

MINUTES	SEASIDE CITY COUNCIL	OCTOBER 13, 2008	7:00 PM
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CALL TO ORDER The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Don Larson.

ATTENDANCE Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilors Larry Haller, Don Johnson, Gary Diebolt, Tim Tolan and Dave Moore.

Also Present: Trish Downey, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Gross, Police Chief; Mikaela Norval, Tourism Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manager; Dale Kamrath, Fire Chief; Al Peinhardt, Finance Director; Jeff Nelson, KAST; Donald Allison, Seaside Signal; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

AGENDA Motion to approve the October 13, 2008, agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Haller)

INTRODUCTION Mayor Larson introduced Al Peinhardt, Finance Director, for the City of Seaside Business Office.

MINUTES Motion to approve the September 22, 2008, minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)

CONFLICT Mayor Larson 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 \$1,499,910.17; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

VACANCY – PLANNING COMMISSION Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy with no applications received on the Planning Commission. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

VACANCY – TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy with no applications received on the Tourism Advisory Committee. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

VACANCY – CONVENTION CENTER COMMISSION Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Convention Center Commission. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

UPDATE – SDDA Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association Director, stated when looking back at the Seaside Downtown Development Association (SDDA) last year she realized the Seaside Downtown Development Organization was something to be proud of and to be thankful for in many ways. Ms. Oxley further stated everyone on the board and involved with the organization had done a wonderful job. Ms. Oxley stated she had selected two very recent happenings to bring to Council’s attention. This past September SDDA and Flashback Promotions hosted the annual Wheels and Waves Hot Rod Car Event and several thousand visitors come to Seaside to participate in the event. This year the visitors and car participants helped to collect 110 pounds of food and \$1,000.00 that was donated to the South County Food Bank.

Mayor Larson stated that was excellent.

Ms. Oxley stated she was happy to present the check to Harry Miller at the SDDA breakfast in September. Ms. Oxley further stated secondly and most recently the Seaside Museum had gained new ground in a paving project of the parking lot. SDDA had contributed \$6,400.00 towards the project. The project was to provide Seaside a place of history and a parking lot completed with stripes. The parking area will be great to have during the 4th of July festivities. Ms. Oxley thanked those involved with the museum project.

BID RESULTS – GOODMAN PARK RESTROOMS Mayor Larson stated the City of Seaside had received two bids for the new restroom project at Goodman Park. Big River Construction’s bid was for \$157,550.00 and Richenbach Construction’s bid was for \$240,827.00. The engineers estimated the project cost would be approximately \$155,000.00. Mayor Larson further stated the City had received a \$62,500.00 Land and Water Conservation Grant to help with the cost of the restrooms. The restroom project would include a fish/crab cleaning station on the east end, and staff was working towards putting together elements from the tile mosaic from the old Safeway Store to use on the north wall. Staff recommended accepting the bid for \$157,550.00 from Big River Construction.

Motion accepting the Goodman Park Restroom bid from Big River Construction for \$157,550.00; carried unanimously. (Haller/Lyons)

PROCLAMATION

Chief Gross read a Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Larson read a Proclamation for Meet the Blind Month.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC

Dave Langlo, 1421 N. Wahanna Road, Seaside, stated he wanted to respond to the Council's ordinance last week.

Mayor Larson stated that was a proposed Ordinance that was discussed at a recent workshop and had not been presented at a City Council meeting.

Mr. Langlo stated his response to the article printed in the Daily Astorian on October 8, 2008, was who decided what a defective or unsightly building exterior was because beauty was a matter of opinion? One's man junk was another mans gold. What was wrong with storing building materials on your own property? Vehicles not operating could be used as spare parts for antique and special interest car hobby. Mr. Langlo further stated there were fifteen vehicles parked on his property and asked how many vehicles were considered excessive. The community service officer would have dictatorial power. Mr. Langlo further stated the ordinance was bad and targeted the low income and working class citizens and would do great harm to antiques and classic car collectors.

Al Smiles, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, stated during a recent conversation with a member of the Chamber of Commerce there was a suggestion that the Seaside Transportation Plan (TSP) should include parking spaces set aside for motorcycles. Mr. Smiles further stated he was not aware of any existing spaces set aside in Seaside for the purpose and in particular there were not any spaces located on Broadway. Mr. Smiles further stated Seaside attracted many visitors with many modes of transportation including motorcycles. In order to meet the needs of visitors and the local population and to afford the same level of access close to the beach for parking, suitable spaces should be set aside for motorcycles. Mr. Smiles further stated currently motorcycle riders were forced to park between cars, creating an unsafe environment for the rider and the risk of damage to cars. On average, five to seven motorcycles were able to occupy the same space that a car would and only a limited number of currently assigned car parking spaces would need to be converted to meet the demands of motorcycle traffic in Seaside. Mr. Smiles further stated he hoped the suggestion was given some serious consideration and in particular that some space was allocated with the same distance in mind for beach access for motorcycle riders as that of vehicles. At the west end of Broadway only one regular car parking space or two at the most would provide sufficient space for motorcycle riders. Mr. Smiles asked that consideration also be applied to other parts of Seaside to ensure the needs of all road users and pedestrians were met.

Council President Lyons stated he attended the Seaside Chamber of Commerce after hours function at the Shilo last week. The event was very well hosted and the evening was enjoyable.

Mark Posalski, 7 Broadway, Seaside, stated he was a Chamber of Commerce Board of Director, and stated he was also a property owner and merchant in Seaside. The City needed motorcycle parking on the streets which would make the City motorcycle friendly. Seaside could be a destination location for groups of Motorcycle riders. Mr. Posalski stated the Portland Airport had many spaces that were only for motorcycle parking. Mr. Posalski further stated he would also like to see more bicycle racks along Broadway and the Prom.

Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon, Seaside, stated he was told the City Council had passed an issue that would grant the old Library for a \$1.00 a year based on a write in contest.

Mayor Larson stated that was not true.

Mr. Humpal stated the story was hard to believe but thought he would ask.

Trish Downey, Assistant to the City Manager, stated staff had been working on holding a public hearing and asking for input from the public regarding what they would like to see happen with the library so the City Council could make a decision. The public hearing should be sometime in November, 2008.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Council President Lyons stated there was a new project in the State of Oregon that had to do with Valentines Day, 2009, which was the 150th Anniversary of the State of Oregon. The celebration was called Oregon 150 and the governor's office would celebrate the anniversary May, 2009, since Valentine's Day was too early in the year and the weather was not good. Council President Lyons further stated he was hoping to get the public and schools involved with the celebration which would possibly include sinking a time capsule with each school adding an item to the time capsule. Council President Lyons stated he would keep the public informed once more information was received.

Mayor Larson asked Council President Lyons to pronounce the word that means 150 years.

Council President Lyons stated the word was sesquicentennial.

Councilor Johnson stated if the public wanted to hear more about celebration 150, Council President Lyons would be making a great presentation on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at the new Library.

Mayor Larson stated the ground breaking was held Sunday, October 12, 2008, at Clatsop Community College for the new addition that would be the start of the plans for the college. The college also celebrated fifty years which was very well attended.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Mikaela Norval, Tourism Director, stated the Request for Qualifications for the Tourism Sustainability Plan was sent out last Friday, October 10, 2008. There were eight inquires received already for the proposal packet. The project would start in February, 2009, and would conclude in June, 2009. Ms. Norval further stated PDXposed which was Portland's art, entertainment, and travel program would air a Seaside Segment on KGW News Channel 8 on November 1, 2008. Ms. Norval further stated there were bag laws that city's were starting to implement. When shopping stores might start charging for bags or shoppers could bring their own bags. The Visitors Bureau had bags made that could be distributed to visitors to take home and use at stores they shopped at. The bags could be walking advertisements for Seaside. Ms. Norval distributed a bag to each Council member.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center General Manger, stated there were forty Requests for Qualification on the Feasibility Study for the Convention Center. Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 10:00 am was the deadline for the qualifications. The Ad Hoc Committee would select the top three qualifications. The study should be complete and a recommendation made to Council by March, 2009.

Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief, stated the volunteers had been in a training frenzy with five buildings that were being demolished.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR