

MINUTES
DRAFT MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
29592 ELLENSBURG AVE
GOLD BEACH OR 97444
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mayor James Wernicke	X	
Council Position #1 VACANT		
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X	
Council Position #3 Peter Peterson	X	
Council Position #4 John Truesdell	X	
Council Position #5 David Alexander	X	
City Administrator Ellen Barnes	X	

****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.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

MAYOR & COUNCIL AWARD (A)

Sue Johnson - 10-year service appreciation award

Mayor James Wernicke: announced the first item on the agenda was a special order of business: the Mayor and Council Award for Sue Johnson for 10 years service and appreciation award. The Mayor made a brief statement about Ms. Johnson's service and acknowledged her support and concerns for the citizens of Gold Beach. The Mayor presented Ms. Johnson with the award a few small gifts.

Johnson: Accepted the award and the thanked the Mayor and Council.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION (B)

Proclaiming October, 2009 as Gold Beach Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Wernicke: turned the floor over to Councilor David Alexander, Mayor Pro Tem, to announce and sign the proclamation for Domestic Violation Awareness Month

Alexander read the proclamation about Domestic Violation Awareness Month. Following the reading, Alexander proclaimed the month of October to be officially be the Domestic Violation Awareness Month for the City of Gold Beach. Alexander urged all citizens to

participate actively to eliminate the use of personal and institutional violence against women and children.

CITIZEN COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Regular Council Minutes of 9/14/09 and Executive Session 9/28/09.

The Mayor moved to the next item on the agenda which was approval of the council minutes from the regular meeting of 9/19/09 and the executive session meeting of 9/28/09. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion and requested a motion.

MOTION-> Brennan moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, second by Peterson. Brennan, Peterson, Truesdell and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 4 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R0910-4 (C)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GOLD BEACH

Wernicke-> The Mayor hoped that everyone had the opportunity to review the material in the council packets. He asked if there were any comments or discussions on the matter?

Peterson-> Had a question about the time limit of 10 years. He asked if it was necessary to have a time limit or could the City just grant it indefinitely.

Administrator Barnes-> Explained that it was not a requirement to set a time limit but a time limit did allow the Council more control of the easement if, in the future, they decided they needed the property.

Peterson-> Stated if that was the case, then it would be better to have an annual easement rather than a ten-year one, in case after a year or two the City needed the area.

Discussion on the nature of the lease. The City has leased the small area to the church for parking purposes. The church and their property about Buffington Park on the north side. Peterson did not see a problem letting the church have the easement but felt like 10 years was too long and it should be

renewed annually in case the city needed it. Discussion on the general nature of easements.

Truesdell-> Said he didn't understand the easement itself since it was not included in the packets. He did not have a problem with the church, but would like to review a copy of the easement prior to voting on the resolution. He wanted to ensure that the City was covered from liability and concerns about the responsible parties for maintenance of the easement area. He had concerns about insurance and whether the City was indemnified from liability and if the church had the City as an additional insured on their policy. He wanted more information before he decided on the matter.

Administrator Barnes-> Truesdell had pointed out a few of the issues that the City needed to correct specifically the insurance and liability issues. She said they would be correcting the easement language to include those items. Barnes said she needed to consult with the attorney and wanted direction from the Council on whether they even wanted to renew the lease before she expended the funds to discuss it with the attorney.

Wernicke-> Pointed out that they could renew the easement subject to negotiation of the terms and conditions of the easement.

Alexander-> Stated he had much of the same concerns as Truesdell. He commented that he didn't have a problem granting the easement but did want to know what the conditions were first.

Wernicke-> General discussion about renewal and the process. The Mayor felt the resolution could be altered to state: authorize the Mayor to renew an easement agreement with the First Baptist Church of Gold Beach subject to Council approval of the terms and conditions.

Alexander-> Alexander suggested a 1-month extension of the existing easement to give the Council a chance to get more information. The Mayor asked Barnes when the easement was due to expire. Barnes stated it expired at the beginning of September. Alexander suggested the extension be made retroactive to the first of September and then extend the easement to the November meeting. The Mayor felt that was reasonable.

Administrator Barnes-> Clarified that the council wanted her to redraft the easement with the new language and have it available for the next meeting. Councilor Truesdell asked Barnes if the council could have the new easement well in advance of the next meeting to allow time to review it and give her input. Discussion on the process for review and revision, and the ground location of the easement in relation to the church and park.

MOTION-> Alexander moved that the City Council authorize the Mayor to renew the existing easement agreement with the First Baptist Church of Gold Beach retroactive to September 1, 2009, and extending until November 15, 2009, second by Peterson. Brennan, Peterson, Truesdell and Alexander voted "AYE". VOTE 4 AYES

ORDINANCE # 624 (D)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH MUNICIPAL COURT

FIRST READING-second reading will be 11/16/09

Truesdell-> Stated he had just gotten back into town a few hours earlier and apologized for not having asked the questions of staff earlier. Truesdell said he was not sure who had been working on the ordinance and that it was the first time he had seen it. Truesdell said he had some concerns about items in Section 2 of the ordinance and asked if they could be addressed. Section 2, page 1, refers to the qualifications of the municipal judge, selection and term of appointment, and removal and compensation. However, he said that removal and compensation were not addressed in Section 2, or any other part of the ordinance. Truesdell felt that removal and compensation, especially removal, were important issues. The Mayor said he thought removal was addressed in the City Charter. Truesdell said that maybe the fix was then to just remove those words from the title.

Wernicke-> Stated that perhaps they should put the whole ordinance on the next agenda to give Truesdell the chance to review it better. **Alexander** agreed with that suggestion since he felt he had not had the opportunity to adequately review it either. **Barnes** said she wanted to point out that the attorney had reviewed the document and her comments had been included. **Truesdell** commented that it appeared the attorney did not notice the omission in Section 2 either.

Truesdell-> Referred the others to page 11, Section 27; paragraph 3, and stated he comment was more of a question. In the middle of the paragraph it states: "...the motion must be made within a reasonable time, but in no event more than one year after entry of judgment of the matter." Truesdell felt one year was a long time for failure to appear. He wondered whether it was state statute. He thought 3 months was more appropriate unless the statute required a longer time. The Mayor thought he remembered that it was statute because he had questioned the one-year time himself.

Truesdell-> Continuing with page 15, Section 33, paragraph 1 at the top: the first sentence is all legalese but it did not appear to make sense to him: "the party to a proceeding in Municipal Court may appeal from any judgment..." he questioned the word from as it didn't make sense. He thought it should be taken out. The last item, on page 16, Exhibit A was not mentioned he thought anywhere in the document. Barnes pointed out where Exhibit A was located. He clarified that he found Exhibit A, but that it was not mentioned in the body of the ordinance as to what it was. He asked whether it was necessary to even have an exhibit and thought it would be better to just make Exhibit A another section within the body of the text. The Mayor said that Exhibit A should have been mentioned in the text and he thought that it had been. Alexander felt it was mentioned in the text. The Mayor explained the need for the exhibit. He stated it was a sample of a document that is mailed to parties that wish to submit an affidavit in lieu of personal appearance.

Alexander-> Felt the matter should wait until next month to allow Truesdell and others, including himself, to adequately review and research the document. Alexander said he might be able to answer his own questions if he had a little more time to research and not use up the council time at present.

Wernicke-> Did not have a problem waiting but he did point out that Gold Beach and Port Orford were the only communities with municipal courts that are grandfathered to process traffic citations without having to process criminal actions as well. Criminal cases would require the appointment of public defender and have a DA prosecuting cases with juries, etc. He said that would be very expensive. Alexander said he was not advocating disbanding the municipal court. **Wernicke** just wanted it clarified that our court is not a full court.

Brennan-> Asked if the council was under any time limit. **Wernicke** thought probably not, except that he felt this ordinance should precede any ordinance revisions to the nuisance and other codes. **Wernicke** said currently there is some area of enforcement that is a "no man's land" because the municipal court has no ordinance authority to enforce other city codes. **Barnes** thanked the council for clarification on how they wished to deal with ordinances as they came up-she had been unclear as to the process the council wished to utilize to review these types of matters. **Truesdell** clarified that the process would be to forward concerns/comments directly to the Administrator. **Barnes** confirmed that she would incorporate their changes into the document and then bring it back to them.

ORDINANCE # 627 (E)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING MAP REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE BEACHES AND DUNES (8-CN) CONSERVATION ZONE BOUNDARY
FIRST READING-second reading will be 11-16-09

Wernicke-> This would be the first reading of the ordinance #627 and the second reading would be November 16, 2009.

MOTION-> **Alexander** moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #627 as read by title into the record by Mayor **Wernicke**, second by **Brennan**. **Brennan**, **Peterson** and **Alexander** voted "AYE". **Truesdell** voted "NAY". VOTE 3 AYES 1 NAY

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

TERMS OF OFFICE - BUDGET AND PROMO COMMITTEE (F)

Barnes said that as part of administration responsibility to the council, she is required to go through each committee and present to the council a list of upcoming vacancies in those committees in order to recruit for replacements. In the process of review, **Barnes** discovered that some of the terms of office of some committee/commission are in conflict with the terms of office listed within the city charter. **Barnes** said what was before the council tonight was the beginning of trying to clean up the process. **Barnes** said it was up to the council on how they wish to proceed. **Barnes** said that the charter states: "no member of any city standing committee, commission, board, or similar body shall serve more than 8 consecutive years." **Barnes** said there are some members serving on committees that have gone beyond the 8-year time limit. **Barnes** said there were options available to the council that she has discussed with the attorney. The council

can choose to either replace the positions, or as allowed in the charter, make the determination that there is a vital interest to the community to extend these persons terms beyond the 8 years. Barnes asked the council for their decision and how they would like to proceed.

Peterson-> Said there was nothing about the budget committee. **Barnes** said there are 2 positions on the budget committee that were originally appointed January 1, 2002, and their terms are set to expire December 31, 2010. Barnes said by statute Oregon budget committee members are appointed to 3-year terms, our charter appoints them for 4-year terms and limits members to serve 8 consecutive years. These 2 individuals have begun their third, 3-year state term but that state term exceeds city time limits by 1 year. Barnes said these are experienced members of the budget committee and that should weigh into the council's decision on their terms.

Wernicke-> Said the charter is pretty direct, stating no member can serve more than 8 consecutive terms and that should be the guiding light for term limits. He thought the council would want to have a work session to discuss each individual to determine whether a vital interest applies in order to allow them to continue to serve. **Tuesdell** said that he agreed. He thought that the 8 consecutive year limit was to allow the opportunity for other persons to serve on committees and bring in "new DNA" and allow for fresh and evolving ideas but that has to be balanced against the experience of the individuals.

Wernicke-> Said that according to the charter it is a mandatory limits unless: "the council first states, on the record, detailed reasons why such service is in the vital interest of the city." It appears to be more than just experience needed to continue beyond the 8 years, unless that experience is "vital". He commented that it seemed that when they originally wrote the charter that they expected "a lot more people to volunteer for these committees than actually do in reality." Wernicke felt it was something the council must do and questioned whether it was executive session material or whether it could be handled in a regular council work session. **Alexander** felt it did not qualify for executive session, Barnes also stated this.

Wernicke-> Requested that the council schedule a work session to discuss each of the vacancies and make a decision. **Barnes** said there was a time issue since the budget season was starting soon and if the council decided to replace the

positions they would need time to do that. **Truesdell** felt that before deciding there was an urgency to deal with the positions that the council should see if there are any other citizens that may be interested in the positions before reappointing the existing persons. Truesdell said he didn't need a work session to affirm what the charter says and that he was in a position to make a decision immediately. He felt that the council should obey the charter and put the positions out to the community see if there is any response. If there was no response, then he felt that "could constitute the urgency of the reappointment" if the only people that apply are the ones currently serving. He again stated he didn't need to have a work session. **Wernicke** felt the council would have to look at the feelings of the persons currently serving and how they would feel about telling them that we are soliciting persons for your position and if no one applies then you get to keep it—he wasn't sure about that. He asked if the council was ready to decide the individual positions tonight.

Brennan-> said he did not know if "urgency" was necessarily a "vital interest". As an example, if the budget committee had all new members than it would be vital to reappoint senior members. He felt that now that Barnes was here with budgeting experience that it showed there was no "urgency". He felt once the 8 years was met then, by charter, there was no need to extend the term. There are members of the budget committee that have more than one year of experience. He was in favor of following the charter and was ready to vote. **Peterson** said he agreed and was ready to vote.

Wernick-> Asked about the planning commission and the promo committee. **Alexander** said those committees were in the same position. **Barnes** said it was a little different with these committees, in that the budget committee will be a problem next calendar year, but the planning commission and promo committee are immediate problems. One member on each of the committees has a member that has served more than 8 years already. Both terms will expire on December 31, of this year. However, those 2 positions have already exceeded their years and are in violation of the charter. The next question, she asked, was how does the council want to proceed?

Wernicke-> Said there was another issue with the planning commission in that 2 other positions on the commission were recently appointed to fill out terms that will also expire on December 31 and they have served less than a year. **Barnes**

clarified that there was the natural cycle of vacancies on December 31, and then the other issue of the term for the member who has served more than 8 consecutive years beyond the appointment date. She said that this was how she discovered the issue with the terms to begin with: in reviewing which terms would have vacancies at year's end. General discussion on the positions vs. individuals and their terms. Barnes said she needed to confirm the planning commission position because the person had also served as a city councilor so there may have been a break in service. She said the promo committee position was definitely beyond the 8 years by 6 months at this time.

Barnes-> reiterated the options available to the council to require the expiration because of the time limit, or extend the term because it's vital to the community but that it needed to be stated on the record. They Mayor said the expiration was automatic unless the council made a finding otherwise. Councilor Alexander asked if there were any individuals serving on multiple committees. Barnes said there are 2 persons that serve on 2 different committees and that is permissible, but more than 2 committees is not.

Wernicke-> asked how the council wanted to address the vacancies. **Alexander** felt they should be consistent in how they deal with the term issue. Alexander said he agreed with the other councilors that they could not make a case at this time that the extension of the terms was "vital" to the city. He said the council should make a blanket policy to cover all the committees.

Truesdell, as a point of clarification, said the council would need to affirm the charter and that the council has not made a finding that the extension is vital. He also said that the council needs to readjust the process so that the budget committee does not run into the same problem again with the different expiration dates. **Barnes** agreed. **Brennan** said if the state deals in 3 years terms than we need to adjust the charter appointment dates. **Alexander** said the adjustment of terms in the charter would require a vote of the citizens.

Wernicke-> clarified the expirations: "it is automatic". If the council does not identify the positions as having a "vital" interest to the city, than the expiration is immediate. Absent some "positive declaration" nothing additional needs to be done. Discussion about the process and what a non-action means. **Barnes** said the terms would expire

if they do not make a motion to extend the terms and then she will begin the process of advertising to fill the vacancies, as well as the other vacancies to be created at year's end. **Truesdell** said that if the city is going to advertise, then out of courtesy for their years of service that they be notified that we are advertising the positions so that they have the opportunity to reapply.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (G)

Barnes said the report was in the packets and that she would quickly recap.

Information Technology (IT): computers were obtained from federal surplus and a volunteer has gotten those systems operational and they have been distributed. She said she is currently working on updating the web hosting and email system. She said hopefully we would be moving to the .gov designation soon. By going to the .gov this will assist the city in interaction with other governmental agencies that will not interact with the .com designation. She said the .gov is controlled by the federal government and is only available to government agencies. **Alexander** clarified that citizens would still be able to access the current site from the .us site and be directed to the .gov. **Barnes** said that was true and she recommended that the pointer direction should be left in place a least a year.

Ordinances: **Barnes** has spoken with the attorney and the ordinance and codification process is almost complete. She said she was expecting to receive the codified document soon. She reminded this council that this did not update any ordinance it only codified all the city's individual ordinances into one.

Personnel and Administration: **Barnes** has been working with the attorney on the draft personnel and policies rules and the attorney has made several recommendations for changes. She said she would be forwarding the draft changes to the council for their review and recommendations.

Financial: A budget committee meeting is scheduled for the October 14th.

Committee Vacancies: had already been discussed.

Emergency Management: **Barnes** said her goal this week was to have the changes completed to the draft mitigation plan and then have it sent to FEMA for their review. Once they review

it and comment it will come back to the city for adoption. She said the city would also have to do this in June when the county updates their plan. In regards to training there are several opportunities for staff and council to take training from the National Incident Management System, she recommended that the council take the 2 recommended courses: Introduction to NIMS and Introduction to command structure. She said there were other courses than the council could take and she would be taking courses as well. She said she also had a draft job description of the city Emergency Manager.

Public Works: Operations building is under construction. Regarding the arbitration with Knife River, the city had received a request to extend the deadline and the city objected so the arbitration is still set for October 23rd. She said the city is currently reviewing the pre-hearing statements, the specific claims, their list of witnesses, and their list of exhibits. Councilor Truesdell asked the time and location of the hearing. Barnes said it was scheduled for 9AM in the council chambers. She said the construction on the operations building is currently 3 months behind.

Update on wastewater plant funding: all the environmental approvals in place and we are currently waiting on the USDA funding proposal: at this time it is 30% grant and the rest will be loan but we don't know for sure at this time. The loan would be at a rate of 2.75%. She said we are still on the state revolving loan fund list of projects to proceed. She said that would be \$5 million funding at 0% interest she said that would be used as interim financing. Barnes said she and Public Works Supervisor, Will Newdall attended a 60% meeting—which is a predesign meeting to ensure the proposal meets our expectations and all the agencies that will be party to the project. She said a new timeline was in place, which she provided to the council, and we are looking at bidding in January and starting construction in April. She said that when we get to the bidding we will have to conduct a wastewater rate survey. She said this survey is required by USDA to determine our ability to repay the debt. We are in the process now of drafting an RFQ for a firm to conduct the survey for us and we want to have the firm identified prior to the bid date so that we can quickly proceed.

Moore Street project: street light improvement at Moore Street has been expanded to include 6th Street also. ODOT plans to reconfigure the intersections and install non-hanging street

lights to avoid continued winter storm problems. This project is tentatively scheduled for 2011-2012.

Water Utility: autopay is up and running and working great.

Visitor Center and Promo Committee: Elizabeth, the Director, is still not able to return from California. Barnes said Elizabeth requested that the city consider a contractor to manage the 10K promotion. Part of the justification is initially the Chamber of Commerce was to have handled the promotion but they have lost their director so they have been unable to deal with the program. Barnes said the meeting scheduled for late November is being pushed back to December 7th. Councilor Truesdell asked if that was at Elizabeth's request or the promo committee's request. Barnes said it was Elizabeth's request since she was not sure when she would be back. Councilor Peterson asked if Elizabeth has taken a leave of absence. Barnes said that she is on leave of absence. Discussion on how to deal with the issue. Barnes said the issue needed to be dealt with and it shouldn't be delayed too much longer.

Police Services: Barnes said Chief Janik is doing an excellent job in keeping the community informed of the PD. Janik repainted the patrol cars to black and white, and has implemented foot patrols. The office manager position has been increased from .75 to 1 FTE and that position is no longer being the part-time muni court clerk. We are advertising for a part-time muni clerk. Update on muni court: revenues, expenses. The court is averaging 30-36 cases per docket.

Other: Barnes attended the Oregon Main Street Program conference on September 17-18 and learned a lot about economic development and business retention. Is hoping to working with the Chamber and Rotary on some common issues. On October 1-3, Barnes and the Wernicke attended the League of Oregon Cities annual conference which she felt was an amazing opportunity to network with other small communities and share similar problems. She said another LOC meeting for small cities is scheduled in Dunes City for November 6th which she will be attending with the Mayor. She is scheduled for 2 LOC training sessions: Emergency Management on the 12th and Government Ethics on the 13th.

Truesdell told Barnes he appreciated all the work she had been doing and it was "phenomenal". Truesdell asked where the

council was on scheduling interviews for the vacant council position.

TAPE END SIDE ONE

TAPE RESUME SIDE TWO with general discussion on setting interviews dates. **Truesdell** felt an urgency to get the applicants interviewed and appoint someone since there was a lot of work ahead for the council and they needed the additional person. **Barnes** asked if the council wished to interview all applicants or if they wanted to review the applications and select interviewees. **Wernicke** said he wanted to interview all the applicants. General discussion on the vacancy and getting the word out so that persons could apply. **Truesdell** stated he did not find any information on the website about the vacancy and that should probably be posted there. **Alexander** said there was an announcement in the article about Johnson's resignation he said he intended to post further announcements. **Truesdell** said it was an important thing the city was doing right now and that it should be featured prominently. **Barnes** said there have been press releases issued but the paper chose not to run it. More discussion. **Barnes** asked what day the council wanted to schedule interviews. General discussion on scheduling. Monday, October 19th was decided upon.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MAYOR-> JAMES WERNICKE:

Strongly urged citizens with the time and courage to apply for the open council position. The Wernicke gave his report on the LOC conference that Barnes and he attended. He said there was not much representation of coastal communities and he felt our interests are very different from other communities. He said he volunteered to serve on a committee to give small, coastal communities a voice.

COUNCILORS:

Peterson-> Peterson complimented Barnes on her comprehensive report. Peterson said the city now has a copy of the tsunami inundation map which he obtained from the county. The map is going to be framed and hung in the hallway for citizens and others to see. He said the map should also be available in other public places such as the library, courthouse, post office and other places. Peterson said this was the first council meeting he "didn't have Sue correcting me" and he said he would miss her. He said they didn't always agree but that they got along great and he enjoyed her. The last item he wished to discuss was a meeting he attended last week

regarding the proposed Crook Point golf course. He said that everyone should be backing this project because it will be great for the city and the county.

Truesdell-> said he had been out of town for the last few weeks. Truesdell said that he would also miss Sue Johnson and her dedication to what was best for Gold Beach. Truesdell echoed the Mayor's call for volunteers for the vacant council position, but also reminded people that there are positions becoming vacant on the budget and promo committees and the planning commission. He invited citizens to take a chance and apply.

Alexander-> Alexander also acknowledged Sue Johnson's years of service. He said he knew of no other person who took the fiscal health of the city so seriously. Alexander said he didn't always agree with Johnson but that he would miss her intensity and intelligence. Alexander said he had attended the Curry County Solid Waste Committee meeting on September 29th and one of the items discussed was the Household Hazardous Waste which had been presented to the council last month by DEQ. Alexander discussed the mutual agreement between the city and the county, and the Solid Waste Committee booth at the recent county fair. Other items discussed at the meeting: DEQ material recovery report. Alexander thanked Wernicke for the proclamation on domestic violence and the honor of reading and signing the proclamation. Alexander said the Director of the Oasis Shelter was present and he wanted to acknowledge her and her staff and their good work. Finally, Alexander thanked City Administrator Barnes for her "getting a handle" on the City. He said he knew of "no one" who could have gotten as "tight a handle on things, as quickly" as Barnes has.

Brennan-> said he agreed with all the council on their comments about Sue Johnson and that he enjoyed working with her very much and would miss her input and guidance. He also thanked Barnes on her "phenomenal" job. Brennan said he agreed with Peterson on the Crook family project and that they needed the support. Brennan said he attended a meeting on September 23rd on the findings of the Blue Ribbon Law Enforcement Committee. He said at this time there was no recommendation from the Board of Commissioners at this time but would pass it along when one was made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

The Mayor asked again if there was anyone who wished to address the council.

Leah Sevey, Director of the Oasis Shelter thanked the council for the domestic violation proclamation. She said she wanted to tell the council about a few of the issues Oasis was dealing with. Identity theft is a growing problem and she has been discussing the matter with the PD. She said it is a particular issue for victims of domestic violence and that was why Oasis is involved. Another issue she said they are dealing with is the inappropriate disposal of prescription medications. Residue is turning up in rivers and other water bodies as pollution. Oasis has taken this issue on as project to determine what is the appropriate means of disposal. The finally issue they are tackling is human trafficking. She said she would be attending a workshop on the topic because it is a growing problem in Oregon. She said human trafficking is the use of individuals from other countries as slaves here in the United States.

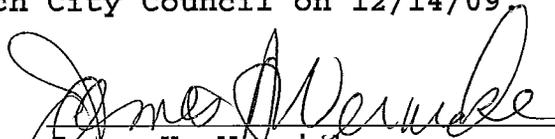
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting for the Gold Beach City Council is scheduled for Monday evening, NOVEMBER 9, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Ave., at 6:30 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the council will be Monday, November 9, 2009.

ADJOURNED at 7:58 P.M.

The location of the hearing/meeting is accessible to the disabled. Advance notice is requested if special accommodations are needed. Call (541) 247-7029 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. The City of Gold Beach is an affirmative action EEOE and complies with section 504 of the rehab act of 1973. Complaints of Discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9419

Passed by the Gold Beach City Council on 12/14/09.


James H. Wernicke

ATTEST:


Shirley Walker, City Recorder