

City of Rockaway Beach City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor - Sue Wilson: Present
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Present
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Present
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Present
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Present
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Present

CONSENT AGENDA

Michel stated the minutes from March 16, 2020 City Council meeting were not ready for approval.

Walhood made motion, seconded by Beeman to approve the March 11, 2020 check register; motion carried.

Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Motion
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Disapprove
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ross Miles 2809 NE Stoughton Rd Washington had questions regarding the property 154 S. Pacific. His concerns reflected a seconded water meter needed at the property. Beeman addressed this situation may require more attention at a later time.

STAFF REPORTS

Shawn Vincent, Interim Fire Chief, mentioned drills were currently on a volunteer basis due to the COVID-19. He said call volumes were down. He stated nothing has changed regarding responses from the fire station. He addressed information regarding the COVID-19 testing and the procedure the Fire Departments following to keep the station maintained and sanitized.

Charlie Stewart, Chief of Police, stated that the Rockaway Beach Police Department had implemented all reasonable steps needed to protect the officers and the community. During the pandemic he said this included closing the Police Department office to the public and nonessential personnel beginning 03/13/2020, requiring personal protective equipment (PPE) for the officers, disinfecting the office as needed, and conducting temperature checks before reporting to duty or entering the office. He said they had been able to maintain their 24-hour coverage through an on-call rotation. He said if there were any questions or comments regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic and the impact on the agency, please feel free to contact him. He stated that throughout the State of Oregon law enforcement agencies were monitoring the potential for an increase in crime. He stated as of last week, they have seen a steady increase in burglaries, theft, and unauthorized entry into motor vehicles. He stated this had also been noted in other areas in Tillamook County, as Chief Wright released a statement regarding the increase, in the City of Tillamook. He mentioned he heard many comments regarding out of state license plates within our community. He said there are exemptions to the restrictions in place and just because a vehicle does not have an Oregon license plate does not mean they don't have the right to be in the area. He stated they are honored to be able to continue to serve the community during these trying times. He asked everyone to please be safe, healthy, and watch out for one another.

Luke Shepard, Public Works Director, mentioned his department had also made changes to the way they operate due to COVID-19. He provided an update on the water project, he said they had about two weeks left until completion, and the project would likely come in under budget. He stated they had been working on the budget for next year and sewer would be the only fund with a significant capital outlay project. He said both water and roads would see a significant decrease in capital expenditures for next year. He informed the Council that an employee had left the City, he would be leaving the position unfilled until the effects of COVID-19 on revenues could be determined.

David Elkins, Emergency Manager, provided an update about the radio classes and that they had a record of 49 people that participated. He stated he had been spending quiet a lot of time with Gordan McGraw. He said there were 230 volunteer hours for March.

Terri Michel, City Manager, mentioned City Hall employees had been working from home while only one person at a time would be in the office working. He said she had postponed the Budget Meeting until everyone could be together to evaluate the proposed budget. She stated the City would not be hiring another City Hall employee. She spoke with Cannon Beach City Manager about their ADA beach access point and determined it was too expensive and ineffective, and a better option would be to have Public Works replenish the sand at the Wayside Beach access much more frequently.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

Wilson stated that two applications for the Budget Committee had been received. Mary McGinnis and Larry Turpen submitted applications. Michel would like to point out that Mary McGinnis was currently on the Planning Commission and does an excellent job, she feels she would be a good addition. Penny Cheek said Mary is a very thorough person, she researches information and is very informed. Cheek feels that she would be a fit with the Budget Committee and would be an asset. Cheek said unfortunately she didn't know Mr. Turpen. Beeman stated he feels Mary would be an excellent edition, and he doesn't know Mr. Turpen personally. Walhood said she would like to recommend Mary; she had gone to several Planning Commission meetings and has seen how Mary handles situations. Walhood stated she didn't

know Mr. Turpen and hopefully she would get to know him more.

Cheek made a motion, seconded by Walhood, to accept Mary McGinnis as a member of the Budget Committee; motion carried.

Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Motion
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: 2nd
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2020

Wilson read the Proclamation for National Police Week 2020.

Hayes made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to accept the Proclamation for National Police Week 2020; motion carried.

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Motion
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2 - Tom Martine: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Beeman stated he appreciated everyone adapting to this new way of doing things and hoped everyone is staying safe. Cheek said she would like to thank all the volunteers. Walhood stated she would like to commend the Rockaway Beaches Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, the Emergency Manager, and the rest of the City for all the work they had been doing as a result of COVID-19. Martine stated everyone within the county is doing a great job keeping their distance. Hayes said thank you to all the departments and staff that have been working so hard. She mentioned a volunteer Fire Department staff member had been making masks for others and she thought that was terrific. She addressed concerns about the survival of small business in town. She mentioned financial concerns for the Fire Department and Police Department next year. She stated she wished she already had a budget book to review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Wilson said stay home stay safe.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Putman provided an update on the matter that was discussed in the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Hayes made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to adjourn at 7:03 PM; motion carried.

Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Motion
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: 2nd
Position #1 - Nathan Beeman: Approve
Position #2- Tom Martine: Approve
Position #3 - Kristine Hayes: Approve
Position #4 - Terry Walhood: Approve
Position #5 - Penelope Cheek: Approve

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 13TH
DAY OF MAY, 2020.


Mayor, Sue Wilson


Pro Tem City Manager, Luke Shepard