

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

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	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Position #1 Sue Johnson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Position #2 Don Flynn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Position #3 Peter Peterson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council Position #4 Vacant	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Position #5 David Alexander	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

****NOTE:** If anyone wishes to address this Governing Body, please present a completed "Business from the Audience" request to the Mayor at this time. Your request will be added under the CITIZEN COMMENTS section of our agenda. Comments and participation from the audience shall be limited to 5 minutes without redundancy.

CONSENT CALENDAR: (A)

- A. Approval of Council Minutes of 7/11 SPECIAL, 7/14, 7/17 EXECUTIVE & SPECIAL, 8/5 EXECUTIVE, 8/6 EXECUTIVE & SPECIAL, 2008.
- B. Review of bills paid in the amount of \$326,436.84.

MOTION:-> Flynn moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Johnson. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson & Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 4 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE # 618 (B)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CHANGE IN THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING MAP ON A PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR MAP 3714-18C TAX LOT 1200
Second Reading

MOTION:-> Peterson moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 618 as read by title into the record by Mayor Popoff, second by Flynn. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson & Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 4 AYES

Ordinance # 619 removed from Agenda by Mayor Popoff.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: (Includes policy discussion
& determination.

USE OF CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS (D)

POPOFF:-> We have always had an "unwritten policy" regarding the use of the council chambers. This merely puts it in writing so it becomes "written policy". It will be inserted into our policy book.

MOTION:-> Peterson moved to approve the written policy regarding use of the city council chambers and direct staff to insert it into our policy book, second by Alexander. Johnson, Flynn, Peterson & Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 4 AYES

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR - Karl Popoff: Attended the Mayor's Association Meeting in Pendleton. It was a great opportunity to "network" with the other Oregon Mayors. Enjoyable time even though it is over 1,000 miles round trip.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Pat Henry-97434 Caughell Street # 16: (D) Stated concern regarding foot traffic to and from the library. Children are walking all bunched up together in the road. Adults also use the road itself. It is just not safe. Something needs to be done to make it safe. It's just a matter of time before there is an accident.

Popoff thanked Henry for bringing this concern to the council. Earlier this evening the council also expressed concern over the safety.

Flynn-Spoke with Jeff Denney-We were able to put in some gravel in the upper section to make "sort of" a sidewalk-it is safe to walk on and stay out of the road. There is a section closer to 101 (around the corner) where building a sidewalk would be very difficult due to the drop off being right next to the curb. I agree-it is a dangerous situation. I think as an initial step-we need to get some "warning" signs in place. We will be working on a more permanent safe solution.

Johnson-I would like to see us contact the library about being a partner with the city and possibly looking for grants. At the very least we can direct our public works department to install some "caution" signs on both ends of the road. All agreed.

Sidonie Rhodes-35665 Coy Creek Road (E) Read a letter into the record supporting Chief Merkley and also presented several letters with signatures supporting Chief Merkley. The intent of the letter, is not, to in any way, influence current issues that might involve the police department, or to take a stance on any local issue. We did not attempt to canvas the community to obtain signatures such as a petition will allow, but rather, we just want to share with you how much we respect and admire Russ (Merkley) and the effort he spends on behalf of the Gold Beach community.

Larry Aslinger-439 Buena Vista Loop-Brookings OR
Your agenda says "miscellaneous items-include policy discussion" for use of city council chambers. I heard no discussion. There should be some discussion with the public but I didn't hear that happen.

Popoff-When the request to use the chambers was first brought before me by Mr. Glaze, I was very hesitant because we don't want these chambers to be used for any political purposes. I did exactly what I told Mr. Glaze I would do . My initial reaction was NO, then I relented and said I would talk it over with the council members. The council members decided, as well as I that we did not want the city to be open for that type of meeting. I also told Mr. Glaze that the county has a room, Jot's has a room, Gold Beach Resort, our Senior Center and the Event Center on the Beach all have meeting rooms. We basically let Non-profit organizations use the room. If elected officials wanted to call a meeting here, we would allow that. We also use it for town hall meetings that are called by us.

The Council reiterated their reasons regarding the use the council chambers. Mr. Glaze has been informed several times of the reasons. We do not allow the council chambers to be used by individuals or parties for political purposes that may or may not be controversial.

Rhodes read Mr. Glaze's the first paragraph of the letter of request into the record.

Alexander-I read the letter of request several times and carefully considered the question. I was not in favor of it. The first problem I had with the request, as best as I could tell, it did not relate to a city matter but to a county matter, therefore I felt, since there are venues in the county

for holding such meetings. From what I gathered from the letter, it was strictly a county issue, that that was the best venue for it to be discussed in. The other problem I had was it was so vaguely written as to the subject of the meeting, that after reading it 5 separate times, I still had not a clue as to what the direct subject matter the meeting was intended to address. That is the reason I was not in favor of holding that meeting in this council chambers. It didn't address any city issues and it was not specific enough to the subject for me to feel comfortable making an informed decision.

George Rhodes-97867 Titus Lane-Brookings. I am the Republic candidate for position # 2 of the county Commission. Mr. Glaze made the request on behalf of the citizens of Gold Beach to have an open forum here for getting information that would lead to a candidate (all the candidates) running for county commissioner or any other position, so they might have more information based on what the citizens of Gold Beach would like to have as far as representation. As he stated in his letter he considered it an appropriate election year exercise to have a town hall meeting. It was also brought to my attention that this room was used in 2004 for the Bush-Cheney campaign. It has been used for that in the past. The request wasn't made just for me but for any other candidate that wanted to participate in the town hall meeting.

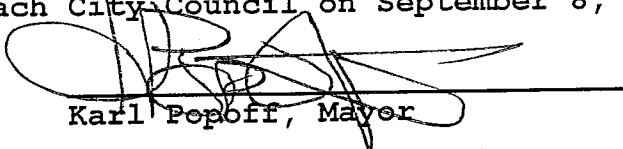
Further discussion followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

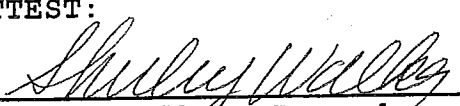
The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, September 8, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNED at 7:12 P.M.:

Passed by the Gold Beach City Council on September 8, 2008.


Karl Popoff, Mayor

ATTEST:


Shirley Walker, Recorder

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