

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 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, 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: Council President Rich Riley.

CONSENT CALENDAR Mayor Aagaard asked for any comments, questions or corrections to the minutes or check register. Walhood made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to approve the consent calendar, the minutes of the September 9, 2015, regular City Council meeting and the September check register as indicated; Walhood, Wilson, Wing and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT NON-AGENDA ITEMS John Goertzen, 907 Breaker Ave., stated he lived next to Ed Hart Park. He said he was in attendance to ask for the Council's assistance with the Park. He expressed his concern with the lack of care it was receiving. He provided the Council a copy of his handout. Goertzen said the neighbors were asking for help again and had a list of concerns that were safety issues. He encouraged Council members to visit the park to see for themselves and to support the letter they were asking the City Council to send to County Parks. He thanked staff and the police for their help and thanked the Council for listening to him. Wing said she and Barbara Trout were on the board and hadn't been aware of the situation. She stated she would make Del Schleichert aware of the problems.

John Isbell, 8800 Mariners Trail, Nehalem, stated he was in the process of developing a Little League Field in behind the School District Office. He stated currently there was no field for Little League and they had to use the girls' softball field, which didn't fit their needs. He said they'd like to have it in Rockaway Beach because it was centrally located. Isbell said the most important thing was that he was here to ask for assistance in funding the field. He stated the field would cost \$22,400.00, and he had raised close to \$12,000.00, but had a shortfall of \$11,400.00. He said they could ask other teams to come here to play and it would reduce travel time for parents and it would bring business revenue. He stated he was present just to ask for some financial support. Wilson questioned the liability to the City. Isbell explained the school would carry the insurance so it wouldn't put the City at risk and they would work with the City Attorney. Wing asked Gare if the City had any discretionary funds. Gare said yes, the City could certainly donate \$1,000.00. Mayor Aagaard said the Council would take it under advisement and let Isbell know their decision.

Penny Cheek, 329 S. 2nd Ave., said she was present to thank the City, the Council, the Mayor, Gare and all the people who had made the Race of Champions happen. She said the Police Department had been wonderful, the 1st Responders had been out every year to help, and the Garibaldi Fire Department had a truck at Barview Jetty to help with the fun run. She noted that unfortunately they had lost the Field Director, so they had a District Manager for Special Olympics, Kelly Coats, who came in at the last minute and saved them. Cheek said Coats had helped get licenses and she had provided some figures, but said they were not firm as there were more donations coming in. She reported they had \$9,651.00 in donations from sponsors and they had one check for \$250.00 that hadn't come in yet so it would come up to \$9,901.00. She noted they had received approximately \$2,500.00-\$3,000.00 in in-kind donations so that brought the total up to about \$12,000.00. Cheek thanked everyone for what they had done. Mayor Aagaard pointed out that all the money raised would go to assist the Special Olympics in Tillamook County.

Harry Alston, 130 NE 20th Ave., stated he was in attendance to show his support to repaint Karla Steinhauser's mural that was once on the exterior wall of the Cow Belle where it had been for 20-30 years. He said he was willing to help do whatever it took to get the mural back. Walhood described who was already involved and what had been done so far.

PRESENTATIONS, None.
GUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF REPORTS Fire Chief Barry Mammano reported they had a slow month and were down to 10 members. He reported they had 94 man hours, 42 medical calls, 10 fire calls, 11 water rescues, and they had helped Penny Cheek with the Race of Champions. Wilson asked how many cadets they had. Mammano stated 4 and one would be ready in 2 months to join the Department.

Police Chief Stewart reported he was working toward filling the needed staff positions and hoped to get someone in the academy by February. He stated he had been getting good reports on Officer Deyarmond's training, he had passed his mid-term with a 95% and was expected to graduate December 11. He reported Officer Rondeau's training was progressing nicely and thanked him and the volunteers for their support during this transition phase. He stated they continue to work with the School District on the implementation of the Standard Response Protocol model for school safety. Stewart said he would be at the High School tonight for the Emergency Preparedness Fair. He thanked citizens for their active participation in making the community safe. He noted the partnership with the citizens was a key piece to reducing criminal activity in the City. He reminded that Halloween was at the end of the month and to be safe on the roadway.

Public Works Director Shepard reported that the City was awarded the grant for the Nature Preserve. He stated staff had put in a lot of time and energy with the most intense being the wetland delineation and getting it to the Department of State Lands (DSL). He reported the City had received the letter of concurrence from DSL, so the City could now get the design done. Shepard said he would work with the engineer and the Army Corps and hopefully at the end have a good design and a good estimate. He stated he hoped to have that completed by March 2016 so the City could then look to Oregon State Parks & Recreation (OPRD) for a trail grant and possibly request Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) funds again. He reported the Water Treatment Plant Impoundment Project had crossed another hurdle and it looked as though there was a really good chance that it would get funded. He said he would know in the next few months and they could see things start to happen as soon as November. Shepard stated that most of the things for the improvements to the Civic Facility kitchen Phase 1 would be the installation of the range and venting system and then new shelving, a microwave and he hoped to get another TLT grant for the remainder of the improvements. He reported that right before they were to put in the fountain at Seaview Lake someone ran into the electrical pedestal and it had to be pulled and have an electrician fix it. Aagaard asked when the kitchen would be done. Shepard said he hoped it would be up and running by March. Wilson asked where the signage would be going, if it would be in the parking area or in the Preserve. Shepard replied signs would be in the Nature Preserve and the parking area.

Gare explained that the City had done everything necessary in order to ask for funds from OPRD. He stated staff was shooting for the kitchen to be done by March because of the Italian Dinner. He announced the auditor would be in City Hall October 26-October 28. He stated there should be no glitches as Finance Officer Marni Johnston was doing well. He reported for Park & Recreation Director Laurie DeKlyen in her absence that Family Hoops Night had started this week from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., the Halloween costume party at the Community Center was October 31st from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for kids up to 12 years old, and she would be doing the concessions at the Holiday Gift Fair on November 27 and November 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and was asking for volunteers. Gare reported that yesterday the Tourism Commission had their annual merchants meeting which was well attended. He said treats were provided by one business, Brandon Parmley gave a presentation and Betty Baumgart did a great job with organizing the meeting. He stated TRT was up because advertising was paying off, it was a great summer and hopefully it would continue. He stated the Commission handed out bags with maps and tide tables at the meeting. He said he had heard from people whose businesses were not on the maps and not all would be on the map because it was designed for tourist destinations of interest and it's the businesses responsibility to get the information to the City. Gare stated the map was free and if a business wanted to be on it, they should contact Tillamook Design and Marketing. He noted it was basically for lodging, retail, and

eateries. He gave kudos to the Police Department who had made it through the summer with 2 officers. He thanked Chief Stewart for his efforts. He stated staff was working to put the final touches on the emergency plan, it had been written and needed to be brought to the Council.

**APPROVAL OF
RES. NO. 15-640**

Mayor Aagaard stated since the City was successful in securing grant funds from the Tillamook County Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Grant Program the adoption of this resolution would be necessary. She explained this resolution would allow the City to receive the grant funds and appropriate fund expenditure for the Tillamook County Coast Old Growth Forest Project, the Nature Preserve. Gare stated this is the resolution Shepard had mentioned about the funding received from Tillamook EDC where the City had requested \$28,400.00 and were awarded that amount. Walhood made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to adopt Resolution No. 15-640, to receive grant funds and appropriate fund expenditures for the Tillamook Old Growth Forest Project to be constructed in the Nature Preserve; Walhood, Doyle, Wing and Wilson voted in favor; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF
RES. NO. 15-641**

Mayor Aagaard explained adoption of this resolution would transfer funds from General Fund Capital Outlay to Project Equipment and Reserve Fund Capital Outlay. Gare further explained that currently in the budget approved under Administration was the Nature Preserve capital project which staff was going to move to Project and Equipment Reserve. He stated there had been \$41,000.00, but now staff wanted to add \$28,400.00 so it could be used for future Nature Preserve development if the City needed more money or it may be needed more for the kitchen. He added getting it out of the General Fund and into Project and Equipment Reserve was appropriate. Wilson made a motion, seconded by Wing, to approve Resolution No. 15-641, to transfer appropriation authority from General Fund Capital Outlay to Project and Equipment Reserve Capital Outlay to support future grant funding requirements; Wilson, Wing, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

CC COMMENTS

Wilson state they had the Tourism Commission Merchants Meeting and it was good. She said they had invited everyone to come to these, but everyone was also welcome to come to the Tourism Commission meetings which were on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Walhood mentioned the next Council meeting was on Veterans Day. She stated the Beautification Committee would be doing the décor and preparing for the lighting of the tree and would have Santa there. She stated they are asking the merchants who face Hwy. 101 to put mini lights around their windows. Doyle said he had seen information about recreational marijuana and asked if there would be a tax that would go into place in the City.

Gare said the next Council meeting was on a holiday, so the Council needed to vote on which day to set the meeting. Wing made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to change the next meeting to November 18, 2015;

Wing, Doyle, Walhood and Wilson voted in favor; motion carried. John Putman noted he would not be available for that meeting.

ADJOURN

Wilson made a motion, seconded by Wing, to adjourn; Wilson, Wing, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Mayor Aagaard adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 18TH
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.



Joanne Aagaard, Mayor



Lars Gare, City Manager