

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, Councilor Stubby Lyons, Tim Tolan, and Tita Montero.

Absent: Councilor Dana Phillips, Jay Barber.

Also Present: Mark Winstanley, City Manager; Dan Van Thiel, City Attorney; Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief; Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager; Neal Wallace, Public Works Director; Jeremy Ruark, Seaside Signal; and Nancy McCarthy, Daily Astorian.

AGENDA Motion to approve the September 24, 2012 agenda; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Johnson)

INTRODUCTION – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE Councilor Stubby Lyons introduced the new City Council Student Representative, Kegan Wallis and stated Mr. Wallis was a senior at Seaside High School.

Mayor Larson stated Mr. Wallis was on the selection committee for the new Sunset Empire Park and Recreation General Manager.

PROCLAMATION Councilor Tolan read the Proclamation for Oregon Days of Culture.

COMMENTS – PUBLIC Gini Dideum, 1941 Beach Drive, Seaside, Oregon, stated there was a beach and river clean up this weekend in Seaside. There was over 350 people check in at the beach to help clean up. There was nothing exciting found but there were groups from Wells Fargo, Fred Meyer Stores, Korean Presbyterian Church, and a group of over 50 students from Clackamas High School. Ms. Dideum further stated the turn out for volunteers was great and of course they all hoped to have the great weather next time they volunteer.

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 \$117,262.34; and September 10, 2012, regular minutes; carried unanimously. (Lyons/Tolan)

VACANCY – PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Mayor Larson stated there was one vacancy for the Parks Advisory Committee with no applications received and asked the press to advertise the vacancy.

PRESENTATION – NORTH COAST STATE FOREST COALITION Pearl Rasmussen, North Coast State Forest Coalition, stated the North Coast State Forest Coalition was a group of conservation, fishing, and outdoor recreation groups working together for a balanced plan to protect the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. There were five core groups, twelve endorsing groups, and fifty plus business endorsers. Ms. Rasmussen further stated Oregon owned over 800,000 acres of State Forests and 500,000 plus acres were in Tillamook and Clatsop and were within ninety minutes of over two million people. State Forests represented only three percent of Oregon forests, but accounted for almost ten percent of harvest revenues. State Forests were by far the largest contiguous piece of publicly owned land between the Portland Metro area and the Pacific Ocean. Ms. Rasmussen further stated in 1920, over one million acres of old growth still covered the northern coast range. All in private ownership and twenty years later, that old growth was almost gone due to logging and logging caused fires which had burned roughly 500,000 acres by 1940. Mr. Rasmussen further stated the Greatest Permanent Value (GPV) of State Forests was to have healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time and across the landscape provided a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon. Ms. Rasmussen further stated in 2009 there was a public polling and the public strongly and moderately agreed the State Forests management plan should secure the greatest permanent value to the citizens of Oregon by providing healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems. The public also stated the Oregon State managed forests were very important for providing clean water, wildlife habitat, fish habitat, places to hike or view wildlife, timber, recreation areas, campgrounds, and places for off-highway vehicles.

The public also strongly agreed the State Forest Management Plan should recognize that ecosystem restoration and watershed health were among the key goals. Ms. Rasmussen further stated key values today were drinking water for over 400,000 people, timber harvest for forest products and government revenues, habitat for valuable runs of Salmon and Steelhead, outstanding Mountain Biking opportunities, excellent hiking, camping, and habitat for dozens of species of concern. Ms. Rasmussen further stated the vision was for a balanced plan and not timber first, timber harvest – provided jobs and revenue, fishing industry, recreation, tourism – grows jobs; diversifies local economy, long term conservation areas on the state forests – protect high quality salmon habitat, key recreation areas, clean water, long – term carbon storage, and moves beyond the false debate: jobs vs. the environment. Ms. Rasmussen further stated the threats to balanced approaches was pressure for timber over all other uses, HB 2001 – make timber production the primary purpose of State Forests. Defeated in 2011 session, HB 2597 – mandated logging levels at ninety percent of level seen on industrial lands, and forest trust counties – made timber production purpose of land; delete language in plans that provide protections for soil, water, fish, and wildlife. Ms. Rasmussen further stated the five key concerns with the industrial approach to State Forests: Concern 1 was forest fragmentation – lack of older forest, big trees, large snags, and large downed wood which was a key element of native habitat and many tree farms lacked native species diversity and also had high fire risks. Concern 2 was increased landslide risk. Concern 3 was small stream buffers. Concern 4 was roads and pollution – more lands, more roads, and small stream buffers all increased chance of sediment on salmon spawning grounds. Concern 5 was intensive herbicide spraying. Ms. Rasmussen further stated the recent trends on State Forests were to increase harvest activity by more clear cutting, less older forest, plan changed in 2010, implementation underway, science questions remain. Affirm core conservation areas by establishing visible and durable protected areas, now underway. Conservation areas were affirmed by Board of Forestry July 2012, legal language under development, built on existing protections – little change in management strategy, and the coalition supported the conservation areas. The key decision makers were Board of Forestry, County Commissioners, Legislators, and the Governor. Ms. Rasmussen further stated what can the public do: learn more at forestlegacy.org, sign up for the mailing list, endorse balanced vision that included conservation areas and not timber first, communicate with decision makers. Ms. Rasmussen asked if there were any questions.

Councilor Montero asked who was polled in 2009 and how many people.

Ms. Rasmussen stated she did not know that answer but would be glad to get the information and email it to Council.

Mayor Larson stated the presentation was very interesting and Ms. Rasmussen did a very good job.

Councilor Tolan asked once the conservation areas were established and would that be advertised to the public or would the public have access to that information.

Ms. Rasmussen stated the coalition would like to see that happen and would prefer more recreation areas be established like hunting, fishing, and camping. Ms. Rasmussen further stated she would like to see maps created that would give directions to the areas.

Councilor Montero stated these were all public lands.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that was correct.

Councilor Johnson stated the presentation should also include the number of dollars generated through the tax base which should be represented.

Dale McDowell, 3760 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, stated the presentation showed the US 30 slide which had nothing to do with logging but had to do with the illegal dirt dump site.

Ms. Rasmussen thanked Mr. McDowell for that information.

RESOLUTION #3780

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE, OREGON, ADJUSTING THE 2012-2013 CITY OF SEASIDE BUDGET

Mark Winstanley explained Resolution #3780 was a resolution adjusting the 2012-2013 budget. In the last few months the City had issued new bonds that refinanced previous water bonds the City of Seaside had. The previous water bonds had a reserve fund requirement and the new bonds issued no longer had a reserve fund requirement. The proceeds in the reserve fund were used to buy down the debt as far as the water department was concerned. There were budget adjustments made to allow for that and \$332,000 was spent to buy down the debt during the issuance of the new bonds. The remainder of funds left would be transferred to the general fund at the close of the fund. The resolution would allow for the changes that needed to be made in the water reserve fund.

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

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

Motion to read Resolution #3780; by title only; carried unanimously. (Montero/Johnson)

Motion to adopt Resolution #3780; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Montero)

**DISCUSSION –
WWTP BIO-SOLIDS
SLUDGE DRYER**

Neal Wallace, Public Works Director, stated he spoke to Council previously about the dryer that would be used at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Fenton Environmental Technologies had been working with City staff to determine if the used Fenton Fenix Class A Dryer was a workable solution for drying the bio solids at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was a sample of the bio solids shipped to Fenton Environmental Technologies earlier this year and it did not perform well, and stuck to the machine components. After that result, the plant process was modified and the overall plant inventory was reduced and another sample was shipped in August, 2012. The sample showed great improvement and Fenton had recommended that the dryer project proceed. Mr. Wallace further stated the report and recommendations were dated September 14, 2012. The capital cost for the system complete as to hopper, controls, heat exchanger, surge bin, dryer, and condenser, plus on-site training, set-up and at least one design meeting on site during design and one during final construction for a price of \$392,000.00, good for sixty days, subject to prior sale. Fenton would add a fixed sum of \$3,000.00 to convert the system to a 480v configuration that was preferred. (480v configuration lowers energy costs). It would also cost around \$20,000.00 to ship the unit from Brownwood Texas. Mr. Wallace further stated the dryer would need to be housed in a building to keep it out of the elements, improve performance, and ensure maximum life. A building was already planned to house the new belt press and two staff vehicles. Expanding the size of the building would not propose a problem from the site requirements and added approximately twenty-percent to the cost of the project. The new building was proposed to be 120' x 64' or 7680 square feet. The costs break down as follows: steel building package \$152,000.00, concrete slab \$75,000.00, overhead doors \$16,000.00, construction \$70,000.00, mechanical and restroom \$15,000.00, 600 amp service \$10,000.00, control wiring \$30,000.00, engineering \$20,000.00, for a total building cost of \$388,000.00. Other cost would be for Pacific Power to upgrade the electrical service at the plant since the plant was near capacity for the transformers. The power upgrade would cost approximately \$20,000.00. Mr. Wallace further stated Fenton Industries had published information on this particular dryer that defined the energy and maintenance costs for operations. They were able to consistently produce a fourteen-percent TSS product after pressing (wet ton) and wish to produce ninety-percent Class A product (dry ton). To dry a wet ton to fourteen-percent to ninety-percent solids required 2,449,050 Btu's. One million Btu equals 1000 cubic feet (MCF) and \$8.00 was paid per MCF for gas. $2.45 \text{ MCF} \times \$8/\text{MCF} = \$19.60/\text{wet ton} \times 1250 \text{ wet tons} = \$24,500.00$ per year for gas. Electrical costs average 35kW per wet ton and our cost was \$0.09/kW. Electrical cost was \$3,937.50 per year. Maintenance and labor for maintenance were each projected to be \$2,400.00. Total annual cost for drying post processing was \$33,237.50. There was little to no cost anticipated for transportation with Class A bio-solids. This equaled 1.3 cents per gallon. Mr. Wallace further stated in addition to being the most "green" solution that can be done with today's technology, there were other benefits to adopting the bio solids plan. There was \$225,000.00 in the bond money budget for building an automated lime system. If the City pasteurized there was no need to stabilize and in other words there was no need to lime if the sludge was heated and dried, and the \$225,000.00 could be applied towards the dryer. If the City was not land applying liquid sludge there was no need for the two tanker trucks owned by the City. One tanker truck was old and well used and would be auctioned in the near future, but the other tanker truck was only a couple of years old and was still worth substantial money. If the City was no longer land applying the liquid sludge then the City farm was no longer needed which had an assessed value of approximately \$200,000.00. Mr. Wallace further stated all of the cost comparisons were based on the annual production of 2.5 million gallons of two-percent total suspended solid (TSS) sludge at the plant.

Mr. Winstanley presented Council with a small jar containing sludge that was put through the process of being dried. The product was totally unregulated at this point and had been completely sterilized and basically had nitrogen in it.

Mr. Wallace stated the product was the nitrogen source in making compost which was the eventual goal. There needed to be one part nitrogen to four parts of carbon and the City would be looking for someone that had some type of wood chip recycling or landscape business going on that may be interested in having some nitrogen to go with their carbon. There were a few likely candidates out there. Mr. Wallace further stated the traditional way the City had handled their bio solids was by the land application method where it was hauled around in a tanker truck and was land applied. That was two percent total solids in liquid and what was in the small jar was ninety-percent which took twenty gallons to make what was in the jar.

Mr. Winstanley stated in essence what was in the jar was an ash and there was a burnt smell to it. Staff referred to this as a dryer but was virtually a furnace.

Mr. Wallace stated the dryer would heat hot enough to pasteurize the bio solids and there would no longer be a need for lime. In the past lime was used as a way to cook the pathogens and lime was very effective but not as effective as heat. Once the lime solution was applied it was a Class B bio solid which was still a highly regulated product but the heat killed all the pathogens.

Mayor Larson stated this was an extreme green solution and was almost unbelievable. The City could get rid of the lime and the tanker trucks and maybe the farm.

Jack Bland, Port of Astoria Commissioner, asked if he understood that ninety-gallons was reduced to the product in the jar.

Mr. Wallace stated that was twenty gallons.

Mr. Bland asked what happened with the other twenty gallons.

Mr. Wallace stated it was water and most of the liquid was being removed in the press process and not in the drying process. Any liquid pressed out was put back into the plant for process and to be released into the river which was actually cleaner than what was in the river.

Councilor Tolan asked for an explanation of where the payment would come from.

Mr. Winstanley stated Council was looking at approximately \$400,000.00 for the acquisition of the dryer. The construction of the building that would house the press and dryer and the changes with the electrical service would be approximately \$400,000.00. The total price was approximately \$800,000.00 for acquisition of the dryer and the construction of a building. The building was already planned because of the press. There was also a new lime system that was budgeted for and since the lime would not be needed that would save approximately \$225,000.00. That would leave approximately \$300,000.00 that would be needed and there were plans to purchase a generator for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and that would be put on hold for the time being. Some of the priorities had been shifted to accommodate the changes and if there was money left over a generator would be looked at in the future.

Mr. Wallace stated there had been some pretty significant contributions from the guard over the past year and a half there had been a 100KW generator that was presently being used to power the belt press and recently there was a 60KW generator dropped off by the guard. There might be more generators out there somewhere and right now there was enough power with the generators or another generator could be delivered if needed in an emergency.

Mayor Larson stated it was great in the City of Seaside to get the Engineers, Public Works Director, and City Manager working together to get projects going.

Motion to approve moving forward with the purchase of the Fenton Fenix Class A Dryer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Montero)

**BID RESULTS –
12TH AVENUE AND
WAHANNA PROJECT**

Mr. Wallace stated there were three bids received for the 12th Avenue and Wahanna Project. The project consisted of widening the intersection on the west side to allow for easier turning movements by procuring easements from the two property owners on the corner. It would also include storm water improvements with the installation of two catch basins, approximately 300 feet of storm sewer main, and construction of a new outfall on 12th Avenue east of Wahanna Road. This would be accomplished with a utility easement from the Community Action Team that owned the property at the northeast corner of the intersection. The project would also include the construction of close to three-hundred feet of concrete sidewalk that would run from 11th Avenue to 12th Avenue and West on the south side of 12th Avenue one-hundred feet and from fifty feet north of the intersection to one-hundred feet west on the north side of 12th Avenue. Mr. Wallace further stated the bids received were Bob McEwan Construction \$79,641.00, Pacific Timber LLC \$83,984.20, and Clean Sweep Maintenance \$89,773.80. Mr. Wallace further stated staff recommended awarding the 12th Avenue and Wahanna Project to Bob McEwan Construction in the amount of \$79,641.00.

Motion to award the 12th Avenue and Wahanna Project bid to Bob McEwan Construction in the amount of \$79,641.00; carried unanimously. (Johnson/Lyons)

**COMMENTS - STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Kegan Wallis, Student Representative, stated this week was Seaside High School's homecoming week and the homecoming game would be on Friday against Tillamook.

COMMENTS – COUNCIL

Councilor Tolan thanked Ms. Rasmussen for the State Forestry Presentation. Councilor Tolan thanked Mr. Wallace and his crew that had worked so hard on the project for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Councilor Lyons stated Mr. Wallace had a great crew who did a great job and asked Mr. Wallace to pass that on. Councilor Lyons further stated he went to Astoria and watched The Manhattan Transfer at the Liberty Theatre.

Councilor Montero stated Mr. Winstanley had reminded Council in the past that Broadway Park/Field still had not been completely paid and Councilor Montero noticed something tonight that she had forgotten about and that was the Broadway Park Fundraiser for the pavers that would be installed. Councilor Montero asked Mr. Wallace when the pavers would be installed.

Mr. Wallace stated there was not a definite date selected.

Councilor Montero stated the Mayor and herself attended the City Hall Day on Monday, September 17, 2012, in Cannon Beach. Betsy Johnson and Deborah Boone had attended. The City Hall Day was presented by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) who was meeting across the State to double check with cities on what priorities, legislatively was selected for LOC to pursue. The priorities were explained and discussed and they were all very confusing.

Mayor Larson stated things were explained very poorly.

Council President Johnson stated the Airport Committee put on a great picnic September 15, 2012, with lots of food and there were airplane rides given. Council President Johnson further stated there was an Airport Committee meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2012.

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

Council President Johnson stated at the last Council meeting there were public comments concerning the crosswalk at Seaside High School and as a City the concerns needed to be addressed with the school district to see if there was a viable solution to the problem.

Mayor Larson asked if that was in Chief Gross pocket.

COMMENTS – STAFF

Bob Gross, Seaside Police Chief, stated that was correct and he had met with the vice principal of the high school. Chief Gross further stated there was a large fire in Seaside last week which took many resources for many days. Chief Gross participated in the Buddy Walk on Saturday, September 22, 2012 and reminded Council and the public to attend the Rotary Auction on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Chuck Minor, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors President, stated the Chamber of Commerce was doing just fine. The Seaside Got Talent event was Saturday, October 21, 2012 and the Mayor's Cup Award was on Monday, February 25, 2013.

Russ Vandenberg, Convention Center & Visitors Bureau General Manager, stated the Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN) conference was at the Convention Center this week. Mr. Vandenberg thanked the members of the fire department, police department, and public works department who really came through this summer keeping the City safe and clean.

Mr. Winstanley reminded Council of a workshop with Western Oregon Waste on Monday, October 15, 2012. Mr. Winstanley stated he wanted to thank all the agencies that helped out with the fire in Seaside. Every fire agency in Clatsop County was in some way involved with the fire. Please give these departments that keep you safe a big thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Kim Jordan, Secretary

DON LARSON, MAYOR