants of downtown and was asking if the Kite Festival was going to happen and and if not, why. Steve Press, 269 S. Pacific St., read a letter he had prepared about the Kite Festival into the record.

Lanni High asked that the City Council consider allowing the Kite Festival on the Memorial Day weekend.

David Jeffers, 122 N. 3rd Ave., stated he had lived here for 2 years and there was a lot of gossip, which was normal in a small town so it was important to attend Council meetings as it was the best way to keep up on things. He stated Resolution No. 16-646 was approved last July, and had been posted for approximately 6 weeks since the June meeting had been cancelled. He stated the City does a good job and does not conduct business in secret.

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Gare introduced Nan Devlin, Visit Tillamook Coast Tourism Director. Devlin stated in November the City contracted with Visit Tillamook Coast to do their website and train some of the staff. She stated it had been going very well, and in Council packets she had a summary for them. She reported that the website went live on February 2. Devlin explained that previously the website had been predominantly black so she had changed that and went with blue and yellow so it was lighter and more appealing. She said they reviewed pricing in different visitors guides (she showed the guides the City was in) and that the City had its own section in Mile by Mile. She said she had also recommended 101 Things To Do as all were very valuable to visitors. She noted print ads could be very expensive so she wanted to help staff make those decisions. Devlin stated there had also been some tremendous activity in January with one of the videos.

She reported there had been an increase in followers on Facebook by 300 in January, Instagram had increased as well and Rockaway Beach had a lot of good photo ops. She stated she had media person from a Seattle ABC affiliate, who was the most popular radio personality in western Washington, and who would focus on Manzanita, Rockaway Beach and Pacific City. She stated she would be focusing on Washington State because they had 3 spring breaks and Portland could be cancelling theirs. Devlin announced that the marketing and communication grants went live and the deadline was March 31. She noted they could be used for private business, as well. Devlin stated she wanted to dispel a rumor that Tillamook Coast was giving up their branding and going with Travel Oregon. She stated that was not true Tillamook Coast's brand was working too well to change. She presented the website to the Council guiding them in how to use it.

STAFF REPORTS Melissa McCarthy, Parks & Recreation Director, announced that the Italian Dinner would be on March 4, from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. with tickets \$10.00 at the door. She said they would be serving lasagna, garlic bread, salad and ice cream for dessert. She added that it would be a big fundraiser and benefit to the Parks & Recreation Program.

Fire Chief Barry Mammano stated they had 17 members now. He reported in January the department had 145 man hours, 21 medical calls, 7 fire calls, one a false alarm, the other a transformer and then a couple of MVAs. He stated they had helped at the Polar Plunge and had a house donated on N. 6th Ave. that was being used for training purposes.

Police Chief Charlie Stewart reported the Department was up 50% this year in calls for service. He said included in these numbers were 4 DUII arrests. He stated on January 29 the Police Dept. held its 3rd Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and it was the best year with a total of 24 participants. He thanked Silver Sands Motel for hosting the event and said that he appreciated the Fire Department's help and the volunteers. Stewart said also on the evening of January 29 he held the Police Department Volunteer appreciation dinner. He thanked the International Police Museum for their support as they had donated half the cost of the dinner. He reported volunteers had contributed 209 hours in January. He stated February 6 – 19 officers would work overtime shifts to focus on seat belt use, speed limits and distracted driving. He noted they would be performing 4 exercises this year using funds obtained from an Oregon Impact Grant totaling \$2,780.00. He noted he was up to full staff and all were certified. He announced that Nehalem and Rockaway Beach Fire Departments were working on citizen response training the fee was \$40.00, scholarships were available and the contact was Lynda Holm.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard said the Department had a busy month with a lot of hours at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and despite a 36-hour loss of power they got generators out and kept rolling and were very happy to have the Plant up and running. He reported that the

timberland behind town and around the WTP was sold to Greenwood and that he had found out about the sale 2 weeks prior to the impoundment project beginning, but it turned out they were supportive of the project. Shepard stated they had a lot of contractors show up for the prebid meeting and should get some good bids next week. He stated the biggest resource of water was the Jetty Creek watershed and Greenwood was willing to look at the City's Water Management Conservation Plan and work with the City. He stated that the plan was being updated, because before there was 53% of the water unaccounted for, so they made an effort to correct the problem by replacing new lines and repairing leaks and have gotten that number down to 14% now. Shepard said there was still a lot of work to be done and there was approximately 50,000 lineal feet of concrete water mains and pipes that were put in over 50 years ago, that had reached the end of their useful life. He stated his focus for the next few years would be replacing and updating those pipes and it would be done as quickly as the budget allowed. He noted DEQ had stopped by the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a compliance inspection and all went well.

City Manager Lars Gare stated the WTP project, despite the weather, was complete; Shepard had gotten it done and it went very well. He added that he had gone to the WTP yesterday and he would recommend that everyone go and see the upgrades to the plant as it was capable of producing 1,000,000 gallons of water per day now. He stated the City had gotten a really good plant at a good price and he couldn't be happier with it. He suggested any City Councilor who wanted to go up and see the plant should as it might help to get their mind around the impoundment project. Gare announced that the audit was complete Dick Perdue would be at the March meeting to present the audit that had no significant issues. He stated he wanted to congratulate the Court Clerk upon improving what she does as she was looking at contempt of court for those who don't live up to their obligations that they clearly make, such as payment plans and penalties. He stated Becca Bay was not just holding court, but collecting as well and she should get kudos. Gare announced the Italian Dinner would be the first to get to use the completed kitchen. He said he would be coming back to the Council for an increase of the prices for the Civic Facility since the space had been improved. He reported the Polar Plunge was a success and it raised \$2,400.00, and the volunteer dinner was the same day and the fact that the museum donated 50% of the cost for the dinner showed good support. He stated overall the state of the City and its employees was very good and they had proven they could handle all that comes up. He said the City had good leadership. He stated the Police Department were highly professional as well as the Fire Department. Gare said he was happy with the quality of staff and they were doing a great job.

**APPROVAL OF
RES. NO. 17-649**

Wilson stated other jurisdictions in Tillamook County had passed similar resolutions for Equality Awareness Month and she thought it should be made official here. Gare noted it had been brought up at the last meeting.

Beeman made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to adopt Resolution No. 17-649, declaring the month of January 2017 as “Equality Awareness Month” in the City of Rockaway Beach; Beeman, Doyle, Walhood, Wilson and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

REAPPOINT TC MEMBERS

Wilson stated Commissioners Baumgart, Cheek and Patel required reappointment to the Tourism Commission. Gare stated they had all done an excellent job and Baumgart had been the leader. He stated Baumgart had gotten the City Nan Devlin and had been the right person at the right time. He stated Cheek was owner of Rick’s Roadhouse and Patel owned Tradewinds Motel and they were all good and smart and he recommended all three be reappointed. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Walhood, for reappointment of Tourism Commissioners Betty Baumgart, Penny Cheek and Neil Patel; Walhood, Doyle, Wilson, Beeman and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

RENEW TILLAMOOK PUD FRANCHISE

Wilson stated it was time to renew the franchise with Tillamook PUD to provide electrical service in the City. She stated the terms include a 5-year term and a 4% franchise fee paid by customers. Gare explained every 5-years the City needed to renew the agreement, it was the same agreement as before and it would not increase the franchise fee. He noted PUD was very responsive when the power goes out. Beeman made a motion, seconded by Walhood, to approve the renewal of the franchise agreement with Tillamook PUD; Beeman, Walhood, Doyle, Wilson and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.

CC COMMENTS

Hayes commended Shepard for reducing water loss to 14%. She stated she wanted to revisit the ordinance about the Wayside, she wanted it on the agenda and she thought she had a remedy for the parking. She asked how she would know when positions came available on the different committees and what the applications look like. Doyle pointed out that it was a resolution not an ordinance that was adopted restricting the use of the Wayside. Hayes stated she wanted proposed ordinances and resolutions posted online. She said she goes to a lot of meetings and looks a lot of stuff up online, but she can’t find the postings of the meetings for the City. It was pointed out by Gare and Walhood all the places the agendas were posted in town. Wilson stated with the exception of Hayes’ position everyone else on this Council was here and no one came from the Chamber and no one came to give testimony about the matter, so they had made a determination that was the resolution they had passed. She said Council didn’t pass the resolution to punish the Chamber or cancel the Kite Festival. She stated the kites on the beach was completely separate from the City. Wilson asked Hayes was it a Kite Festival or a vendor festival. Hayes replied to pay for the Kite Festival they had to have the vendors. Wilson asked then what would be the problem with using Miller St. Hayes stated that it would not work down Miller St. with no water or power. Wilson stated this would be put on the next agenda for discussion, but as it was right now the kites were on the beach and vendors on Miller St.

Beeman thanked Public Works for filling pot holes. Walhood said she was excited about the WTP and asked if the Nature Preserve was moving along. Shepard said that it was. Walhood announced that the community gardens were getting started on Front St. off of Washington St. Doyle said he hated that it was being said that the City had cancelled the Kite Festival when it did not, the kites could be on the beach and the vendors could be on Miller St. Hayes said the Chamber had to have the vendors to pay for the festival. Doyle commented that Lincoln City didn't allow their Wayside to be closed. Hayes said the City of Lincoln City paid for that kite festival.

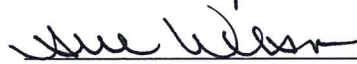
**ATTORNEY
COMMENTS**

City Attorney John Putman reported on the Choruby case stating the City was now formally involved.

ADJOURN

Walhood made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to adjourn; Walhood, Beeman, Doyle, Wilson and Hayes voted in favor; motion carried.
Council President Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 8TH
DAY OF MARCH, 2017.



Sue Wilson, Council President



Lars Garcia, City Manager