

CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Aagaard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. There were nine (9) guests present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Joanne Aagaard, Council President Rich Riley, Councilors Sue Wilson, Terry Walhood and James Doyle. Also present: City Manager Lars Gare, City Attorney John Putman, Public Works Director Luke Shepard, Fire Chief Barry Mammano and Police Chief Ed Wortman. Absent: Councilor Mardi Wing.

CONSENT CALENDAR Riley made a motion, seconded by Doyle, to approve the consent calendar, including the minutes of the November 12, 2014, regular City Council meeting and the November 2014, check register as presented; Riley, Doyle, Wilson and Walhood voted in favor; motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT
NON-AGENDA
ITEMS** None.

**PRESENTATIONS,
GUESTS & AN-
NOUNCEMENTS** Gare introduced Nan Devlin the new Tillamook Coast Tourism Director to the Council saying she was in attendance to introduce herself and to explain her job. Devlin stated she had just started her job on Monday. She explained her job would be to promote tourism in the County and the individual towns within the County as well. She said her intent was to increase the socio-economic environment for businesses and to concentrate on the shoulder seasons such as spring and fall. She talked about the creation of a subcommittee that would work on the development of tourism facilities and the availability of community grants as a result of the recently enacted Transient Lodging Tax. She noted she was currently creating a strategic marketing plan. She stated she was open to peoples input and ideas and encouraged them to contact her.

**APPOINT TC
POSITIONS** Mayor Aagaard announced that Tourism Commission positions #1 and #2 had terms that were ending December 31, 2014. She stated there were three applicants and ballots were provided for the Council. Gare said he and the City Attorney would tally the votes. Mayor Aagaard said applicants were Steve Bauer, Kylie Poklikuha and Ann Swain who all live in Rockaway Beach. Gare announced that there was no tie and Steve Bauer and Kylie Poklikuha would fill the positions.

**ACCEPT THE
DONATION OF
PROPERTY** Mayor Aagaard reminded the Council that at their last meeting there had been a motion that the City offer to accept the donation of private property from Camp Magruder and Twin Rocks Friends Camp, and that the transfer be properly documented and recorded. City Attorney John Putman stated he had followed the Council's direction and along with Steve Remington

of Camp Magruder and City Manager Lars Gare he had moved forward with the perceived exchange of property and had created a deed to transfer the property officially. He explained there had been no formal offer previously and only a presumed acceptance. He stated he had given a copy of the deed he had prepared to Camp Magruder in the form of how the City would accept the property. He said he had received no communication from Steve Remington regarding this matter and the Council had received a copy of his letter to Remington. Riley stated that at the time the Council asked Putman to prepare a deed they had no idea that Camp Magruder wanted to be reimbursed for the taxes they had paid. Putman pointed out that it was not his decision to make; it was up to the City Council and City Manager to make that decision. He noted that both parties were at fault to some degree. He stated the formalities were not observed previously and the other side had been paying the taxes for the last 8-10 years, which should have prompted someone to contact the City. He added that this was a City decision because it was a budgetary matter. Riley stated that when the Council said to accept the property they didn't realize there was a debt attached. Putman stated that it was not a debt, but it had been pointed out that the City's sign was on the property, so he had urged Remington to contact the City Manager. Doyle asked Gare if Remington had spoken to him. Gare replied not since this letter was sent. Council discussed the taxes Camp Magruder had paid. Gare said his thought was that it could be said that either side did not take action, but the Camp was donating the property so he didn't see that the City should have to pay for 10 years of property taxes. He recommended the Council not vote on the matter and allow him to do more negotiating. Riley didn't see how they could make a decision on this until Gare had come back to them with some additional information. Gare pointed out that the sliver of property that had the City sign on it did have some value to the City. Wilson remarked that she didn't want this to get buried. Putman stated it was probably not unusual that he hadn't heard anything from Camp Magruder since he believes main organizations are generally out of the area and that they may have given the deed to their attorney. The matter was tabled by Council consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Aagaard moved the meeting into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

She reconvened regular session at 7:02 p.m. Riley made a motion, seconded by Wilson, approving a 3% increase to the City Manager's salary beginning January 1, 2015; Riley, Wilson, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief Barry Mammano reported the Department had a lighter month with 23 medical calls, 3 cadet drills, 5 fire alarm calls and the Holiday Gift Fair raffle. He stated they had reviewed new SOPs and had installed a new man door in the Fire Hall. Wilson pointed out repeat calls to a single address and asked where they were with attaching some sort of penalty for those instances. Mammano said he talked to Gare about it and they could

charge for fire alarms, but not for medical calls. Gare commented that medical calls are hard to charge for because if someone feels their sick enough to call 911, the Fire Dept. can't charge them. Wilson wanted to collect on repeated fire alarm calls. Gare believed the City needed an ordinance to enforce that issue. He asked Putman to develop this request as part of the nuisance ordinance. He said he and Putman and would work on it together.

Police Chief Ed Wortman wished everyone a good and safe holiday season and invited them to the volunteer dinner on January 15, 2015, at the Lakeside Hideaway Restaurant. He announced that they were planning on dedicating the new Police Station spaces on February 20, 2015, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. He asked people to mark their calendars for the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on Saturday, February 7, 2015, on the beach in front of the Silver Sands Motel. He stated the Rockaway Beach Police would again be featured on the back of the Special Olympics 2015 Torch Run T-shirt in recognition of the support of Special Olympics. He reported the call load continued to be about normal for this time of year, up 4% from last. Wortman reported the volunteers had handled 76 telephone calls and 83 walk-in clients in November and had contributed 2,268 hours of service during the first 11 months of 2014. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Public Works Director Luke Shepard reported they had begun their annual battle to keep the Christmas tree lit at the Wayside. He thanked the Beautification Committee and Terry Walhood for getting things set up for the tree lighting event. He stated he was getting the bid pack together for the waterline project in January so that it could be done in February. He said once the bid was selected he would contact the businesses that would be affected by the project and the City would work with them to try to minimize any inconveniences. Shepard stated he had handed out the draft Wastewater Master Plan (WWMP) to the Council and hopefully the engineer would be here at the next meeting to discuss this with the City Council. He said he then would like to bring both the Water Master Plan and WWMP to the Council for adoption. He reported that the levels of TTHMs in the water were good and thanked the Council for approving the sandfilters as it had made a huge improvement. He stated there had been a renewed interest in the impoundment project so he would be meeting with some other agencies to further discuss the matter. He stated the City had budgeted for the match to do the project. Shepard noted that there would be pretty significant benefits to the watershed with that project. He reported that he had applicants for the utility worker position, but he wasn't going to rush the process. He stated repairs to get the Seaview Lake fountain going was next and then he would look at whether that project could be completed this year or whether it would go into the summer.

City Manager Lars Gare wished the City Council a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their support. He reported that the Holiday Gift Fair was

a huge success as was the tree lighting. He stated eventually Public Works would figure out the optimal size for a tree at the Wayside, so the tree can handle the weather and the crew can handle the tree. He said Public Works and the Beautification Committee did a great job decorating and preparing for the events. Gare reported the Fire Hall man door was installed in 2 days and it was a big improvement with not having to open the bay doors and the wear and tear on them. He stated the TTHM results was as a result of talking to the contractor and working with them to handle the organics in the system. He noted the Council approving the 50% match so that there was no litigation was a huge matter. He said it enabled Public Works to take part of the membranes out and pin them and send them back to the manufacturer whereas the cost of replacing them would have been a much bigger cost than the \$100,000.00 spent. He gave kudos to the Beautification Committee for their work on decorating the City and City Hall. He stated it looked very good, made everyone who lived here feel good and the people who visited, too. Gare announced there would be a recognition of the volunteers in January and asked the Council to join the party.

CC COMMENTS Wilson wished everyone Happy Holidays. Walhood thanked everyone who helped with the lighting of the tree; Officer Jake McNeilly, Michael Simpson, Steve Bauer, Public Works and the lights on the train depot and Sugar Brosius for taking pictures. Riley said he had a wonderful time in Puerto Vallarta. He thanked the citizens who know that they have a handicapped son and all who are so kind to Kelly. He said they were so grateful. Doyle said he had a citizen ask him about directional signs off Hwy. 101 and Wortman had told him the State handled that. He asked if he should call the State about the signs. Gare replied yes.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Aagaard said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She stated she would not be here as she was leaving Saturday for Denmark.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS Putman wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He remarked on his daughter's swimming and that she had broken a breast stroke record by 3 minutes.

ADJOURN Riley made a motion, seconded by Wilson, to adjourn; Riley, Wilson, Walhood and Doyle voted in favor; motion carried. Mayor Aagaard adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 14TH
DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.

Joanne Aagaard, Mayor

Lars Gare, City Manager