

- CALL TO ORDER** The Regular meeting of the Seaside City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Don Larson.
- Present: Mayor Don Larson, Council President Don Johnson, Councilors Randy Frank, Tita Montero, Jay Barber, and Dana Phillips.
- Absent: Councilor Stubby Lyons
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief; Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Chris Dugan, Fire Marshal/Division Chief; David Rankin, Safety/ Training Officer; and Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian/Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the April 8, 2013 agenda; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)
- PROCLAMATION** Mayor Larson read a proclamation for Arbor Day.
- Councilor Montero read a proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Month.
- Councilor Frank read a proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Kindwyn Hoge, 360 Forest Court, Seaside stated she lived on Shore Terrace in the manufactured home park and on the street of Shore Terrace there were no street lights and over the summer there were street lights installed and she wanted to thank the City Council. Ms. Hogue further stated her son was in his last year of Head Start and he loved it there and was for a wonderful program that helped children of low income attend preschool. Head Start taught her son the alphabet, how to write his name, words in Spanish, a little Sign Language, and he had also learned about nutrition. Ms. Hogue further stated she created an online petition to hopefully save Head Start with the budget cuts and Congress and it broke her heart to think other children may not have the opportunity to send their children to Head Start.
- 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 \$777,328.42; and March 11, 2013, regular minutes; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Phillips)
- VACANCY – CONVENTION CENTER** Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the Convention Center Commission with two applications received from Sasha Flint and Tim Tolan who had been interviewed prior to the City Council meeting. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.
- Motion to appoint Tim Tolan to the Convention Center Commission; carried unanimously. (Phillips/Frank)
- Term expiration for Tim Tolan would be October 25, 2014.
- LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION** Mayor Larson stated there was a liquor license application from the Firehouse Grill Restaurant located at 841 Broadway. Mayor Larson stated the business presently had a Limited On-premises Sales License and was applying for a Full On-premises Sales License. Mayor Larson asked if the owners Bob and Lori Breslauer were present.
- Bob Breslauer, Firehouse Grill Restaurant, stated they would like to offer more than beer and wine in the Firehouse Grill Restaurant. The Firehouse Grill served Blood Mary's with Sake and that was very confusing to people and would simply like to offer spirits. The Firehouse Grill would not be a drinking establishment but was more of an eating establishment where additional alcohol would be available. Mr. Breslauer further stated this was great timing with the Alcohol Awareness Month. Mr. Breslauer further stated the Firehouse Grill Restaurant had been in Seaside approximately one year and the community has been fantastic and had been an excellent experience for everyone.
- Councilor Barber stated he would have liked to see in the proclamation a call to responsible drinking as well.
- Motion to approve the Full On-Premises Sales License for the Firehouse Grill, located at 841 Broadway; carried unanimously. (Barber/Frank)

CONTRACT AGREEMENT Mayor Larson stated there was a contract agreement that staff had prepared for the Municipal Court Judge, Bob Moberg. Mayor Larson stated while reviewing the information on the Municipal Court Judge he realized the City Council hired two people in the City and that was the City Manager and the Municipal Court Judge.

Council President Johnson stated the City Council hired three people in the City including the City Attorney.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated it had been so long that this City Council had never hired a City Attorney. Mr. Winstanley further stated the Municipal Court Judge was paid a salary and also received medical benefits as an employee of the City. The insurance people provided those benefits as long as the City paid for them. The judge had reached an age where he no longer would need medical benefits and the judge had asked for a change in the contract. Judge Moberg was currently making just over \$1,700.00 a month plus medical benefits and the new contract that was asked for was \$2,800.00 a month with no medical benefits from the City. That was the contract that was put together and when the judge reviewed the contract after his meeting with the City Council he stated that what was asked for was \$2,900.00. Judge Moberg asked that the contract be changed from \$2,800.00 a month to \$2,900.00 a month. Mr. Winstanley further stated he was making Council aware the judge had requested the change.

Council President Johnson stated the contract would be for eighteen months.

Mr. Winstanley stated the contract would terminate at the end of December, 2014, and Council would then decide what would be done when the contract terminated or prior to the contract termination.

Councilor Barber stated his understanding was that with the new contract Judge Moberg would no longer be an employee of the City of Seaside.

Mr. Winstanley stated the judge would still work for the Council but he was not an employee for the City of Seaside and was contracted now.

Mayor Larson stated Council had one issue and that was what Council had agreed on which was \$2,800.00.

Councilor Montero stated Council did agree on \$2,800.00.

Councilor Phillips stated she went back over the notes from the meeting and \$2,800.00 was what the judge had asked for.

Mayor Larson stated the judge now states the amount was \$2,900.00. Mayor Larson asked Council what they wished to do.

Mr. Winstanley stated he thought Judge Moberg would be at the Council meeting. Mr. Winstanley further stated he needed to relay to Council some of the confusion with the amount of money asked for each month. The total amount of Judge Moberg's previous package as far as salary and health benefits totaled approximately \$3,100.00. The judge did speak at the meeting about the proposal he was making would save the City approximately \$200.00 a month which would be \$2,900.00 a month.

Councilor Phillips stated she understood what the City Manager was stating but she also understood her notes which had \$2,800.00 but on the other hand this was a short term contract and would vote to support the contract amount.

Motion to approve the contract for the amended amount of \$2,900.00 each month for Bob Moberg, Municipal Court Judge; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)

**SEASIDE FIRE DEPT.
ANNUAL REPORT**

Joey Daniels, Seaside Fire Chief, presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation of the Seaside Fire Department Annual Report. Chief Daniels presented a picture that was taken of all the fire department staff that was called the where's Waldo fire department picture. Chief Daniels stated 2012 was a record setting year for the fire department. The fire department responded to 959 calls which was an increase of 13% compared to 2011. There were a few changes in the career staff with the retirement of Chief Dale Kamrath at the end of June, 2012, and the hiring of Chief Joey Daniels in July, 2012. This left an opening for the Training/Safety Officer position which was filled in October, 2012, and Captain Dave Rankin was hired. Chief Daniels further stated the department averaged forty volunteers throughout the year and had an average of ten personnel responding to each call. Chief Daniels further stated Division Chief Chris Dugan and Captain David Rankin would cover their part of the annual report with some interesting calls that the department was trained on and Division Chief Dugan would cover some of those calls.

Chris Dugan, Fire Marshal/Division Chief, state the department did have some challenging calls this year and Division Chief Dugan showed pictures and explained those calls that the department was involved in which were sometimes challenging and there was nothing that could be done for training to take care of some of these calls so the department did the best they could.

Division Chief Dugan also showed some pictures of three alarm fires that the department had been called too and also a call on someone who fell over the falls which took the High Angle Rescue Team along with Life Flight, Coast Guard, and Seaside Volunteers to retreat the young man. One of the department's paramedics had to do some very evasive measures on the young man which if not done would not be alive today. This was a true call that was a challenge because of the position and condition of the patient.

Chief Daniels stated the paramedic had to get the blood out of the chest because his lungs were filling and the young man then skateboarded into the department ten days later to thank the department.

Division Chief Dugan stated the fire department had a very active summer and presented more pictures of a three alarm fire that the department had been called back to three or four times because the fire would rekindle. October, 2012, was very active with a number of fires and at one point there was three fires in the evening and early morning that were actively being investigated. Division Chief Dugan further stated the fire department also was very proactive in teaching young kids about fire safety.

Chief Daniels stated the Safety/Training Officer Captain David Rankin would speak about the training of the department and the lifeguard program.

David Rankin, Safety/Training Officer, stated early last year Gearhart and Seaside Associations met and together formed a training sub-committee to meet which allowed the assets to be pooled to purchase some training props. Captain Rankin presented pictures of different training props the departments utilized for training. There was also vehicle extrication training and the department received a new set of Jaws of Life for safely opening up vehicles. The department also trained with the Burn to learn and presented pictures of the burn to learn where officers trained with burning buildings. Captain Rankin further stated there were ladder truck operations which allowed the department to spray a lot of water and to rescue people from multi story practice. The extrication practice went into play in 2012 and Chief Daniels could touch on that subject.

Chief Daniels stated there was a call out on Highway 26 where a vehicle went sixty miles an hour into a tree. The person is still alive today because of being able to extricate them.

Captain Rankin stated the fire department worked closely with Life Flight and the Coast Guard. Fire fighters needed to be proficient in fire fighting, extrication, medical response, landing helicopters, and the list could go on. Captain Rankin further stated also at the fire department was the Lifeguard Program which would be starting up on Memorial weekend. Last year there were eight lifeguards who protected the beaches, talked with visitors, handed out information, and saved lives. The lifeguards also spend a lot of time picking up trash and keeping the beaches clean. Captain Rankin further stated the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) just finished the final exercise class that started in January. Seaside partnered with Cannon Beach to put on a basic CERT training class once a week for three months which culminated in an exercise for training. Seaside was looking at adding six to eight members to the CERT team. Captain Rankin stated the department was very lucky to have the community involvement in the event there was a disaster in Seaside.

Chief Daniels stated the department was constantly training and doing drills during the evenings and days. Chief Daniels further stated in 2013 the department would be implementing electronic pre-fire plans and inspections and hoped to get through all the businesses in the City. The department would start with the high hazard businesses which would be the hotels. This would give the department quick contact information and the hazards of each business. The department would be working on putting together the Pumper/Rescue thanks to the passing of the operation levy in November, 2012. If not for the unwavering support of the citizens it would not be possible to continue the high level of services provided. Chief Daniels further stated there were members of the department that had given many years of service, and had gone above and beyond this last year, and were recognized at the annual awards banquet. Retirement awards went to Eric Schimdt in honor of 30 years of service, and Dale Kamrath for 5 years of service. The following earned years of service pins, Roy Dague 50 years, Doug Barker 35 years, Justin Parker 10 years, Rich Nofield 10 years, and Mark Burke 10 years. The Fire Officer of the year which was voted on by the firefighters was Lieutenant Gordon Houston. The firefighter of the year which was voted on by all the fire officers was Firefighter Genesee Dennis, and the Emergency Medical provider of the year was Doug Barker for his many years of dedicated service and commitment to the emergency medical field. Chief Daniels further stated it was an honor to be the Fire Chief for the City of Seaside Fire Department with such a great staff and volunteers. The fire department was a fine organization because of the staff and volunteers and their dedication, professionalism, and love for the community. Chief Daniels further stated on behalf of the Seaside Fire and Rescue, he thanked the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, City Staff, and the citizens for the continued support, and for allowing the presentation of the annual report. Chief Daniels encouraged everyone to check out the fire department website at www.seasidefire.com where the full report presented to Council could be seen.

Esther Moberg, Seaside Library Director, stated the 2011- 2012 Library Annual report reflected a year of transition. With the change between two library directors there can often be slight differences in the way each director extracts numbers for reports and then reflects on those numbers.

In the report many numbers for statistics seem to be fairly static with a slight downward trend, this reflects the changes in reports run, staffing, and extraction of significant numbers. After this fiscal year, statistics will again show healthy growth in next year's annual report. Ms. Moberg further stated she would like to focus primarily on the areas of circulation, interlibrary, loans, and eBooks. The numbers for circulating materials at the Seaside Public Library continued to show strong growth. The Seaside Library was second only to Bandon along the Oregon Coast in library circulation. This is in comparison to much larger libraries such as Newport and Astoria. This demonstrates a robust collection as well as a very active community of users. Ms. Moberg further stated this year the interlibrary loans to other libraries increased by an incredible amount which was 40%. This showed the depth of the collection as well as the skill of the interlibrary loan staff in meeting demand in a timely manner. There had not been an increase in time spent on interlibrary loans and instead Connie who was the Interlibrary loan manager continued to improve efficiency and service. The Seaside Library averaged approximately 130,000 visits per year and that was approximately 300 visitors per day. Ms. Moberg further stated technology was a big topic and the library currently had 369 facebook friends and approximately 400 posts on the Twitter Feed and approximately 70 visitors of the Twitter Feed which kept people up to date on the library. Ms. Moberg further stated last year the library had a Beekeeper Presentation, forensic science author, bestselling author Cheryl Strayed, and ladies day pottery which were just some of the highlights. There were also monthly art shows, craft events, writing workshops, humorist, and a film maker. There were a wide variety of programs offered at the library. Ms. Moberg further discussed the expenses of the library like materials such as books and items, professional or contractual which was the cataloging service, eBook service, among other expenses. Ms. Moberg further stated children's programs that were offered were weekly story times, the Reptile Man which was a huge hit, craft events, puppet shows, and many other activities. There were new collections added to the children's room. The good news was that the children's librarian, Julie was hired in April, 2012, and a teen program had started at the library which was something the community had welcomed. Ms. Moberg further stated there was a small amount of income that did come into the library and many of the programs were subsidized by the Friends of the Library. Ms. Moberg further stated transitions can seem scary, awkward, or sometimes just chaotic but can also be a new an exciting ways to begin fresh when looking at providing services and access points for the community of Seaside. Ms. Moberg further stated she looked forward to ways the Seaside Public Library could stay relevant and focused in meeting the demands of the community whether that may be in regard to books, technology, or other access to the written word. Ms. Moberg further stated she wanted to thank the library supporter and friends, Seaside City Council, City Manager, Mark Winstanley, Library Board, Art Committee, Friends of the Library, and the library volunteers who run the book store, shelf books, and many of the small task that free up staff time, and the library staff.

Councilor Barber asked how the eBook worked since he had a Kindle and how would he check out a book from the library.

Ms. Moberg stated there was a survey at the library right now where people could check a box if they wanted to learn to use their Kindle. Ms. Moberg further stated the Ereader would be brought into the library and staff would teach you how to use it or you could go to the library website and download the eBook to you Kindle. There could be seven books checked out at a time.

Councilor Barber asked how long the books could be kept.

Ms. Moberg stated there was a date that would be checked which was either seven or fourteen days. There was not just eBooks, but there were Audio books, and movies that could be downloaded.

Mayor Larson stated it was very nice for the City Council and the audience to see some of the great things that were going in the City of Seaside. Look at the Seaside Fire Department and everything that is going on over there and the entertainment of the library and the monthly calendar with all those fun pictures and events going on. There was a lot to offer in Seaside and everyone should be proud to be a part of Seaside.

COMMENTS - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Absent.

COMMENTS - COUNCIL

Councilor Frank stated he had lived in Seaside since 1965 and the volunteers were what made the community so great and that cannot be emphasized enough. There were people applying for openings on the commissions and the staff in the City and police department, convention center, Jon Rahl at the Visitors Bureau, fire department, and library. Councilor Frank further stated this was a good time and it was fun to be here and be involved.

Councilor Phillips stated being married to a man who was a volunteer firefighter for eighteen years she did not miss those 2:00 am calls. Everything had changed so much and what the department was doing was amazing and hats off to all of the staff and volunteers that worked so hard to keep everyone safe. Councilor Phillips welcomed Ms. Moberg and further stated it was very impressive what had been done in such a short amount of time.

Councilor Montero stated she could only echo what Councilor Frank and Councilor Phillips stated and could not add anything to that.

Councilor Barber stated he had noticed that Ms. Moberg and her team generated \$16,000.00 in revenue and wanted to know how much Chief Daniels and his team had generated.

Chief Daniels stated the fire department did help with building permits.

Councilor Barber stated he also echoed the comments of the other councilors and congratulated Ms. Moberg and Chief Daniels on their reports.

Councilor Johnson stated he had always had strong ties with the fire department and his dad was a member of the fire department for many years. The fire department was a lot different years ago.

Mayor Larson stated Council had a copy of Ordinance 2002-06 and a couple of other pieces which was regarding the sign code which was one of the Council Goals. Once the sign ordinance was reviewed by City Council there would be a meeting scheduled with the Planning Commission. Mayor Larson further stated Gene Miles who was a City Manager in Seaside lost his wife recently. Mayor Larson further stated a couple of weeks ago he was talking with Jack Reisterer who was the owner of Bigfoot Restaurant and he passed away yesterday. Mayor Larson further stated there was a "Welcome Home" at Lum's on Saturday, April 6, 2013, which honored the veterans and was a very good ceremony.

**COMMENTS – CITY
STAFF AND PUBLIC**

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated the convention center just had the largest convention of the year which was the North Coast Roundup and was a successful program with approximately 1500 attendees. The convention center was gearing up and this month all of the days were booked except for two or three.

Mayor Larson stated the convention center had some remodeling done.

Mr. Vandenberg stated there was some remodeling with a new ceiling put in the hallway in front of the Pacific Room, configured a permanent retail coffee service in that area and constructed the old concessions into a storage room for operations, upgraded the sprinkler heads, added a brand new Wi-Fi upgraded system in the building which now could handle up to 1200 mobile devices at a time, and upgraded the bathrooms on the second floor. Mr. Vandenberg further stated he wanted to thank Randy Frank for all the years he had served on the Convention Center Commission and presented him with a plaque.

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated the new Dryer Building had arrived and was on site. The Osprey Cam was up and running on the Critter Zoom web site. Mr. Wallace further stated anyone interested in the erosion situation by the Waste Water Treatment Plant a PowerPoint was put together and staff was working on adding it to the City website.

Kim Jordan, Administrative Assistant, stated the information was on the website and was working.

Mr. Wallace stated there were approximately 20 slides and text presentation with photos from 1938 to 2013. The information would be available on the City website under news.

Councilor Montero asked if the Osprey Cam had a Twitter account.

Mr. Wallace stated Critter Zoom had many things on their website.

Mayor Larson asked Nancy McCarthy what her new position was.

Ms. McCarthy stated she was the Seaside Signal Editor, Cannon Beach Gazette Editor, and the Daily Astorian South County Reporter.

Mr. Winstanley reminded Council that Monday, April 29, 2013, was the first Budget Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR