

- 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 Stubby Lyons, Dana Phillips, Jay Barber, Tim Tolan, and Tita Montero.
- Absent: None.
- Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief; Kevin Cupples, Planning Director; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Adrian Velazquez, Student Representative; Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian; and Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal.
- AGENDA** Motion to approve the February 27, 2012 agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Phillips)
- PROCLAMATION** Kevin Cupples, Planning Director, read the Proclamation for Earthquake Awareness and Tsunami Preparedness Month.
- COMMENTS – PUBLIC** Tim Mancill, 755 N. Wahanna, Seaside, stated he attended the meeting because of the agreement between the City of Seaside and the City of Gearhart to supply water to Gearhart during the four driest months of the year which was during the summer. Gearhart had been misleading their citizens for the last few years about the water. Mr. Mancill took care of customers lawns in Gearhart and found out Gearhart did not have a full water right. The State was requiring the City of Gearhart to have an alternate source for water. Mr. Mancill further stated Seaside believed that providing Gearhart with water would be temporary until Gearhart had a full water right. Mr. Mancill was concerned that providing Gearhart with water would not be temporary and Seaside would provide water permanently. The taxpayers of Seaside were paying the bill for the water tanks by property taxes and in City rate payers. Seaside was providing Gearhart with water when the residents were paying zero property taxes toward that tank and the charge would be at an in City rate of \$2.51 per 100 cubic foot of water or 750 gallons of water. The out of City customers in Seaside were paying \$5.02 per 100 cubic foot of water. Warrenton was charging Gearhart \$5.05 for 100 cubic foot of water and right now was not much higher than Seaside. Mr. Mancill further stated if the City of Seaside had the capacity to supply Gearhart with water would it be permanent and how much should the City be charging Gearhart for the water.
- Mayor Larson stated the City was dealing with attorneys and the Public Works department and Council was assured the arrangement was good. The agreement was temporary as approved. Mayor Larson further stated each City works together and if Seaside needed water then Gearhart would be there to provide water.
- Mr. Mancill stated the State had informed Gearhart that they would need the water rights four months out of the year every summer and he did not know if that was what the City of Seaside had approved.
- Mark Winstanley, City Manager, stated the City had the right to terminate the agreement with sixty days notice.
- 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 \$364, 170.59; February 13, 2012, minutes; Intergovernmental Agreement Site Specific Supplemental – Tillamook/Clatsop Connection; and Wastewater Treatment Plant Belt Press Equipment; carried unanimously. (Barber/Johnson)
- VACANCY – CITY TREE BOARD** Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy on the City Tree Board with no applications received. Mayor Larson asked the press to advertise the vacancy.
- 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, and Robert Perkel. Mayor Larson stated Council wished to leave the vacancy open for more applicants.

**SEASIDE CONVENTION
CENTER COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT**

Randy Frank, Seaside Convention Center Commission Chair, stated the newest member Roger Schultz had attended the Council meeting along with staff members Russ Vandenberg, and Kathy Bartles. Mr. Frank further stated there were seven member of the Commission who were Randy Frank, Roger Schultz, Terry Bichsel, Jeff Kilday, Chuck Miner, Seth Morrissey, and Mark Posalski. There were three subcommittees with the Commission and that was Advertising/Marketing, Building Operations, and Budget Finance. Mr. Frank further stated in 2011 the center produced 237 event days with an economic impact of approximately \$38,900,000.00, there were a total of approximately 21,500 attendees. In 2011 the Convention Center had 52 conventions, 13 fundraisers, 5 tradeshow, and 39 civic events. The Convention Center celebrated a 40th Anniversary in 2011. Mr. Frank further stated the Convention Center continued to improve the quality of performance in 2011 with a new oven installed, beverage bar was purchased, and tables were replaced. In 2012 there would be a new finish put on the Pacific Room floor, video screens and projectors for the Necanicum room, new stage and scenery in the Pacific Room, and a new web page was being developed. Mr. Frank further stated there would hopefully be a mural of the postage stamp like the one down town which would be a nice addition to the South-west corner of the Convention Center building. There would also be a new Food and Beverage Service Contract awarded in November, 2012. Mr. Frank further stated he would like to applaud the Council and City Manager for recognizing the benefits and the impact of the Convention Center and for the continuing support. Seaside had weathered the current recession and Seaside does appreciate the visitors to the City. Mr. Frank thanked Jon Rahl from the Visitors Bureau with some work that had been done in conjunction with Russ Vandenberg which added a benefit that gave to the Convention attendees. Mr. Frank further stated there was an evaluation that went out to people who booked Conventions and in the past they were mailed and now were done online. In 2011 there were 87 evaluations sent out and there were 51 who responded and the approval rating was 97%. The entire staff was proud of the Convention Center. Mr. Frank read a sample letter from a speaker that attended an event who praised the Convention Center staff for everything that they had done.

Mayor Larson stated the staff at the Convention Center was marvelous and great attitude.

**SEASIDE FIRE
DEPARTMENT ANNUAL
REPORT**

Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire Chief, stated although 2010 had brought a reduction in activity for the year in Seaside, 2011 saw the Fire Department return the activity level close to the 2009 records. The Fire Department had seventy-nine more alarms, for a 10.15% increase from 2010, although this was still a 3% decrease from 2009 alarms. The Fire Department had been very active delivering Training, Safety meetings, Training meeting and a very significant increase in activities such as Building inspections and community activities, supporting the Police Department with their annual training rodeo and other groups with events like National Night Out, Seaside School Sports, Fourth of July activities and the Safety Fair. Chief Kamrath further stated the volunteers had been very active this past year providing in excess of 7872 personnel responses to the 857 alarms, or an average of 9.19 members per alarm response. Basing the responses to a one hour minimum of response time, and utilizing the Oregon Average for Volunteer Value of \$18.47/hour for 2011 would compute to an amount of \$145,396. The volunteers had additionally committed in excess to of 1082 drills at the minimum of two (2) hours. The volunteers had participated in 3077 hours of training time to the department, which computed at the hourly average of \$18.47/hour computes to \$56,382. In addition, they had committed an additional 326 hours of meetings between Safety, Training, and Officer Groups for an additional amount of \$6,021. These combined amounts total \$208,249 in savings, which was not totally inclusive of additional time given on special projects; extra untracked training; community activities like football standby, safety faire, etc.; and to the care of the facilities and equipment. Chief Kamrath further stated the volunteer ranks had fluctuated from a high during the year of 46 personnel to the low of 38 personnel. There were members that had given many years of service to the department, including members with current longevity as of this year with Bard at 50 years, Dague at 39 years, Barker at 34 years, Schmidt at 30 years, retired Assistant Chief Joe Sopko at 30 years, and Colin Houston, Tony Biamont, and Mike Smith receiving 20 years. In addition, there were members ranging from 19 years to a couple of brand new recruits. Chief Kamrath further stated as the activity increased in the past five years, and the fire department continued to be the frugal department of the City. As the activity had increased from 2005 to 2011 from 726 alarms, drills and meetings to this years total of 952 activities; the department had seen the budget go from the 2007/2008 amount of \$511,258, which did not include the additional third paid position to the current 2011/2012 budget of \$26,282. Chief Kamrath further stated on behalf of the Seaside Fire Department, he thanked the Mayor, City Council members, City Manager, City Staff, and citizens of Seaside for allowing the presentation of the annual report.

ORDINANCE #2012-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 94-48, PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mayor Larson asked for public comments, there were no public comments.

Mayor Larson asked for Council comments, there were no Council comments.

Motion to place Ordinance 2012-02 on its third reading by title only; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-02; carried with the following roll call vote: (Tolan/Montero)

YEAS: PHILLIPS, LYONS, JOHNSON, MONTERO, BARBER, TOLAN, LARSON
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

COMMENTS – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor Larson stated Adrian Velazquez was an outstanding Jazz Musician. Mayor Larson read in the Jazz Festival program that at the 2011 Seaside High School Pop Concert Mr. Velazquez was awarded the Lewis Armstrong Award by Terry Dahlgren who was the band director. Mr. Velazquez also had attended several camps and was a really sharp musician. Mayor Larson thanked Mr. Velazquez for what he offered to the high school as a musician and the acting piece in a play.

Councilor Lyons stated Mr. Velazquez was also taking piano lessons.

Adrian Velazquez, Student Representative, stated there was a performance Friday, February 24, 2012, and Saturday, February 25, 2012, for the school musical Zombie Prom. The Seaside High Jazz Band performed Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Jazz Festival in Seaside. The school musical Zombie Prom would perform again Thursday, March 1, 2012, Friday, March 2, 2012, and Saturday, March 3, 2012. The playoff game for basketball would be Saturday, March 7, 2012, in Corvallis. The Symphonic Band would be at districts in St. Helens and the Robotics Team would be going to the Coliseum in Portland for a Robotics Competition.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Phillips thanked the Convention Center Commission and Seaside Fire Department for the annual reports that were given. Councilor Phillips stated kudos goes to the Convention Center and the way it was ran. Councilor Phillips had been to many Convention Centers and was very proud of that focal point in the community.

Councilor Lyons stated on Saturday, February 25, 2012, Seaside had the first annual Rugby Game played at Broadway Field with Oregon State University against Willamette University. Even though it was very cold there was quite the crowd that showed up and the Rugby players were playing in shorts and t-shirts. Councilor Lyons further stated the players and coaches really loved the facility and wanted to come back to play another game next year. Rugby was a big sport in the mid-west and the east. The name Rugby came from the town of Rugby, England and was played in many countries. There was a trophy presented to Oregon State University who had won the game.

Councilor Montero stated she was in Washington DC and had a wonderful time and was able to watch Suzanne Bonimici get sworn in. Representative Suzanne Bonamici was in Astoria for a town hall meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Representative Bonamici assured the audience that she was very conscience of the need to have a representative in this area and would be very responsive to the coast. Ms. Montero further stated Tuesday, March 6, 2012, there was a United Way Event called the Lite Bite at Baked Alaska in Astoria and there would be ten chefs from around the area at the event.

Councilor Barber stated the Seaside Fire Department had only three full time employees. The volunteer fire department was men and woman who were available to serve whenever needed which was how Seaside was protected. Councilor Barber further stated the fire department was impressive and thanked them for all the hard work.

Councilor Tolan stated two departments to be proud of in the City were the Seaside Fire Department and the Convention Center. Councilor Tolan further stated if attending the Rugby game in the future and its thirty degrees outside just go inside the pool to swim and you can watch the game from inside.

Council President Johnson stated he appreciated the good reports that were given.

Mayor Larson stated the Rugby Game was very interesting and the turn out was quite good when you think about how cold it was. The Oregon State University Rugby coach gave Mayor Larson a tie to wear. Mayor Larson further stated John Chapman was very interested in starting a Rugby team in Seaside. There was \$600.00 raised from the Rugby game and the American Legion had lunch afterwards and the losing team sang a song. Mayor Larson stated the Jazz Festival did not have a seat available after 4:00 pm and the performances by the different Jazz Bands who came from all over the United States was unbelievable. Everything was arranged for them from food, housing, and airfare. Mayor Larson further stated the Sunday church service was marvelous.

Laurie Oxley, Seaside Downtown Development Association, stated it was a very nice weekend for everyone.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, thanked the Convention Center Commission for all their contributions to the Convention Center because without that support system the goals could not be reached. The staff at the Convention Center really went all out to every client that came through the door.

Mr. Cupples stated Friday, March 9, 2012, 6:00 pm the Oregon Emergency Management would be sponsoring an Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness presentation in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mr. Winstanley stated there would be a press release issued tomorrow for the work being done on 12th Avenue. The contractor needed to cut in the new water line and Wednesday, March 7, 2012, the water would be turned off from 10:00 am for three or four hours. The Water Department would also be hanging door hangers for the residents in the area. Mr. Winstanley further stated the Rugby Game was very cold and the fire department was a very dedicated department with the number of hours put in for training, meetings, and going out when needed for calls.

Mayor Larson stated Council would conduct a workshop on Monday, April 16, 2012, 6:30 pm to discuss homelessness.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR