

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Aagaard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were eleven (11) guests present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Joanne Aagaard, Council President Sue Wilson, Councilors: Jim Doyle, Myrna Riley, Terry Walhood, and Jonathan Beeman. 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 Wilson made a motion, seconded by Beeman, to approve the consent calendar, the minutes of the September 14, 2016, regular City Council meeting and the September 2016 check register as presented; Wilson, Beeman, Riley, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Doyle question the money spent for Portland Bride and Groom. City Manager Lars Gare explained it was for advertising of the Civic Facility.

CITIZEN INPUT NON-AGENDA ITEMS Nan Devlin, Tourism Director for Tillamook County, stated that Commissioner Baertlein wanted to have a focus group on TRT impacts and how to invest the TLT money. She stated he was looking for big ideas, big and long term projects. She announced there would be a meeting to discuss this and get ideas on November 15, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Facility.

Cindy Martin Shaw, 8840 Adah Hidy Street, invited everyone to a candidate forum next Monday, October 17 at Kendra's on Hwy. 53 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kristine Hayes, 663 S. Beacon Street, stated the Chamber had requested a meeting with the Mayor and City Manager since the resolution was passed not allowing festivals on holiday weekends and it had been 3 months and she had yet to get an answer. Mayor Aagaard stopped Hayes and told her she had only received Hayes' request last week. Hayes stated she had received an email back asking what the meeting would be about. She stated the Kite Festival couldn't be moved, the kilters couldn't change the date. Mayor Aagaard pointed out that she had to work. Hayes stated she had vendors asking her. Mayor Aagaard suggested Hayes send a letter to the City Council with her concerns. Hayes asked about meeting with City Manager. City Manager Gare stated he worked for the City Council and he would not meet with Hayes without the Council.

PRESENTATIONS, None.
GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF REPORTS Park & Recreation Director Melissa McCarty reported she would have two Halloween parties one is for everyone on Friday, October 28 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Civic Facility and the other for kids 12 and under on Saturday, October 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She mentioned the Holiday Gift Fair would be in November. She stated if anyone had ideas for events, please let her know.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard reported that Public Works had made it through another summer and in looking over the Public Works budget and it was right where it should be. He stated winter was quickly approaching and it looked like the first storm would arrive tomorrow. He stated crews were on standby if needed. He reported that the City had a new water conservation plan coming out in December and a water source protection plan that would be out around the same time. He reported that Tillamook Economic Development Council (EDC) would be gifting the City 8 new custom built holiday power pole light displays and with the 7 the City already had it would bring the total count to 15. Shepard stated he had been working with PUD to work on the logistics for getting new service disconnects installed for the new displays. He said the plan was to install 15 new service disconnects, standoff and mounting brackets, so it would be a tight schedule to get it all done by Thanksgiving. He stated Tillamook EDC would also be providing the City with 5 new lighted tree displays for use in the Wayside that were standalone units ranging in height from 9 to 15 feet. He reported next week he would meet with the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon DEQ to go over the results of the health department's beach monitoring program. He noted they were the ones who had issued the health advisory for the bacteria levels on Saltair Creek. He stated he also would have a meeting with FEMA and Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) to go over the last remaining FEMA project, which were some culvert replacements on Rock Creek. Shepard added that he also would have a preconstruction meeting next week for the Water Treatment Plant project, which was scheduled to begin December 5, 2016.

Police Chief Charlie Stewart reported preparing for the weekend storm and were hoping for a milder one than last year. He stated the Officers were in class today for explosives. He said he was happy with the donations that had come in and had ordered trauma bags and that he was still working out where he would get the ballistic shields as they were in high demand and would take 8-10 weeks to receive. He said he had received a Department of Justice grant so he could replace vests and it saved money. Stewart announced he had set a date for the Polar Plunge of January 31, 2017, it would be in front of the Silver Sands Motel, probably after 10:00 a.m. He thanked the volunteers who had put in over 200 hours a month plus they do extra for the Polar Plunge and National Night Out. He asked people to be good neighbors and if someone sees something unusual contact City staff.

Gare stated as Shepard had mentioned the Christmas lights were part of the Village Lights concept being done throughout the County and could be left up through the entire winter season. He thanked Tillamook EDC for the lights, now the City had to work through the PUD issues. He announced the Holiday Gift Fair was coming up soon. He said it had been a good tourism season, and the amount of TRT collected was way over what was estimated. He stated there were issues with how it could be spent. He noted that the City could always look at increasing the tax from 9% to 10%. Gare reported the City had a great summer McCarty had done a very good job with the program and received lots of donations, Public Works did well even with little water, the Beautification Committee did a nice job with the appearance of the City, the Police Department did well and so did the Fire Department. He added that there was some bad weather on the way, but the Police Department and Fire Department were ready for it. He complimented Chief Stewart for how he ran the Department. He stated Stewart had started as an officer and this was his first time as a Chief, he was an addict for training and left nothing to chance and was an excellent leader. He stated Stewart was adept at hiring so he had a close-knit group of guys that work well together and with the support of the Council they were very successful. Mayor Aagaard agreed.

**APPROVE SVC.
CONTRACT FOR
FY 2016-2017**

Mayor Aagaard stated the Council in September approved the plan and budget prepared by Tillamook Coast as recommended by the Tourism and Commission. She added this agreement puts Tillamook Coast under contract to execute the plan and budget. Gare stated last month the Council had the plan and now they have the contract and he was asking for their approval for \$65,000.00 to have Visit Tillamook execute this marketing plan. He added that it would enable the City to get more bang for the buck because Visit Tillamook had a lot of mini contracts to help implement the plan. Gare explained the City had the money to execute an effective plan and as time progressed the City could have its own mini contracts and it could piggy back with Visit Tillamook. He said basically it would streamline the process. Mayor Aagaard said she was on Tourism Advisory Commission and they see all the advertising being done and it was amazing. Doyle made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to approve the contract for advertising services between the City and Tillamook Coast for fiscal year 2016/2017; Doyle, Wilson, Beeman, Riley and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried.

Mayor Aagaard announced that she would convene executive session at 6:34 p.m. and stated the rules surrounding such sessions. She reconvened regular session at 6:55 p.m.

CC COMMENTS

None.

**MAYOR'S
REPORT**

Mayor Aagaard stated she had heard a couple of rumors around town in the last 3 weeks the first being that she made \$56,000.00 a year then it went up to \$62,000.00 as mayor, but that was not true. She added that she wished the political forum could have been in Rockaway Beach.

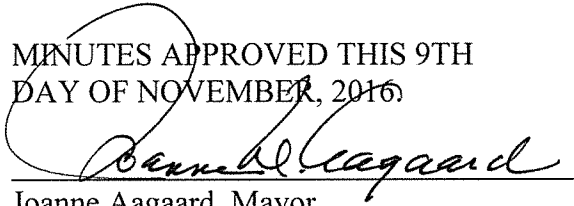
**ATTORNEY
COMMENTS**

City Attorney John Putman said it was his understanding a stipend was what the Mayor and Council received and asked the amount of the stipend. Wilson said Councilors received \$50.00 a month minus taxes. Mayor Aagaard said she received get \$100.00 a month minus taxes. Putman stated he was waiting for a general judgement of dismissal on the Tai Dang case.

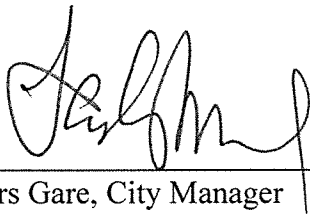
ADJOURN

Wilson made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to adjourn; Wilson, Doyle, Beeman, Riley and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried. Mayor Aagaard adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 9TH
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016



Joanne Aagaard, Mayor



Lars Gare, City Manager