

- 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 Dana Phillips, Jay Barber, Tim Tolan, Stubby Lyons, and Tita Montero.
- Absent: None
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian; and Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the April 9, 2012 agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)
- PROCLAMATION** Councilor Tolan read the Proclamation for Seaside Arbor Week.
- Councilor Lyons read the Proclamation for Seaside Basketball Team.
- Councilor Lyons stated to go along with the Proclamation was Dr. Sheila Roley the Seaside High School Principal.
- Sheila Roley stated three of her staff members that had supported students throughout the year had attended the meeting. Dr. Roley stated Anna Borges who was the Transportation Director had scheduled all the buses that were taken to Corvallis for the games, Terry Dahlgren who was the Band Teacher brought several buses full of band students to play at the games, and Bill Westerholm who was the Varsity Basketball Coach. Dr. Roley further stated the boy's basketball team had an accumulative grade point average of 3.89 this year.
- Mayor Larson stated Council was very proud of the high school staff that made this all work for the students.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Merlin Humpal, 2481 Oregon, Seaside, stated he was mildly in favor of the Convention Center expansion and the City should reconsider doing the expansion to the Convention Center at this time. Mr. Humpal further stated approximately one week ago he was downtown and parked in the City parking lot. It was raining and when he had approached the restroom area he was amazed to find water from the gutter was dumped directly onto the sidewalk and there was not a downspout for the water. People could not walk around the restroom building under the overhang without getting wet.
- Mayor Larson asked Mr. Humpal what restrooms he was referring to.
- Mr. Humpal stated the restrooms in the main parking area downtown behind the Carousel Mall.
- Dale McDowell, 3760 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, stated he was in favor of the removal of dangerous trees on Highway 26 especially if the area looked something like Highway 30 where there had been dangerous trees removed which was much safer.
- 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 \$530,877.27; and March 26, 2012, minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)
- VACANCY – TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION** Mayor Larson stated there were seven vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Commission with seven applications received from Dale McDowell, Bill Carpenter, Kathleen Teeple, Terry Hartill, Russ Earl, Michael Tucker, Robert Perkel, and Tom Dideum. Mayor Larson further stated when the Planning Commission worked on the Seaside Transportation Plan everybody wanted to be part of the Transportation Commission and right now Council could not obtain enough applicants in the City of Seaside to get the Transportation Commission going. Mayor Larson further stated Council needed to get more volunteers from the City of Seaside to get the Transportation Commission going.
- Mr. Humpal asked how many people were needed.

Mayor Larson stated there were eight applicants and Council needed a minimum of five applicants that lived in the City of Seaside. Council needed to obtain more applicants from the City of Seaside.

**PRESENTATION –  
CLATSOP COUNTY  
JAIL EXPANSION**

Tom Bergin, Clatsop County Sheriff, stated he would show a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Jail Remodel and Expansion. Sheriff Bergin stated approximately ten years ago there was a committee put together to build a new jail which was defeated by the voters. There were many people that stated the jail needed to be built where the existing jail was located. Sheriff Bergin stated the existing jail was designed for horizontal expansion at the first and second floor level, expanding and modernizing the existing jail would be less costly than building an all new facility, the new beds were provided in lower cost dormitories and four person group cells, the area-per-bed averaged over the whole facility was very efficient at 205 sf/bed, the Sheriff's Office would move out of the expanded jail space to free it up for more critical jail use, the horizontal expansion concept allowed the jail to continue operations during construction. Sheriff Bergin further stated there were many facts put together the last seven years and on top of that the County had four studies done on the jail. The last study showed there were approximately 160 beds needed and 12 more personnel. Minimized Capacity for today's needs was the least cost solution to expand the existing downtown jail from 60 beds to 164 beds; the 164 bed capacity met the existing peak arrest volumes. Sheriff Bergin further stated the total inmates released early between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 were 504 with a combined total days of 6143 with early release. The Clatsop County Jail was at over Cap at all times, the mental or behavioral problem offenders reduced bed capacity, original design was built for 29 beds with the ability to expand out not up. Sheriff Bergin further stated the signs of an ineffective jail were over 1200 outstanding warrants, repeat offenders who had been in jail more than 25 times, due to overcrowding inmates spend only a small portion of their sentence incarcerated, and 97 pre-trial inmates who would normally await hearings in jail were force released in 2011. Sheriff Bergin gave examples of those inmates that had been released. Sheriff Bergin showed pictures of the existing jail and the overcrowding and conditions. Sheriff Bergin further stated the expanded jail plan was so efficient that few additional corrections staff were required, new medical and special needs facilities would decrease expansion out-sourcing trips, sworn positions were augmented with Tech Grade positions to lower staffing cost, and detention beds were concentrated on the upper floor to diminish staff travel distances. Sheriff Bergin further stated the 164 bed capacity met the existing peak arrest volumes with some reserve, medical and special needs facilities would be expanded to meet institutional standards, proximity to the courts, and availability to mass transit. The proposal for expansion would allow adding 100 beds for approximately the same costs. Sheriff Bergin stated the Patrol Division was downstairs in the jail and that division would move out to Patrol and Probation where there was a building that was five years old and had not been used correctly and was costing the County \$800,000.00 a year to run the facility which was an overnight daycare. Once offenders were released from the State Penitentiary, (which was serving at lease one year or more of time in prison) the offender would be brought back to the community for patrol and probation and then were taken to the Transition Center for two weeks and then sent out to find a job and move back into the community. The Transition Center was closed down and the building was open for Patrol and Probation who would take half the building and the Criminal Division would take the other half of the building and the cost would be included in the bond for the jail. Sheriff Bergin further stated the financial impact was current – tax exempt bond interest rate was 2.59% which was the lowest rate, projected tax rate \$.165 per \$1,000.00 assessed value, the cost would be \$31.23 per year for the average owner with a property assessed at \$189,291.00. (That equals = one large pizza and soft drinks for a family of four or one trip to the local cinemas with popcorn and drinks). Sheriff Bergin asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Barber asked if the inmates would be relocated while the remodel was being done.

Sheriff Bergin stated the inmates would stay on one side while the expansion was being built. Once the new side was finished the inmates would be moved there while the old side was being remodeled.

**PRESENTATION –  
(VIDEO) DANGEROUS  
TREES**

Sheriff Bergin stated during the 2007 storm the same problem was being seen over and over with dangerous trees that would blow down every year. In 2008 there was another bad storm and an email was sent complaining about the problem. State Senator Betsy Johnson put together a committee and asked Sheriff Bergin to lead the committee. The committee consisted of Chamber owners, property owners, power companies, Oregon Department of Transportation, Arborist, and many other people who met every month. There was a Senate Bill 455 for Dangerous Trees on the right-of-way which made it through the Senate and then disappeared. There was another session and a new number needed to be established which was Senate Bill 1546 and Senator Betsy Johnson carried the bill and a video was made that was sent to the House and to the Senate. The video was made for the legislature which Sheriff Bergin had testified to at the Capital. The video was shown to the Council and audience. Sheriff Bergin further stated the group put the bill 1546 together and was able to get it through the Senate and it went through the House and the bill passed with flying colors. The good news was the Governor signed the bill two weeks ago into law and this would be a State wide bill.

Jeff Daly, 2380 Ocean Vista, Seaside, stated it seemed like the jail had become an issue of the election rather than an issue.

Mayor Larson stated Council would not allow the election to be discussed.

Mr. Daly stated was this not the job of the Sheriff to make this jail expansion happen. This would cost the taxpayers a small amount of money to build this jail. Mr. Daly asked as a taxpayer what would he pay?

Sheriff Bergin stated \$31.23 for an \$189,000.00 home which was the average for a normal house in the entire County. Some homes were more and some were less.

Mr. Daly asked if the jail were built elsewhere would the cost be lower.

Sheriff Bergin stated the cost would be \$25,000,000.00 to \$30,000,000.00 just for the initial cost but there would be transportation cost and a venue of other issues that came into play. The cost of the expansion was \$14,000,000.00 and the most important part was that the interest rate was 2.59% and if that went up to 3.59% the total cost of the jail expansion would be raised by \$2,000,000.00. Right now bonds were staying low because of the economy.

Councilor Barber stated each person could calculate the cost because it was \$.165 per \$1,000.00 of assessed evaluation.

Mr. Daly stated that was a good price for safety.

Lois Larson, 1920 Beach Drive, Seaside, stated she wanted to know what this highway would look like and what the tree bill really would do for the highway.

Sheriff Bergin stated on Highway 26 where the "Look Out" was located there had been a corner that was straightened out. There were test pilot projects that had been completed and if anyone has seen the small trees planted along side the road they were not trees but were bushes. The stumps were being cleaned up and there was not a bunch of shattered timber all over. Sheriff Bergin further stated if you drove out on Highway 30 or Highway 202 there had been some projects completed on those highways as well. The bill would come into full effect on January 1, 2013.

Mrs. Larson asked where the money came from to take care of these projects.

Sheriff Bergin stated there was no money and when loggers sold land the land had to be cleaned up and the dangerous trees taken out. In other areas where it was stable the trees would be left and trimmed back and cleaned up. The other good news was that instead of spending \$18,000,000.00 in repairs every year like guardrails and other items the bigger construction companies that had excavators could bid on the projects and get the areas cleaned up.

Steve Barnett, 851 13<sup>th</sup>, Seaside, asked if there had been four studies done on the jail.

Sheriff Bergin stated that was correct.

Mr. Barnett asked out of the four studies was there ever a study done to house the Sheriff's office, jail, and Oregon State Police under the same roof. There was a lot of Tillamook County information and that was what they did and had one big family under one roof. Astoria was also getting ready to lose their lease in one year.

Sheriff Bergin stated the State Police were not going to lose the lease but had to renew it each year. Sheriff Bergin further stated he went to the State Police a couple of different times and they were not willing to commit and the County moved forward.

Mr. Barnett stated his question was "out of the four studies was that looked into".

Sheriff Bergin stated that was correct.

Mr. Barnett asked if the study was available.

Sheriff Bergin stated the four studies were available at the County Manager's office. Sheriff Bergin further stated it was a side note to have the State Police come and work with the Sheriff's office and the idea was discussed. The smartest thing to do was to build the jail.

Mayor Larson thanked Sheriff Bergin for the presentations.

**COMMENTS – STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Adrian Velazquez, Student Representative, stated students had recently gone back to school after a two week Spring Break which was the longest Spring Break the school has had. Mr. Velazquez further stated there was a league choir contest at Clatskanie for Mr. White's Choir. The Baseball game at Yamhill was cancelled and rescheduled for today. On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, the band would be traveling to Clatskanie for a league contest. There would be a track meet and golf game on Friday, April 13, 2012.

Councilor Lyons asked how Mr. Velazquez's trip to France was.

Mr. Velazquez stated the trip to France was great and lots of fun and he was able to see all the things that were in the movies and pictures.

Mayor Larson asked how many people had traveled to France.

Mr. Velazquez stated there were eight people that had gone to France.

**COMMENTS – COUNCIL**

Councilor Tolan stated yesterday he was at the Convention Center and was so pleased and very impressed with the new floor.

Councilor Lyons stated he had been on the Council for twelve years and was envious of Dan Van Thiel and his marvelous job as the City Attorney and also envied the Mayor, and Councilor Barber. Councilor Lyons went on vacation in Arizona for two weeks and found out that things grew twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Councilor Lyons attended the worlds largest Swap Meet in Arizona, with four huge tents and found the one thing he had been looking for and now could join the fellows he so envied which was a visor with fake hair attached.

Councilor Montero stated she would be in San Diego during the next City Council meeting to move her mother.

Council President Johnson stated the weekend was beautiful with a great Easter. The clam digging was marvelous and the beach was perfect.

Mayor Larson stated there would be a Homeless workshop on Monday, April 16, 2012, 6:30 pm, at City Hall and Kevin Cupples would be running the workshop. Mayor Larson stated there was a City Council/Planning Commission workshop scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 7:00 pm, at City Hall. The workshop discussion would be about the Sign Ordinance and lighting. Mayor Larson stated the first Budget meeting was Monday, April 30, 2012, 7:00 pm, at City Hall. The Urban Renewal Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6:30 pm, with an Improvement Commission meeting following at 7:00 pm.

**COMMENTS – STAFF**

Mayor Larson asked Jack Bland, Port of Astoria Executive Director, if the Thunderbird had re-opened.

Mr. Bland stated the opening would be Sunday, April 15, 2012.

Mayor Larson asked if the big sign that read Port of Astoria would be taken down.

Mr. Bland stated the sign would be taken down.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated he was pleased with the outcome of the floor at the Convention Center and invited everyone to come and see the new floor. Mr. Vandenberg further stated the Kiwanis Pancake Feed would be at the Convention Center Tuesday, April 10, 2012, and this weekend the largest convention of the year which was the North Coast Roundup would be at the Convention Center.

Lori Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, stated it was so wonderful to see all the people downtown on Broadway this last weekend.

Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated he would be out of town April 16-18, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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Kim Jordan, Secretary

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DON LARSON, MAYOR