

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

29592 ELLENSBURG AVE

GOLD BEACH OR 97444

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660(1)(i) (To follow reg meeting)

CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR POPOFF AT 6:30 p.m.:

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor Karl Popoff	x	
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	x	
Council Position #2 Don Flynn	x	
Council Position #3 Mark Coltrane	x	
Council Position #4 Michele Martin	x	
Council Position #5 David Alexander	x	
City Administrator Bob Bare	x	

**NOTE: Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF MAYOR-COUNCIL APPRECIATION AWARDS (A)

Margie Roberts

Popoff presented Roberts with the council appreciation award in recognition of all the volunteer work she does for several organizations and for volunteering her services in the port office.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (B)

A. Approval of Council Minutes of 01/08/07.

B. Review of bills paid in the amount of \$ 526,334.35.

MOTION:-> Johnson moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Flynn. Councilors Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R0607-12 (C)

A RESOLUTION SETTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR CITY SERVICES AND RESCINDING R607-11 AND ANY OTHERS THAT MAY BE IN CONFLICT

Housekeeping-correcting maintenance rate total

Popoff stated: The maintenance rate totals were figured incorrectly, this resolution corrects that error. The Six-month sewer maintenance rate should be \$142.00; and the grand total of water and sewer should be \$172.00. Staff apologizes for the error.

MOTION:-> Coltrane moved to approve Resolution R0607-12, second by Johnson. Councilors Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: (Includes policy discussion & determination.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR ANY GRANTS SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (D)

Popoff stated: CCD Business Development Corporation is actively searching for grants for our project. This motion would allow staff to OK applications for any grants located that would specifically be earmarked for the wastewater treatment plant, without coming to the council each time for approval. CCD should be commended for all the work they have put into this project regarding funding, and it has been at no cost to the city.

MOTION:-> Flynn moved to authorize staff to OK applications for any grants specifically earmarked for the proposed wastewater treatment plant, second by Johnson. Councilors Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

CLARIFYING THE TERM "GRANT"

Popoff stated this agenda item was requested by Councilor Alexander. Popoff read Alexander's proposed clarification into the record (see motion) Popoff suggested adding (Excluding Unsolicited Donations) into the motion.

MOTION:-> Alexander moved that, for the purposes of City Council oversight and authorization, the term "GRANT" be defined as any funds not generated from city revenue or property solicited by any city employee, second by Johnson.

Alexander-Historically, on March 12, 2001, a motion setting policy was adopted that before anyone in the city applies for a grant it is to come before the council for approval. This

motion was passed with 4 AYES and 1 ABSENT. At the December 06 meeting, a motion was made by Councilor Johnson to uphold and continue the policy currently in place, it was seconded by Councilor Flynn and passed 4-1. Since that time, a number of citizens have questioned me regarding what we meant by the term grant, as some confusion and ambiguity was generated with some media, so they didn't really know what we meant. That is where the basis of this motion comes from. To address the Mayor's concern about "unsolicited funds"--I believe the term "solicited", covers that because to add "unsolicited funds" are OK, would be redundant because this is specifically "to solicited funds". Therefore, unsolicited funds are unsolicited funds.

Popoff we had previous discussions earlier that no city employee could go out and solicit donations. But, if an individual, wanted to donate to a certain department or to the city as a whole, they were totally free to do that without any encumbrances of the procedures for a grant. I didn't want to see anything take place that would cast a "pall" over that.

Alexander--Nor do I. I was careful when I crafted this to understand what "solicit" meant. Webster's defines "solicit" to ??? (couldn't hear) to ask earnestly, to beg or entice a person persistently and it goes on to define earnestly..... The key here is "persistently", which it defines as "to continue firmly despite obstacles to endure", which basically is an action that is taken. Unsolicited would not be the result of that kind of action. That's why "solicit" is specific to this motion. VOTE: Councilors Johnson, Flynn, Coltrane, Martin and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 5 AYES

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Popoff stated he would go in the order of the requests that are stacked before him. He didn't know if that is the order in which they were brought before him or not. He reminded everyone that regardless of whether you agree with the person or not, do not make any public displays, etc. We're going to conduct this in an orderly, professional and courteous manner. There will be no applauding. Everyone gets 5 minutes. When we have this many people, it is important that we keep it at 5 minutes. There will not be a lot of repetition. If, for some reason, there is a person out there that has been designated as a speaker for someone else, that person can give their 5 minutes to the other person for a total of 10, I will allow that up to a maximum of 15 minutes - 2 people giving another person their 5 minutes.

Bob Rector-I own property at 29531 Bailor Street in Gold Beach.

Mr. Mayor, members of the City Council: Most of you know me as the former chief of police here, but I come before you this evening as a taxpayer concerned about a public safety crises facing this city. Having been the police chief here for over 4 years, I believe I have some insight into the issues that affect Gold Beach public safety. It's because of that knowledge that I feel it necessary to stand before you and offer the following comments:

All of us are aware that the county faces deep budget cuts in response to lost O&C fund dollars. As such cuts are likely to result in the loss of all sheriff's patrol operations. Currently sheriff's patrol deputies are the only law enforcement resources on duty 24 hours per day in Central and North Curry County. It appears likely that all those deputies will soon disappear. The crisis is this - except for some intermittent help from the state police, you're going to be on your own for police services and you haven't planned for that. When county resources disappear, you will have an even greater responsibility for protecting the public than you do now. It is my absolute fear that you are not up to that responsibility.

Why would I lack confidence in your ability to protect your citizens? If newspaper accounts are accurate, members of this council and others have spent an inordinate amount of time focusing on your police chief's procurement of an ATV to assist with beach rescue. The ATV issue is really nonsense in my opinion. An ATV for police use on the beach use is a good resource for a real need, period. And you got it for free.

The fact that the state beach is state jurisdiction is irrelevant. Emergency responders work across jurisdictional boundaries, as needed, to render aid in any emergency. Whoever is closest is the one who can do the most good. On our beaches, that's usually a city employee.

If a department head has committed some misconduct, then let the city administrator do their job to deal with that. I assume that's what you hired him for.

The reason I am here tonight is because I am concerned about the council's responsibility for public safety. You may hire a police chief or a fire chief, but you are responsible for protecting your citizens. There are significant public safety

issues pressing this community that you apparently are not focusing on. What are the issues? With no more sheriff's deputies, then no more help from the one agency that most often filled the daily gaps in police presence here. No more back-up units for an officer that might be on duty. Meaning that if, I say if any police officer is on duty, he or she will have to face whatever happens alone.

If a meth crank perpetrator is breaking into your home in the middle of the night, do you want there to be a police officer on duty? Would you like that officer to have back-up? Well you only need to look a month or two in the future and you'll see a situation where every night there is no police officer on duty anywhere in this part of the county to come to your aid, never mind back-up.

In 2003, the city reduced the number of police officers from 5 to 4. That was a mistake to do that then and a mistake to continue that policy today. Now is the time to add back that position and start thinking seriously about more to allow 24 hour police service capability.

I understand that the dollars are not there to provide these services but the council has a responsibility to explore all avenues to obtain the funding to provide adequate public safety to this community. Have you done that? Have you even explored the possibilities?

When I became chief, I suggested a ballot measure to have citizens vote on whether or not they wanted 24-hour police services but it never made it to the voters. At that time I heard people talking about the presence of county and state police to fill the gaps in city police coverage as the reason not to spend the money for 24-hour police coverage. O&C has changed all that. No more is there a county deputy safety net. Not there ever was one in the first place.

The fact is-a single county deputy working the midnight shift today, is more likely to be in the south county than anywhere else. State police are also not working 24 shifts in Curry County. So it has been an illusion all along that county and state police resources were protecting Gold Beach when no Gold Beach PD officers were on duty. We've had our heads in the sand for a long long time here on this issue.

Please, quit fighting with your police department when they are trying to do their job. You should instead be helping

your police find the resources needed to protect your citizens.

You also better start focusing on the impacts on this city from sheriff patrols going away. There are big changes happening, are you thinking about the impact these changes will have? I know you have a full plate of financial issues and funding for the new sewer treatment plant is a crisis but guess what? You have another crisis and that is public safety funding. Are you up to dealing with both?

You are responsible to take prudent and thoughtful actions to protect this community. It is completely up to the city council to set the tone for the quality of public safety services desired in this community. How will you be remembered in this respect? Thank you.

Martin-Are we going to be allowed to address things as they come up? Popoff stated, Later. Right now, I would just like to have the people go ahead and make their comments. If you have anything you'd like to address later on, just make a note and you'll have ample opportunity to do so.

Margie Roberts-I live up in Indian Hills but we have a hanger in the city and we pay city taxes and water and sewer.

I have concerns regarding the acquisition of the ATV. The council was not aware of nor approved the letter dated October 23, 2006 from Chief Merkley to acquire the ATV. A check dated November 7th was deposited in a separate account, not the city's bank account, on November 8th with the city's federal ID #. A letter to Bob Bare from Chief Merkley on November the 8, 2006 informing him of this donation of \$24,935. A letter from Bob Bare dated November 13th to the budget committee stating Chief Merkley has go-ahead to receive the money. This was already deposited on the 8th. Mr. Bare's letter also states, quote "if approved, this ATV would have some strict guidelines on the uses of it" unquote. He is asking for approval for an ATV that was requested in October, money received, deposited and the ATV ordered by November 9th by Chief Merkley. This letter was dated November the 13th.

There are serious issues concerning this that the council needs to address and I am encouraging you to not sweep this under the rug. I know that you have a lot of issues, but please don't sweep this under the rug. There are a lot red

flags and a lot of questions. It is not in the best interest of the City of Gold Beach taxpayers.

Sandra Gilkey-I live at 94470 Chase Lane. I wrote a letter to your city administrator on 12/30/06 asking him some questions and requesting a timely reply. Since I did not receive a response, I chose to address these 5 questions from that letter tonight at this meeting and get the answers personally from Mr. Bare.

Why did you approve the grant application with misleading false statements and why was it kept between yourself and Chief Merkley and not shared with the council members?

When city council and budget members came to you personally, or in writing, with concerns about this grant, why didn't you tell them the funds had already been received and deposited on 11/08?

As a city administrator, it is your responsibility to keep the council informed of your actions.

Why did you tell several budget and council members that you were "duped" by Chief Merkley? When you had already approved the grant, knew a separate account had been opened and money had been spent? It appears to me the only ones that were "duped" were the city council and the budget committee.

When has any department head of the City of Gold Beach ever received funds, opened a separate account and paid for these items from that account without the city being aware of it? Did you authorize this? As a city administrator, you should be aware that all city funds require checks and balances. If you do not, you are not qualified to be the city administrator.

You have caused the City of Gold Beach an embarrassment and may have caused damage to our local tourist trade by making false statements at several public meetings about Gold Beach being 4th in the nation per capita for meth use. This has gone way beyond the local level. It has reached a web site for the alumni of Gold Beach. I find this very damaging to our community. Why is it you have not corrected this statement with a press release when you were asked to do at the last city council meeting?

Barbara Eells-I live at 28053 Hunter Creek Road.

I won't be taking the full 5 minutes because Chief Rector said much of what I had planned to say. I have, to present to you, Mayor Popoff and the city council, more than 100 signatures of support for Chief Russ Merkley. (E)

There has been a great deal of press and publicity about an ATV. Bottom line, if there was "i" not dotted, or a "t" not crossed that can be easily rectified. We have an ATV that can help with beach rescue and beach clean up and various other items and as Chief Rector said, we are facing far more important crises than this situation.

I don't know Mr. Bare well, but I've worked with him and his staff. I know Russ Merkley well-I've worked with him closely on some rather horrific child abuse cases in this community. I think it would be a good idea at this point in time to put things into a little bit better perspective. If there is a position or a process that was not completed properly, then deal with that with the chief or with your city administrator but we have already lost one good chief, Bob Rector, and we don't want to lose another one.

This was not an organized drive for signatures. Had it been, I would be sitting here with a stack of papers but a lot of citizens in this county feel very strongly about the work Russ Merkley has done and we wish to see him continue and not leave because he feels he would be serving better in another location. May I present this to you?

Russ Merkley-29134 Ellensburg Avenue.

Last month at this time, after hearing what, to me, personally, seems like an hours worth of ??(couldn't hear) when in actuality was more like 30 minutes. I declined your opportunity to speak. However, today I will take that opportunity. I have a few words to say.

The only thing I blame Bob Bare about is the fact that he attached the word "grant" to this money. The money was a gift, a donation. If you need to figure out the terminology, it's in the dictionary. I stand before you and the members of this community - I did nothing wrong. I broke no laws, I broke no policies - I did nothing wrong. In retrospect, if I would have thought that some of my words in print would have been turned into what they have been, I would have chosen different words perhaps. But the bottom line is-there was nothing wrong in this acquisition of this equipment.

I stand before you today and I will tell you that before I leave this town, that ATV will be instrumental in saving a life or more. Either on the beach or in the woods, it doesn't matter. It will be instrumental. As Mr. Rector said-we have much bigger issues.

If the council chooses and there are people in this community that wish to stir a pot, then please let there be something in that pot to stir. And don't just rattle it around with a metal spoon to make noise or stand underneath it with a bic lighter hoping that something will cook. There is nothing in my pot. There never was and there never will be.

Let's move on to the business at hand and that is protecting and serving the people of this community. I have no other wish. That's all I want to do. That's all I've ever wanted to do since I came to Gold Beach.

I can't help people wanting to stir. I cannot help peoples desires for whatever reasons. But it is your choice whether you listen to them and give them credence or not.

I am tired. I thought this issue was done last month. I thought this issue was done the month before. I thought this issue was done 2 ½ months ago. This is the last time I am going to speak of this issue. The next time it comes up, it better be from a Department of Justice investigator. If that is the choice of this council or any member of this public, please feel free. I welcome the opportunity. I will not address this issue again in this council or in this public or to anybody who walks into my office. This is a dead issue as far as Russell Merkley is concerned. And as far as the Chief of Police of Gold Beach, it's also a dead issue. It should have never been an issue in the first place. It was. For some reason it continues to be, I don't know. But it's a dead issue and I want to get back to the business of protecting the citizens and visitors of this community. Thank you.

Gene Trinkler-29501 Daisy Lane - I didn't get here in time to fill out a slip but can I say one thing? (Popoff-you certainly may)

I don't know the depth of all of this except I know this goes on in all major departments, any department who receives a gift from somebody who wants to see a job better done. I have personal knowledge of that.

I think the Chief should be commended for taking the initiative to head off some problem that is obviously going to come at some future time. That's the way I feel about it. Thank you very much.

Popoff stated he was now going to have comments and/or questions from the council.

Johnson-I'm going to start by telling Chief Merkley, who I admire greatly-I haven't seen a letter to the paper, I've not heard a remark made by anyone on this council about this for a couple of months. Now, I've heard you talk about it, I saw a letter in the paper full of false information saying that we had a "nasty council meeting". The only nasty words spoken, and they weren't nasty, but in anger at that meeting were by you.

I'm tired of being accused of doing something wrong. We're sitting here, we're not criticizing you Russ. That ATV thing is dead and gone. I was the one that questioned it because I thought there was a better use for the money. It was voted differently. That was the end of it as far as I am concerned. I was out-voted and when that happens, I am finished. Now we're not the ones keeping it going, at least I'm not and I haven't heard any of the council. Yes, there were some problems with the way it was done and I don't know if that's over yet, but as far as it being here and being a good or bad thing-that's all gone. We've got it-I hope it's a good thing. That's all I have to say on that.

Speaking to Sandra (Gilkey), you wrote a letter to all of us and I responded. (Gilkey said Yes and you were the only one that did) And then you wrote another letter to our administrator? (Gilkey said yes and I did not get a response) Johnson (speaking to the administrator) and you didn't respond to her letter? (Administrator said "no I didn't) That's all the notes that I took for now. I hope I'm clear Russ. It's not me and I don't know of any of these others that are keeping this going. The way it was done may not be ended, I don't know that. But it won't have anything to do with you. You're not our employee. As you know, we're not your boss, Bob (Administrator) is your boss.

I'm tired of being put down about it too and I didn't do anything wrong. (Merkley said he didn't either) I've been accused of a lot of things involving this and we didn't do anything cause we didn't know about it-we didn't know what was

going on and that's wrong and that's something I hope doesn't continue to happen. I just wanted to say that to you.

Flynn-The only thing I can say again, as I've said before - had I known that the funds were available through a grant for an ATV, I would have been behind it. I'm behind the police department of this city 100%. I always have been and always will be. I sit up here trying to do the best I can for this city. Always have, always will. I sit up here in a position, where as all of us are, we're lighting rods. We're at a disadvantage sitting up here because we cannot respond to allegations made from ????? (couldn't hear) because of legal reasons - we can't respond in public.

You know Chief Merkley, that I support everyone on the police department, yourself included. And you know my problem is not with the ATV period. I'm down there with my ATV any time somebody needs some help. We all are. There were six or seven of us down there when the "ASH" went down. We were all helping. We'll do it and we'll do it again. You know what my problem with that is - with the whole situation. I cannot address that sitting up here on this stand. Thank you.

Coltrane-Does the department have an ATV now? (answer-yes) Does the department have the appropriate equipment to support it? (budget for fuel, place to put it, and everything that was requested?) (answer-it's in the works-Merkley is negotiating the price of the garage) Well, it looks like it's been applied for whether it was a gift or a grant or a donation, looks like it's here. Am I correct so far? (answer-yes) Maybe I'm not as tough as I used to be but I'm really getting a little tired of every single meeting getting beat around the bush over this and beat on the head about it. Particularly when it was something I didn't know was going on in the first place. Now maybe that's my fault. Maybe I don't get nosey enough anymore. But I'm not going to come down here every day and ask you what you're (Merkley)doing, nor am I going to ask the city administrator what he's doing every day. I'm going to depend upon you and the city administrator to keep me informed. Is that asking too much? Thank you very much.

I personally, and as a responsible person, even though I've been called irresponsible tonight and other nights, would like to move on to some other issues that the city needs to attend to. Particularly in light of the fact that the item in question, the item that stirred up all of this is already

taken care of. And I do believe, we sat here, as a council, as a meeting, and we gave our vote. Does anybody disagree with me on that? (No one disagreed-Johnson said you're right so far-I feel we have moved on). I thought we had as well. Please, I'm asking you as a favor, to an old gray-haired guy-can we please move on now? I'm not going to say anything else-I will take the lead in shutting my mouth. Thank you all very much.

Martin-First off, I'd like to say that while Mr. Rector was up there speaking, it was all I could do to sit in my seat and not stand up and applaud for a man very well spoken and addressed the concerns of this community deeply and sincerely and we need to listen to this man. It might be a good time for the council to think about a levy for our police department and bring it before the people and see what they have to think about this. It might be a way that we can support more police - on our police department, I don't know. Like I said, it's all I could to sit in my seat.

As far as Margie Roberts-sweeping under the rug-I believe what was brought before us from Sandra Gilkey was addressed and we are not sweeping anything under the carpet. It was resolved as far as I was concerned when Mayor Popoff took care of it. And we will continue to-I'm hoping to have it done and over with but as far as I'm concerned it was never swept under the rug-we don't sweep things under the rug.

Sandra Gilkey-I felt the Mayor had addressed her concerns when she brought them before us and was asking questions of our city administrator and our police chief. I feel personally that it's becoming a harassment to our city administrator and our police chief. I think it is a dead issue, it needs to stop. You've been addressed, your concerns that you brought before us have been addressed and it needs to come to a stop.

Barbara, I applaud you also. Thank you for coming before this council. Thank you for the citizens that came and signed this letter of support. I know there are over 2,000 in our city limits and I know that the voice of these few here are voices for others and I commend them as well for standing up to the plate and standing behind our police chief. I also stand behind our city administrator and the decisions he's made. I think he is doing a great job and I thank you very much for it - for what you've done for our community. As far as the grant-gift thing-it's done and over with. We have a gift as far as I'm concerned. The issue may not have been addressed

the way that we thought it should be as a council but that was addressed and our city administrator knows now that if there is a grant to be ??? (couldn't hear) that he would do it through the council first. There are some areas in our booklets that need to be more defined. I didn't have any idea that our city administrator had to bring before the council, if he had a grant proposal to bring it before us as well. We have taken care of that. We know now that if a grant is brought before the administrator, that he is to bring it before the council-we are to be informed. I appreciate everybody being here tonight-both sides. It's your freedom of speech to come here and talk to us what you feel. I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

Alexander-I also feel, as does Councilors Johnson and Flynn and I'm sure the rest of us that the issue of the ATV was actually resolved 2 months ago. I feel there are circumstances where it will be extremely valuable to have this piece of equipment. This process that I've seen, did however bring up some systemic things that needed to be addressed and I think that having done the clarifications that we needed to do for policy-those were addressed.

I must respectfully disagree with my fellow councilor Martin. I do not feel that any citizen bringing any matter whatsoever to the attention of the council, that in any way should be termed harassment. I feel that it is inherent upon the council, and it really doesn't matter which side, if there are 2 sides to an issue, if an individual wishes to bring before the council or any individual councilor, it is our job to listen respectfully to that citizen's concern and to respond appropriately. I don't see this as harassment. I see this as citizen involvement and I see this as a necessary part of how a community governs itself.

Popoff-Once again, as it has been stated. This has been hashed out before. The mistake that was made has been rectified. It was rectified very early on. When I found out about this grant, I'm going to repeat this so everybody understands it and everybody understands where I'm standing on this. When I found out about this grant, I was happy for the chief. I thought he did a terrific job of procuring the money that he thought he needed for his department.

I am not one to believe that I know better how a department head should run his department. That's why we hire these people, because they know what they're doing. I'm so sorry-

you know this has turned into something that quite frankly, I am not happy with at all. I wished it had gone away and died. The chief got something he believed his department needed - quite frankly, I see great use for it in the time of a natural disaster as well too, not just beach, all over the place. It can get in where other things can't. At any rate, I congratulated him on procuring that grant. Another thing I want to say is that the budget committee - they have no say in this whatsoever. None. This has nothing to do with the budget as presented and approved by the city council. Once again, I have to remind people that the budget committee doesn't make policy. Three councilors make policy. Does everyone understand that? I hope you do.

Chief Rector mentioned, something that has distressed me for awhile too, concerning where we're at, as far as county funding. I've long believed, and I've told others on this council, there are many things that a city has to provide for our citizens. Water, sewer, those are up there, believe me. You'll use that a lot more than you'll use a policeman. But I guarantee you that when the day comes that you need a policeman, he is going to be a lot more valuable than your toilet flushing. I too agree that we need to do something, we have to start looking. I've done some. This council is not going to sit around and do nothing when we see a crisis, we're going to be doing the best we possibly can. There is not an individual up here that isn't concerned about the safety of our citizens. Not an individual. We're working under some constraints. Money being a great one-there is no getting around that folks.

6 years ago, we were stone cold broke. We've had to do everything under the sun to bring that money up to a level, while not sufficient as yet, is still much better than what it was 6 years ago. We're still in the hole. As far as the number of officers, 4, I agree, it's not a good number, but on the other hand, given our population-it is pretty much standard, at least from what I've read and what I understand. (Flynn & Johnson said it is above standard)

Johnson said how many officers do we have now? We have 5 right?

Merkley said 4 officers and 1 reserve that works on an irregular basis.

Popoff-I want to see this end now, I truly do. We do have bigger things that we've got to worry about. They're out there and they're going to come on us here real soon unless some divine intervention comes from the United States Government to bail this county out of the dilemma it finds itself in now. We're doing the best we can up here folks, we truly are. On my left, on my right, these are good people. Quite frankly, regardless of how we feel or how anyone else feels, I'm proud to be sitting with them. That's my little speech.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Bob Bare-Regarding the annual budget, last Friday I met with County Commissioner, Marlyn Schafer to discuss the potential of having to pay around \$50,000 to a sheriff's department for 9-1-1 dispatching. (Popoff said we are already paying 9-1-1, it would be for dispatching) Right. She was going to try and get some specific information for us, which we'll need for the budget. As soon as I get the information I'll let you know what it entails. That's probably just a start of some of the things that are going to come about.

Wastewater Treatment Facility-I talked to our Engineer today. As far as the new property, it is partially surveyed. The deed descriptions don't match so they are trying to get those straightened out and we're also waiting for our attorney to review those. The budget has been set for the wetland project. Right now it is waiting for DEQ approval.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR - Karl Popoff:

Will be attending the "Mayor's Day" at the state capitol building at the end of this month. We'll be able to talk to our Governor, State Reps and State Senator. There a few issues I would like to address concerning Curry County and Gold Beach and I'd like to see what the state perspective is on it.

I want to thank each and every one of you for turning out tonight. Regardless of what side you're on, being involved in what's going on in your city is important. I sincerely thank you for being here tonight.

COUNCILORS:

Mark Coltrane-Attended an excellent presentation put on by several state agencies, Mr. Bare was also there -Watershed Council hosted the meeting. Interesting meeting regarding

gravel extraction from the Chetco and Rogue River and its' effect on salmon, etc. It is managed by a lot of different people and I think they are doing a good job. If anyone would like more information, please contact city hall for names and phone numbers.

David Alexander-Request all drivers to please take care in school zones and especially at crosswalks. Too many times people find themselves with their lives in jeopardy because people blow through crosswalks.

Merkley-With the approval of the council, I did apply for, and did receive a pedestrian safety crosswalk grant. We will be conducting periodic ??(couldn't hear) we will be watching for pedestrian safety. It will be advertised before hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, March 12, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M.

Following adjournment, the Council took a break and then went into Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (1)(i) for the six-month's evaluation of our city administrator.

ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER ORS 192.660 (1) (i)

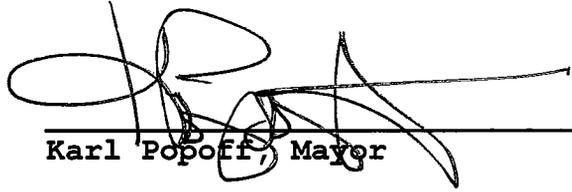
Mayor Popoff CALLED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ORDER AT 7:45 p.m. per ORS 192.660 (1)(i) for the six- months evaluation of our city administrator

Popoff stated: This is to review and evaluate, pursuant to standards, criteria and policy directives adopted by the governing body, the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member unless the person whose performance is being reviewed and evaluated requests an open hearing.

Evaluation and Discussion:

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

Approved by the Gold Beach City Council on March 12, 2007.



Karl Popoff, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Walker, Recorder