

**CALL TO ORDER**                    The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Stubby Lyons.

**ATTENDANCE**                    Present: Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilors Don Johnson, Tim Tolan, Dave Moore, Gary Diebolt and Student Representative Clare McEwan.

   Absent: Mayor Don Larson, Councilor Larry Haller.

   Also Present: Trish Downey, Asst. to the City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Mikaela Norval, Tourism Director; Donald Allison, Seaside Signal; Jeff Nelson, KAST; Pamela Robel, Daily Astorian.

   Councilor Tolan explained at the last City Council Meeting February 25, 2008, Bill Hubbard had made comments about a clean up in May, and the discussion was tabled until the meeting tonight. Councilor Tolan further stated Mayor Larson and City Manager Mark Winstanley did not have time to discuss all of the issues and the issue would be postponed until later.

   Council President Lyons stated there were also issues where the funds would come from.

   Trish Downey, Asst. to the City Manager, stated there also needed to be discussed with Western Oregon Waste (WOW) and there was a workshop scheduled March 24, 2008.

**AGENDA**                            Motion to approve the March 10, 2008, agenda; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Tolan)

**MINUTES**                            Motion to approve the February 25, 2008, minutes; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Moore)

**CONFLICT**                            Council President Lyons asked whether any Councilor wished to declare a conflict of interest.

   No one declared a conflict of interest.

**CONSENT AGENDA**                Motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$411,358.59 and Resolution #3643 – A Resolution of the City of Seaside, Oregon, extending Seaside’s Workers’ Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of the City of Seaside; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Diebolt)

**SWEARING IN SEASIDE POLICE OFFICERS**                Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, swore in two new Seaside Police Officer’s Jeffrey Oja and Heather Applehof and congratulated both of them.

**ORDINANCE #2008-03**                AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY EAST OF THE CITY (Property adjacent to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Wahanna)

   Council President Lyons called for public comments, there were no comments.

   Council President Lyons asked for Council comments, there were no Council comments.

Motion to place Ordinance #2008-03 on its third reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Tolan/Johnson)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-03; carried by the following roll call vote: (Tolan/Johnson)

   YEAS:        LYONS, MOORE, DIEBOLT, JOHNSON, TOLAN  
   NAYS:        NONE  
   ABSENT:     LARSON, HALLER  
   ABSTAIN:    NONE

**PRESENTATION – OUTDOOR SCHOOL**                Tennaya Carr, Seaside Heights Elementary Fifth Grader, stated fellow classmates, teacher John Meyer and herself were attending the City Council meeting to discuss a fundraising project for Outdoor School. The fifth grade students at Seaside Heights Elementary School would clean up the banks of the Necanicum River from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the mouth of the river on March 12, 2008. The fifth grade students would also plant seedlings which would make the area more attractive for tourists as well as the citizens of Seaside. Ms. Carr further stated by doing the project the fifth grade students would be honoring Mr. Byron Meek also known as Mr. Seaside, who founded the program at Seaside Heights Elementary. Mr. Meek’s motto was, “It’s better to give to someone else and not just yourself.” Ms. Carr further stated every week the students were expected to fill out a coupon that tracked what the students did for the week whether volunteering in the community, educating themselves, exercising, or doing family activities. The object of the program was to encourage the students to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and gangs by getting involved in positive activities. Ms. Carr further stated Outdoor School was for three days and two nights at the end of April in Vernonia. Students had been collecting donations to support the class trip. The money received from the donations was put into a scholarship fund that helps with the cost of going to Outdoor School which was \$135.00 per student. Ms. Carr thanked the Council for letting the students attend the City Council Meeting and sharing what the fifth graders were doing at Seaside Heights.

John Meyer stated the students went out every week doing good things and received prizes for the coupons that were turned in. Mr. Meyer further stated the students had a pledge they stated at school. Mr. Meyer asked the students to state the pledge for the City Council. The cost of sending all of the students to outdoor school was \$7,000.00 or \$135.00 for each student which was not easy for parents to afford. The fundraiser helped to raise funds for the cost of the outdoor school.

**PRESENTATION –  
CITY TREE BOARD**

Tom Chatterton, 2190 S. Grove, Seaside, stated he had the pleasure of serving on the City Tree Board for several years. Mr. Chatterton further stated his personal goal was to have the City live up to the tree city designation and to have the public trees exhibit the proper care and feeding that was needed. Mr. Chatterton stated the City Tree Board members needed to know the charter and to be familiar with what the responsibilities of the tree board. Mr. Chatterton further stated the long term goals were to compile a list of special interest trees both public and private and encourage the care and preservation. There were many trees in the area that needed to be appreciated for their form or rarity. The only tree of real historical value was a Butternut Tree that had existed on South Edgewood and was planted by Ben Holladay. The tree was cut down by a developer who was going to build townhouses. There was a Cyprus Tree which now stood on the grounds of the Butter Field Cottage. Mr. Chatterton further stated the plans for Arbor Day would be a tree conscience event for the community. There were arrangements made for young ornamentals, three to four feet high to be placed at no cost on the properties of those who requested such a tree which would help replace the trees lost in the December storm. Mr. Chatterton further stated the community should know there was a City Tree Board that was visible, approachable and not the tree police.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT  
YEAR END REPORT**

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, stated January, 2007, Seaside experienced a surprise snow storm dumping several inches of snow which made Seaside a winter wonderland for a few days. As the year was coming to a close, Seaside again was hit with a winter storm with winds in excess of 100 mph, no power for five days and no communications for three days. Damage throughout the community was significant with hard work by the city and many residents. The resiliency of the community was outstanding. Chief Gross further stated once again Seaside had successful community events throughout the year with annual planning, the police department was able to ensure our four largest events; Spring Break, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Beach Volleyball and Hood to Coast which went smoothly with minimal criminal activity. Officers also provided security for the Miss Oregon pageant and parade, 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and activities, and the two car shows and a motorcycle show that were held at the Convention Center. Chief Gross further stated the criminal activity in Seaside continued to drop in 2007 with Part I offenses decreasing by six percent which was Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, Thefts, and Arson. There was an increase in Motor Vehicle thefts, Assaults and a significant increase in Rapes. In looking at Part II offenses there was an eight percent decrease including reductions in Forgery/Counterfeit, Fraud, Stolen Property, Vandalism, Weapons, Laws, Drugs and Curfew Violations. The department was successful in clearing thirty percent of the Part I Crimes and sixty six percent of the Part II Crimes. Chief Gross further stated thanks to a Reduce Access to Alcohol Grant, the department was able to continue to make an impact on the illegal consumption and possession of alcohol by minors. During 2007, officers arrested two hundred seventy-two minors for possession or consumption of alcohol, a sixty percent increase over 2006. The department arrested twenty-five people for furnishing alcohol to minors, a forty seven percent increase over last year. Because of the activity and enforcement the department would continue to receive the grant funding for 2008. Chief Gross further stated in 2007 the police department participated in three new programs; leading, developing and sponsoring a South County Citizen's Police Academy. The Seaside department worked with Gearhart, Cannon Beach, and Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and provided training to thirteen citizens that were interested in learning about the different departments. Three of the graduates continue to help with various tasks as part of the Police Volunteer Program. In May the department participated in a new Job Fair Day identifying different jobs throughout Clatsop County that students and other adults might be interested in working towards. Juniors and seniors from area high schools attended the one day event that has now become an annual event. Officers and dispatchers established booths for people to learn more about becoming and officer, deputy sheriff or dispatcher. The Seaside Police Department received a Bicycle Safety Grant that allowed for two Bicycle Safety Fairs that provided education, a skills course and a fun ride for participants. The grant also allowed the department to continue the program of giving away safety helmets to kids to keep them safe. Chief Gross further stated in August, 2007, the department conducted the second National Night Out in Broadway Park and Cartwright Park. Despite a rainy evening, community members came together to learn about protecting themselves and their families and enjoyed an old fashioned picnic thanks to Seaside Kiwanis and Rotary Club of Seaside. Chief Gross further stated he was very proud of the men and women of the Seaside Police Department who continued to work hard to keep the community safe. Over the past two years there had been a thirty-nine percent reduction in Part I Crimes and an eighteen percent drop in Part II Crimes. The reductions in crime were a result of the hard work and the excellent service provided by officers and dispatchers to the community. As the department heads into 2008, there would be a continuation to strengthen the community partnership through the Citizen's Academy, Merchant Alert Program, Volunteer Program, and providing services that met the needs of the community. The Seaside Police Department remained committed to working hard to maintain the trust and confidence of the citizens and visitors of Seaside.

**VACANCY –  
PARKS ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

Council President Lyons stated there were three vacancies on the Parks Advisory Committee with two term expirations. Tom Horning and Jason Boyd wished to be reappointed. Council President Lyons asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

Council consensus to keep the vacancies open until the next Council meeting March 24, 2008.

**VACANCY –  
CITY TREE BOARD**

Council President Lyons stated there was one vacancy on the City Tree Board with Rebecca Sherlock resigning. Council President Lyons asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

**RESOLUTION #3644**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLATSOP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES (CEDR)**

Al Smiles, Chamber of Commerce Director, explained the last eighteen months individuals had been meeting to establish the Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) to deliver business development services comprised of and funded by participating organizations and clearly define deliverables. The pilot program would be authorized for two years to assess performance to committed deliverables and follow on funding decision based on evaluation of value delivered. The county had agreed to provide \$60,000.00 for each year of the two years towards economic development and the establishment had asked the City to provide \$7,500.00 for each of the two years. There would be a full time director and business councilor hired. The idea was to create an organization that would expand, retain and recruit businesses and industries to include existing and new industry clusters, increase per-capita income, diversify the economy and promote managed economic growth through year round family wage jobs, and to lead delivery of professional economic development services by bringing together multi-organizations' efforts.

Councilor Tolan asked if the organization was asking for the same amount from other City's in Clatsop County.

Mr. Smiles stated that was correct.

Council President Lyons asked if the money needed to be requested every year.

Mr. Smiles stated when speaking with the City Manager the funds would be given for this year and there would be a review after one year for the purpose of determining whether to contribute another year.

Council President Lyons asked for public comments and there were no comments.

Council President Lyons asked for Council comments.

Councilor Diebolt asked if the City Manager had the funding.

Ms. Downey stated the money would be taken out of the economic development funds.

Motion to read Resolution #3644 by title only; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Diebolt)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3644; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Tolan)

**RESOLUTION #3645**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM (Regarding improvements to the community area of Broadway Park)**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, explained the resolution was for a grant the City applied for through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The City had applied for the grant a couple of times in the last few years and was the same grant used for the skate park. The City applied for the grant last year for Broadway Park but the City did not make the cut. There would be four distinct playground areas through the community area of the park and the City would like to develop those areas and the path areas. Mr. Wallace did not have the dollar figures for the project at this time. The project would not include the ball field at this time.

Motion to read Resolution #3645 by title only; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Diebolt)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3645; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Diebolt)

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC**

There were no public comments.

**COMMENTS – STUDENT  
COUNCIL REP.**

Student Council Representative Clare McEwan stated the high school just started a new term. There would be a blood drive on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. The Marine Biology Class just released approximately one hundred salmon today into the Necanicum River. The girl's basketball team was going to state tomorrow and finished in the top eight.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Diebolt stated the 2020 Visioning had their first meeting on February 13, 2008. There was a questionnaire handed out to the public and two hundred and seventy three had been returned. The questionnaires were still available for anyone who wanted to fill them out.

Councilor Johnson stated the Ad Hoc Committee for the expansion feasibility of the Convention Center was meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 8:00 am, at City Hall.

Councilor Lyons stated there was a workshop with WOW on Monday, March 24, 2008, at 6:00 pm, and on Monday, March 31, 2008, there would be a workshop with the City Council and Planning Commission.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**      There were no staff comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**      The regular meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR