



MINUTES
June 24, 2013
City Council Meeting

Note: These minutes are a near-verbatim transcript of the meeting.

Call to order: **Time: 6:31 pm**

1. **The pledge of allegiance**
2. **Roll Call:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mayor Karl Popoff</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Council Position #1 VACANT</i>		
<i>Council Position #2 Larry Brennan</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Council Position #3 Brice Gregory</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Council Position #4 Doug Brand</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>City Administrator Jodi Fritts</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Student Liaison Vacant</i>		

3. **Special Orders of Business: (pages 4-8)**
 - a. **Interview of Council Position #1 candidates**

Mayor Karl Popoff: We have five candidates. I appoint, and the Council then confirms that appointment. It is a mutual thing; we both have to get together on this. What I do not appoint the Council cannot confirm. What I am concerned with when I appoint is that the City is their first priority and that their allegiance is to the City, not to me, not to a Councilor, not to the Administrator, but to the City. I expect that person to be well read, know the agenda and as much about the issues that they can. Three Councilors decide policy. The Mayor does not decide policy, unless there is a tie and he can break a vote one way or the other. Otherwise, it is three Councilors that set policy and that is why it is so important to me that we have Councilors that honestly look to the welfare of this City first and foremost. I hope everybody understands that. We do whatever we can to see that the Councilor gets whatever training the needs because that is really important as well. Particular the ethics to begin with. There are a lot of things that you can get into trouble with without even knowing it with the best of intentions. I have come close to it in the past. It is something that we have to bear in mind at all times. I am going to take the applicants just as we have them listed on the agenda. When the person is called forward they will have a few minutes to discuss why they want to run. They will have a few moments that they may want to discuss something that they did not put on their application. Every Councilor will have an opportunity to ask questions of each applicant beginning with Councilor Brennan. I will not ask any questions. If a Councilor has another question they will be given the opportunity to work their way around each Council position again until their questions have been satisfied. This is an important decision so I want them to have every opportunity to get to know who they are voting for.

Candidate Brent Thompson

The first question I heard you ask was why do I want to be on the City Council? Statistics show that 25% of Gold Beach young people leave the area. I think the thing that Gold Beach needs is to be competitive in tourism. That means esthetics, appearances, shopping opportunities and a good feel to the City. That is a strong interest I have had. I was involved in a very strong campaign or program regarding a Southern Oregon city that has done very well in attracting tourism. I was involved with that for 12 years. I am not a lazy person, I like to work so that is another thing I think I have to offer. I think a top priority is to make sure that the public is included in things. We need to publicize meetings, not just put them on the internet. We need a signboard outside. We need a lead story in the paper about what we are doing, what the meetings are about. We need written minutes of our meetings for accountability and a historic record of public responses at those meetings. I have been at this for 30 years and have contacts in Salem and Portland. I think one of the things we will survive on is Grants and I believe I can be of assistance in that area due to my contacts. It is a team effort, of course, but that is another strong interest I have. I would say that our job here is to represent the public and account for the public's money in a frugal fashion. I think that standing up for the public is best for the City in the long run particularly in trying to become more competitive regarding tourism.

Mayor: Thank you. Councilor Brennan, do you have any questions?

Councilor Larry Brennan: Are you familiar with the League of Oregon Cities and their role in local government?

Thompson: Yes. I attended LOC as a City Councilor. I think it is a valuable experience. I also feel that the planning conference in Eugene that I have attended many times is very valuable. The planning is what the City of Gold Beach needs to work on the most in order to back up this Urban Renewal District we are doing. We can't just have an Urban Renewal program without major modifications to our planning program to make it catch what it can do for us.

Councilor Doug Brand: Do you know how the Oregon Government Ethics Rules apply to City Council members?

Thompson: Yes. I did take the training regarding that. I believe we were all required to take. I believe strongly in the need for reminders and continual monitoring of making decisions that will not financially benefit family members or person on the Council or you recuse yourself. I am familiar with that. That has been an issue in the hundreds of planning commission meetings where I have been an official and I have been a decision maker on.

Councilor Tamie Kaufman: Do you have any issues that are at the top of your list of priorities if you are elected?

Thompson: I'd say that fiscal responsibility, making sure we don't over spend and keep the adequate reserves that we need. The other thing, I think that the planning program needs

Council involvement and Council direction. If I were elected I would like to be that liaison to the planning commission to help with that process.

Councilor Kaufman: Has anything that the City has done recently upset you in any way?

Thompson: The only thing that I get impatient with is that I don't think that we have been getting the word out to the public enough. I feel that volunteerism is down. I know of Cities that have had to drop their membership of commissions by two members because they couldn't get the people to come out. It is the volunteerism. It could be a demographic thing; we are getting older as a population. The people who would come forward are all raising their families. I think a tremendous thing is getting notices into the paper and getting the public involved in any way that we can, not only the City website, newspapers, billboards, any way that we can.

Mayor: I do not have any questions for this candidate.

Thompson: I was going to leave you with one other thing. You can pass this around. When you are in a volunteer position one newspaper locally does a poll every year to see who is doing the best job representing them. So, this was June 1996 favorite City Council member and 1995 favorite City Volunteer along with two civic improvement awards one for renovating buildings.

Candidate Theodore Whitmore

Whitmore: To start with your first question, for the past twenty years this community has meant a lot to me and I would like to give back. I think that this would be a very good way to do so. On my application there is one question that I may have been a little short on and that was on volunteer serve. I am not currently volunteering; however, I did spend 3 years on Curry County Search and Rescue, 1 ½ years as a volunteer EMT and I was a founding member of Urban Renewal.

Councilor Brennan: How do you see your role as a City Councilor?

Whitmore: I don't really see that a Council person has much occurring outside of the body of the Council. The Council position basically is the administrative and policy making body of the City.

Councilor Brand: What do you think is the most important issue facing the City in the next two years?

Whitmore: To state the obvious, the County. That is going to greatly impact all of the incorporated areas in the County. If the services start to go away we are going to have to do something.

Councilor Brand: Forget the County for a moment and just focus on the City.

Whitmore: One of the big things for me is Urban Renewal. As I mentioned I was one of the founding members of it. I think that we should have started this years ago. Better late than never, at least we have it under way.

Councilor Kaufman: Has the City done anything recently that has upset you in any way?

Whitmore: No, I think everything has been going pretty good.

Mayor: I have no questions.

Councilor Brand: What public meetings have you attended in the past year ie City, County, State, Federal?

Whitmore: I've not attended so many recently, but City Council and Urban Renewal are the ones that I have attended in the past years.

Candidate Kelly Faulkenberg

Mayor: Do you have anything you would like to address the Council with before their questions?

Faulkenberg: No.

Councilor Brennan: How do you see your role as a City Councilman?

Faulkenberg: I see my role as a steward of the City money, what we get in and how we spend it.

Councilor Brand: What have you attended in the past year as far as government meetings?

Faulkenberg: Probably three City Council, two County meetings.

Councilor Kaufman: Do you have any issues that are at the top of your list of priorities?

Faulkenberg: I believe that I would like to work on some pedestrian crossings. Get some funding to get those lighted. Some other things as far as the Ordinances read. I would like to get more familiar with that. I am very untrained in that.

Councilor Kaufman: Has anything the City has done recently upset you in any way?

Faulkenberg: No.

Councilor Brennan: What do you think are the most important issues facing the City in the next two years?

Faulkenberg: Bringing tourism here. Getting them to come here and not just drive through.

Councilor Brand: Are you familiar with the recently adopted Urban Renewal Plan?

Faulkenberg: Yes

Councilor Brand: And did you have any opportunity to attend the meeting?

Faulkenberg: No I didn't. I read your report.

Councilor Brand: And, what did you think?

Faulkenberg: I thought it was good. I am not really familiar with the boundaries; I see the map over there.

Mayor: Are you willing to make independent decisions? I mean do your own research on it and then form your own decision not based upon what other people may think? Also, whether or not you may irk the other Council members or Mayor. Can you make your decision based upon what you think is right?

Faulkenberg: That is a good question. I researched all the questions you had on your list and I am still here. Yes, I have the ability to do the research and make independent decisions.

Candidate Melinda McVey

McVey: I will give you a little bit of background that was not on the application. I have been in Gold Beach for 13 years. I started out with a business here and then joined the Chamber of Commerce. I ended up as the President for two terms. After that I got active in the Senior Center and became the President for two different terms. So, I guess I am a joiner and a worker. I am just finishing up my stint with the Senior Center and have done quite a bit of volunteer work around town. I have always been interested in the City Council. When I was the Chamber President I would come to the meetings every month. I love this City. I have never lived in a small town before and I just love it.

Councilor Brennan: What do you see as the most important issues facing the City in the next two years?

McVey: Well, I think first of all, financially we have quite a bit to work with to help our City. I think Urban Renewal is very very important and I also have a personal thing about beautification. I think one of our biggest dollars is tourist dollars. I think to get more tourist dollars we need to be prettier. I know that works because I have seen it. So, those are things that I think we all need to work together on and put our dollars where they truly best fit. I was on the Budget Committee for that very reason.

Councilor Brand: Have you attended and public meetings, City, County, State.

McVey: Not recently. To be honest when I finish at the Senior Center I am just beat.

Councilor Brand: How do you work after 8pm?

McVey: Oh, that is no problem at all. When I worked on Chamber we did a lot of things like Midnight Madness and various things. I am allowed to stay up and play as late as I want to.

Councilor Brand: So, you are familiar with the Urban Renewal Plan?

McVey: I am familiar with it. I don't know as much as I need to know. But, I am like a clean page, I am ready to learn. I don't know as much about your budget as I need to know. I know that it has problems, like every other place. I have been working on the budget for the Senior Center and I have to assume it is in better shape than that....I hope. I want to learn more about the City and how it works and how I can help it.

Councilor Brand: Do you know how the Oregon Government Ethics Rules apply to City Council members?

McVey: I know some of them. I will need a book to read.

Mayor: Actually, there is a class through the LOC. That would be one of the very first things a chosen candidate would go through.

Councilor Kaufman: Do you have any issue or issues that are on the top of your list of priorities should you be appointed.

McVey: I don't have any issues. I have a lot of interests, but no particular issues. I am very pleased with the way the Council is now and I am pleased to say that I voted for every one of you. I think you are doing a good job and I would love to be involved with it.

Councilor Kaufman: Is there anything that the City has done recently that has upset you in any way?

McVey: No, actually not that I can think of. And you know me, I would say.

Mayor: Can you make an independent decision based upon your own research without influence from other Councilors or City employees.

McVey: I think that I can. Being President of the Senior Center you have to make some uncomfortable decisions. You have to make quite a few unpopular decisions. You just learn to do what you think is right. Yes, I feel very strongly that I can make an independent decision. I am also a team player so I like to get the facts, but if I need to make a decision on my own I certainly can.

Candidate Sandra Vieira

Mayor: Is there anything you would like to address the Council with before we begin the interview process?

Vieira: No I don't think so. I pretty much explained it in my application. In a broad sense I am very interested in the vitality of the community. I want to be a part of helping our community to be alive, alert and beautiful.

Councilor Brennan: What do you see as the most important issues facing the City in the next two years?

Vieira: I think everyone has said similar things about Urban Renewal and getting that on track. We are very close to getting that plan to the City Council. Isn't it in October that the tax rules come out? So, I think that would be the main course of action that we should focus on at this time. It will be a number of years that we will have to be working on and retaining funds before we can start projects. So in the long term I think that that is the best goal that the City has right now.

Councilor Brennan: And what do you see as your role as a Councilor?

Vieira: Working alongside folks who have the best interest of the City, its infrastructure. A lot of the revenue source for our community is tourism based so having that at the top of our minds anytime we are making decisions.

Councilor Brand: On your application you have a lot of volunteer activities and boards that you are on. Can you find time for us?

Vieira: Surprisingly, I don't have anything on the second Monday evening of every month. I should correct that, in August that second Monday I will be on vacation – that is paid for. I am not the type of person to sign up for a commitment not to follow through even if I have to give up on some other personal activities or social time for myself. My commitment always stands strong. I would not have applied for this if I didn't think that I would have the time to research the information that is in the packets every month in order to work alongside you folks.

Councilor Kaufman: Do you have any issues that are at the top of your list of priorities if you are appointed?

Vieira: Urban Renewal is kind of a hot spot for me.

Councilor Kaufman: Has the City done anything recently to upset you in any way?

Vieira: Not at all. I have rather enjoyed working alongside the City this last fall.

Mayor: We do a lot of talking around here about tourism. But, in my opinion tourism is not the ultimate answer. We need something that can last all year round. In the private sector Freeman Marine is our largest employer and in the public sector it is government. Do you have any ideas what might fill that void?

Vieira: Do you want pie in the sky or something that is reasonable?

Mayor: Either way.

Vieira: A lot of different ideas of industries to bring into the area have been tossed around. I don't know currently if our Cities' infrastructure is prepared for a large facility employer to come in say like that call center. When that redundancy loop is completed over the mountains then we should be able to do that. Manufacturing something here and then shipping it out isn't possible because of our rural location. I think that what we really need is a really viable town. Urban Renewal isn't just for increasing tourism. It is bringing business here so people don't have to buy online or travel outside the area. Things become a little more available here in town, which we have a lot of now I think. I rarely have to go out of town for anything. I think Urban Renewal would do that for us. In my mind it isn't just for a tourism base. It is for more and stronger business which means jobs which will attract families to our town, kids to our schools. It is for a healthier stronger community.

Mayor: I can make an appointment now and have your confirmation now or we can go through remaining business giving everyone and opportunity to think about it a little bit. We can come back to this at the end of the meeting. Either way is fine with me.

Councilor Brennan: Doesn't matter to me.

Councilor Kaufman: Doesn't matter, you are in charge.

Mayor: What I am going to do is get through this business first giving you a little time to think on it and come back to this at the end. Then we will make a decision on this provided we can.

Councilor Kaufman: Just in case anyone leaves before the end I just wanted to thank everyone for applying. This is probably the best turnout we have ever had and it is wonderful that so many people are interested.

Mayor: Thank you for bringing that up. I would personally like to thank each and every one of you also. The most I ever remember applying for a Council position was about three. The other thing I would strongly encourage you to do if you are not appointed to the Council position we have 3 positions open on the Planning Commission which is a very important function of this City. We do not have any applicants as yet. I can almost guarantee that you will be put on there.

Councilor Brand: Dovetailing off that, I think that we have one or two spots open on Urban Renewal.

City Administrator Fritts: There is one, yes.

Mayor: So, that is something that is very important. It would be nice to have that filled as well.

4. **Consent Calendar**
None scheduled
5. **Citizens Comments**
As presented to the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting
6. **Public Hearing**
 - a. *Final public hearing on fiscal year 2013-2014 municipal budget*

Public Hearing opened at 7:10 pm

Mayor: Is there anyone from the public that wishes to comment on the budget that was brought before the Council.

Fritts: This is kind of a statutory formality. We have already had the Public Hearings before the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee has recommended a budget to you, which you are also on the Budget Committee. So this is just incorporating those changes that we had in the meetings. Councilors Brand and Kaufman asked a question prior to the meeting about the proposed COLA's in the budget. The budget officer had proposed a 1% cost of living increase and then we had discussed possibly doing a 1.3% merit raise. While you were doing your interviews I went through my notes and I did have that a motion was made by Councilor Kaufman that the 1.7% COLA would stand, that was 5 Ayes to 2 Nays. What I would like to suggest is that I go back and listen to the tapes between now and July. We can adopt the budget as it stands right now, but if it is discovered that that was not the case we can do a supplemental budget in July. The budget you have before you now is the 1.7% I don't know that you need to make a motion on that, I am just offering to go back and look through that to see what the actual motion was. Tami made the motion and Larry seconded.

Mayor: Any comment from the Public on this? None, then we will close the Public Hearing at 7:13pm

7. **Citizen Requested Agenda Items**
None scheduled
8. **Public Contracts and Purchasing**
None scheduled
9. **Ordinances & Resolutions (pages 9-22)**

Fritts: There are three different Resolutions for this evening. The first is (a) a yearend cleanup that we do usually at the end of each year. There is the motion for the budget for the next fiscal year (b). Then there is also a Resolution (c) reaffirming the Reserve Funds. In the past these were Resolutions in the year that they were adopted. What I have done this year is to incorporate all of the Reserve Funds into one Resolution which says when those funds need to be looked at. That way it will make it easier to see which ones need to be reviewed.

- a. *R1213-16 transferring appropriations within FY1213 budget*

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to accept Resolution R1213-16 Transferring Appropriations within FY1213 budget. Councilor Doug Brand seconded the motion.

Mayor Popoff called for discussion. Hearing none, he called the vote.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 VACANT			
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Brice Gregory			
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY			

b. R1213-17 adopting FY1314 municipal budget

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to approve Resolution R1213-17. Councilor Doug Brand seconded the motion.

Mayor Popoff called for discussion and hearing none, called the vote.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 VACANT			
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Brice Gregory			
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY			

c. R1213-18 reserve funds

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion to approve Resolution R123-18 Reserve Funds. Councilor Larry Brennan seconded the motion.

Mayor Popoff called for discussion and hearing none, he called the vote.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 VACANT			
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Brice Gregory			
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY			

Mayor: I have listened and I have a short list. I am going to start with the top of that list. So, I am going to offer up for consideration of appointment Melinda McVey. I would like to see as much unanimity as we can.

There was a short discussion between councilors, affirming the Mayors choice of Melinda McVey to City Council position #1.

MOTION: Councilor Tamie Kaufman made the motion that we approve the Mayor's appointment of Melinda McVey for Council Position #1. Councilor Doug Brand seconded the motion.

Mayor Popoff called for discussion and hearing none, he called the vote.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 VACANT			
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Brice Gregory			
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY			

Mayor: You will be installed in the July meeting. Staff will give you the things that you need to get caught up on. As soon as we can we will get you to an Ethics Class. This is really very important. We all have to go through it every year.

I want to thank all of you once again for coming. There was not a bad applicant in the bunch. Once again, please, if you feel lead at all the Urban Renewal Committee and Planning Commission need your help. That is how I started back in the 90's on the Planning Commission from there to the Council to being Mayor. We have not had the volume of work that has been done in the past because of the downturn in building. Believe me if you want to be on a sometimes contentious committee having folds upset with at times. That is a good way to learn if you have thick skin or not.

10. Miscellaneous Items (including policy discussions and determinations)

None scheduled

11. City Administrator's Report

Presented at the June 10th meeting

12. Mayor and Council Member Comments

a. Mayor Karl Popoff

b. Councilors

1) VACANT

2) Larry Brennan

3) Brice Gregory

4) Doug Brand

5) Tamie Kaufman

6. Student Liaison, Vacant

Mayor: Thank you all very much.

Councilor Brennan: none tonight.

Councilor Brand: Thank you to the applicants. This is more than we get sometimes at regular meetings. Thanks for the input. My words of wisdom for the night; I have found that being honest is the best technique I can use. Right up front tell people what you are trying to accomplish and what you are willing to sacrifice to accomplish it.

Councilor Kaufman: Why does he always have to make me think before it is my turn to speak? I just want to thank everybody for putting this together from staff on up. I think the City is moving in the right direction.

Fritts: Urban Renewal Budget was a topic at the last meeting. I talked to the auditors and because the budget does not go into effect until July we cannot really do a budget until then. We can receive revenue in November when they certify the tax role and we will get it. It is ok that we are bringing revenue in, but we are not making any expenditure this year. For the next budget year we will have to do a separate budget hearing. We can decide later if we want that to be the same budget committee or if you want it to be made up of some of the Citizens Committee.

Councilor Brand: Can that be in our tickler file for January?

Fritts: Yes. I just wanted you to know why we didn't do an Urban Renewal Budget it is because we can't. The auditor says that until July 10th it is not actually done.

13. Citizens Comments

As presented to the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting

14. Executive Session

None scheduled

The next scheduled meeting of the Gold Beach City Council is Monday, July 8, 2013 at 6:30PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 29592 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, Oregon.

Mayor: I will entertain a motion to adjourn at this time.

MOTION: Councilor Doug Brand made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Larry Brennan seconded the motion.

Mayor Popoff called for discussion and hearing none, he called the vote.

Record of Vote	Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Council Position #1 VACANT			
Council Position #2 Larry Brennan	X		
Council Position #3 Brice Gregory			
Council Position #4 Doug Brand	X		
Council Position #5 Tamie Kaufman	X		
MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY			

15. *Adjourn* *Time: 8:14 pm*

Approved November 25, 2013



Candy Cronberger, City Recorder