

**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, Councilors Don Johnson, Larry Haller and Gary Diebolt.

                         Absent: Council President Stubby Lyons, Councilors Tim Tolan and Dave Moore.

                         Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Department; Mikaela Norval, Tourism Director; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Seaside Convention Center General Manager; Jeff Nelson, KAST; Kathryn Head, Seaside Signal; Pamela Robel, Daily Astorian.

**AGENDA**      Motion to approve the September 10, 2007, agenda; carried unanimously. (Diebolt/Haller)

**MINUTES**      Motion to approve the August 27, 2007, minutes; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**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 \$544,767.33; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Diebolt)

**PUBLIC HEARING**      This was the duly advertised time and place to hold a public hearing regarding a speed reduction on Highway 101 from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the North of the City limits.

                         Mark Winstanley, City Manager, explained staff had been contacted by the City of Gearhart who was interested in partnering with the City of Seaside to change the speed limit from 40 mph down to 35 mph between 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the north City limits.

**DISCUSSION –  
SPEED REDUCTION**      Mayor Larson opened the public hearing.

                         Ed Tice, Gearhart City Councilor, stated he was the major component with the Gearhart City Council supporting the speed change. The request would need to be taken to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to approve a review of the speed limit and there needed to be certain criteria approved which was not an easy process. Since Seaside and Gearhart shared the speed zone from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Pacific Way the request was to change the speed zone from 40 mph to 35 mph. Gearhart would also request a speed change from Pacific Way to as far North as was possible from 45 mph to 40 mph. Basically the reason for the request was safety. There are some drivers that push the speed limit and drive approximately 10 mph over the speed limit. There have been drivers that have drove through the red stop light and also that speed up when the light changes to yellow. In four years there have been 1187 violations. If drivers had a 40 mph speed limit and were going 55 mph they would get a ticket but if drivers were going 45 mph and were going 55 mph nothing would happen. Gearhart was asking for Seaside to agree with the speed change and then a petition would be given to ODOT to do a speed review to see what could be done.

                         There were no other public comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

                         Mayor Larson asked for Council comments.

                         Councilor Johnson stated the speed limit was just lowered to 40 mph not to long ago.

                         Mr. Winstanley stated the speed limit had been lowered quite a while ago.

                         Councilor Diebolt asked where the speed limit changed to 45 mph.

                         Mr. Winstanley stated past the Dairy Queen in Gearhart.

                         Councilor Diebolt suggested the issue be postponed until the other Councilors could be at the meeting to give there comments.

                         Councilor Johnson stated the issue could be kept open until the next meeting which would allow others the make comments on the issue.

                         Mayor Larson stated there was a legal notice in the newspaper. Mayor Larson further stated the public hearing would be continued at the next City Council meeting on September 24, 2007.

**LIQUOR LICENSE  
APPLICATION**      Council considered an application for a liquor license for Morning Star Café at 280 South Roosevelt. The applicant was applying for a Limited On-Premise Sales License.

Motion to approve a Limited On-Premises Sales License for the Morning Star Café; carried unanimously. (Haller/Diebolt)

**HOOD TO COAST 2008**      Mayor Larson stated prior to the City Council meeting there was a meeting with Robert Foote to discuss issues with the Hood to Coast Relay.

Robert Foote, President of the Hood to Coast Relay, requested Councils permission to hold the next Hood to Coast Relay and the beer gardens in Seaside which would be held August 22-24, 2008. Mr. Foote stated the City of Seaside was mentioned this year in nearly all of the 270 different stories that were broadcast on the television this year. There were also television stories done in 19 other states where Seaside was mentioned. There were radio ads purchased throughout the year and Seaside was always mentioned. There were 150 different news clippings collected thus far from around the world and they were still coming in. There were National Magazines that had stories about the Hood to Coast Relay in Seaside. The New York Times had a story that was done about Seaside being the destination resort for the end of the Hood to Coast Relay. There were Foreign Magazines that also had features about the Hood to Coast Relay. There were 49 different states that participated in the Hood to Coast Relay this year and 35 different countries. The Governor of Arkansas promised there would be a Hood to Coast Relay team next year. Mr. Foote stated a couple of years ago he had made a commitment to the community to make a donation to public projects in the amount of \$17,000.00 a year. Two years ago the donation went to adding new playground equipment to Cartwright Park which was the first phase. Mr. Foote further stated he was happy to present the City Council with another check for the second and final phase for Cartwright Park.

Mayor Larson thanked Mr. Foote for the donation and stated Cartwright Park really needed to be cleaned up and on September 22, 2007, the second phase would be assembled at Cartwright Park. There would be a dedication of the park on October 14, 2007. Mayor Larson asked if there were any public comments or comments from the Council concerning Hood to Coast.

Motion to approve the Annual Hood to Coast Relay and beer gardens on the beach for the dates of August 22-24, 2008: carried with Councilor Diebolt opposed. (Haller/Johnson)

**PROCLAMATION** Mayor Larson read a Proclamation for Constitution Week.

**COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, stated she wanted to take the time to inform everyone what a great event SDDA had this last weekend and thank the Fire Chief and volunteers for partnering up for casino night. Ms. Oxley thanked Councilor Diebolt for the great job and SDDA was lucky to have a local promoter.

Councilor Diebolt stated speaking for Ms. Oxley and SDDA this was the tenth year for the Hotrod Event in Seaside. Councilor Diebolt presented a plaque to the City of Seaside for the years of support. The event had shown people that Seaside was a great place to visit and that the City was open 365 days a year. Councilor Diebolt further stated the local radio station 840 AM broadcasted the event on a small scale by doing all the public announcements. There were t-shirts that were given away that said Downtown Seaside Matters. Councilor Diebolt presented the Council and City Staff with the t-shirts. Councilor Diebolt further stated on Friday there were eighty cars partake in the senior tour. There were four hundred and ten registered participants this year. The weekend was great with a wall of people and the dance on Saturday night was a great venue for most people.

Mayor Larson thanked Councilor Diebolt and SDDA for the great event which was a class act with lots of nice people.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL** Councilor Haller asked Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, if he could contact the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) about fixing the pot holes along the highway.

Mr. Wallace stated he would speak to ODOT about the pot holes.

Councilor Haller stated he was on the Housing Seminar Committee with Bill Hubbard. The meeting would be held on September 27, 2007, and the public was invited and needed to register if planning to attend the seminar.

Mayor Larson stated Mr. Hubbard serves on the Planning Commission and was working on the Housing issues with Councilor Haller.

Mayor Larson stated the Forestry Tour for community leaders is Thursday, September 13, 2007, Community Picnic is Sunday, September 16, 2007 and the Mayors meeting will be Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at the Coffee Shop on Holladay. Mayor Larson further stated he would like to propose a date for the Promotions Workshop on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 6:30 pm.

Council consensus to schedule the Promotions Workshop for Monday, September 17, 2007.

**COMMENTS – STAFF** Mr. Winstanley stated there were five different streets being paved right now. The grinding work should be finished tomorrow and then paving would follow. The Workforce Housing registration form was placed in each Councilors box.

**ADJOURNMENT** The regular meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR