

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Council President Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were ten (10) guests present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Present: 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. Absent: Mayor Joanne Aagaard.

CONSENT CALENDAR Riley asked if the Councilors had any questions or corrections. Wing made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to approve the consent calendar, the minutes of the December 16, 2015 regular City Council meeting and the December 2015 check register as presented; Wing, Wilson, Walhood, Doyle and Riley voted in favor; motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT NON-AGENDA ITEMS Julian McCassey, 8305 Stark, expressed his support of the 3% tax on the sale of marijuana items.

PRESENTATIONS, GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

STAFF REPORTS Fire Chief Barry Mammano reported that the Department had a quiet month with 11 medical calls and 2 fire alarms both at the Manhattan Condos. He stated they had 2 new members and a cadet who had graduated had joined. He reported both fire trucks had passed the pump testing. He stated Santa had come and there were 50 kids in attendance. He noted the cadets had worked very hard helping people in the flood. He gave a summary of numbers of medical calls, fire calls, MVAs, water rescues, and fire alarm calls between 2012 and 2015.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard reported that they had been busy over the past few weeks because of a series of storms that hit last month. He stated shortly after the storms he put together a damage assessment and came up with over a dozen projects or areas of town that needed attention. He said some examples included the Lake Lytle Estates area and the water treatment plant, waterline repairs, and road replacement. He reported that all but two of the projects were done one being the water treatment plant and the other a 100' section of NE 12th Ave. on the east side of the bridge that needed repairs. Shepard stated so far the work had been under the cost estimates for all the repairs and they were on schedule. He stated staff was doing everything they could to get reimbursement funds from FEMA and were prepared to handle the expense if the City didn't receive

any assistance. He reported that tomorrow he would be submitting the grant for the kitchen upgrades. He stated next month the City would have all the permits needed for the Nature Preserve project then the City would be able to apply for some projects, and it would be a shovel ready project. He reported he had been working with ODOT to get the crosswalk back at Washington St. and had been told ODOT was going to require some enhancements such as sidewalks, curb ramps and/or a flashing light. He added that his crew was doing the annual Christmas tree pick up, so just let City Hall know. Doyle asked if ODOT would take care of the lighting or crosswalk at Washington Street. Shepard stated ODOT wouldn't allow a crosswalk without enhancements and he was unsure about funding. He noted ODOT had a quick fix committee for things like this.

Officer George Deyarmond reported the Department had done a mental health training. He stated Chief Stewart was attending an executive training in Seaside. He stated they were finishing up the details of the Polar Plunge event at the Silver Sands Motel and interested parties could go to the website for details. He announced the open house on January 19, for the police museum. Deyarmond said he had heard some interest in establishing a neighborhood watch and if anyone else was interested they should contact Chief Stewart.

City Manager Lars Gare reported in the aftermath of the flood, part of what was being done were damage assessments and declarations and the City was waiting for the County to give a date for when all the communities would get together and compile damage assessments. He said he had no specifics, but he would let the Council know when he did. He stated Shepard had talked a little about the kitchen upgrades, but also the City had received the back bar last year and in addition to that staff was also doing some other things such as the purchase of an electric projection screen, a computer projector and had upgraded the Wi-Fi in the building for presentations. He added it was not just the kitchen upgrade it was a facility upgrade and hopefully it would help to attract new groups. Gare said the League of Oregon Cities was having their budget meeting in the facility and the word would spread. He remarked that the Nature Preserve project was rolling as well and staff would be going to Oregon State Parks & Recreation for funding and had turned in the letter of intent last week. He reported the City was getting a new website that would be hosted by Gov Office. He reported the Planning Commission had met last night about the rip rap on the property at 211 S. 6th Ave. and the meeting had been continued to January 26, 2016. He cautioned the Council on ex parte contact should the matter come to them.

**2ND READING OF
PROPOSED ORD.**

Riley stated at the December City Council meeting members of the Council discussed this issue and a first reading of the ordinance that puts this proposed tax on the ballot for November's General Election was accomplished. Gare noted that the third item in the recital, the dates, had been changed appropriately. City Attorney John Putman pointed out the first reading was done with corrected dates. Wing made a motion.

seconded by Wilson, to perform the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 15-426 by title only; Wing, Wilson, Riley, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Gare performed the second reading by title only.

**ADOPTION OF
ORD. NO. 15-426**

Riley stated following this second reading, the Council may approve the ordinance. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to adopt Ordinance No. 15-426 an ordinance of the City of Rockaway Beach imposing a 3% tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer and referring ordinance; amending the Rockaway Beach Code of Ordinances Chapter 34 and repealing all ordinances or code sections inconsistent therewith; Wilson, Doyle, Wing Riley and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried.

**DISCUSS PLEDGE
AMT. TO LITTLE
LEAGUE FIELD**

Gare explained the history of the previous presentation to the Council where John Isbell asked the Council for a contribution for developing a little league baseball playing field. He further explained that this would allow for more Council discussion and a motion if they should choose to pledge funds. Wilson asked at what point in time the pledge would take effect. Gare stated he didn't know how far the project had come along. He suggested the Council could pledge a certain amount, \$1,000.00, and make it contingent on approved plans or whatever they wanted. Wing felt they should support the kids and thought \$1,000.00 was a little small. Gare stated that the City didn't have anything budgeted for it, so if the Council wanted to do more he would have to scrounge. He pointed out that the Council didn't have to do it all in this budget year and could pledge in the next budget. Wing suggested they pledge \$1,000.00 now and maybe more in the next fiscal year. David Jeffers 122 N. 3rd Ave., announced that the Lions Club was having a chili feed at noon on February 13 and a pancake breakfast was scheduled sometime in April. John Isbell, 8800 Marions Trail, Manzanita, thanked the Council stating that this was important to the kids and that he had raised \$14,300.00. He said he was working with Rosenberg Builder Supply and Manzanita Lumber and should have the field done by March 25 of this year when practice starts. He stated it would bring people to the City and would encourage others to come and use the field and spend money. Gare stated the City could only pledge \$1,000.00 this fiscal year, but could pledge another \$1,000.00 in the next fiscal year. Wing made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to pledge \$1,000.00 to the Little League Baseball field proposed by Neah-Kah-Nie Youth Athletics this fiscal year and \$1,000.00 more in the next fiscal year; Wing, Wilson, Riley, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

Gare stated when the flood occurred on December 8, staff was very busy collecting data and when the water levels started to recede and staff looked at the costs it was clear the Council needed to approve an emergency declaration for the City. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 16-642 declaring an emergency as a result of the

flood event of December 8, 2015; Doyle, Wilson, Wing, Riley and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried.

CC COMMENTS

Wilson said she was glad to see the City getting back to normal after a traumatic month and she hoped there would be no more problems this winter. She stated the City had been very responsive to her needs and she was pleased with the response. Wing concurred saying the City had done a good job and she thanked everyone for their hard work. Walhood agreed stating citizens had commented in the same manner.

ADJOURN

Wilson made a motion, seconded by Wing, to adjourn; Wilson, Wing, Riley, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Riley adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 10TH
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.



Joanne Aagaard, Mayor



Lars Gare, City Manager