

City Hall from 1A

Councilors expressed concerns about the overall project cost estimates increasing from approximately \$1.9 million to \$2.2 million

Mayor Joe Henry said, "In my mind it is easier to justify two separate projects. I can eas-

ily justify fixing the Justice Center."

City Manager Erin Reynolds said that using the same architect for both the city hall and Justice Center projects would see some economy of scale savings.

She said the city could track the costs of both projects independently.

Regarding the Justice Center, Reynolds said, "It is really just finishing that room."

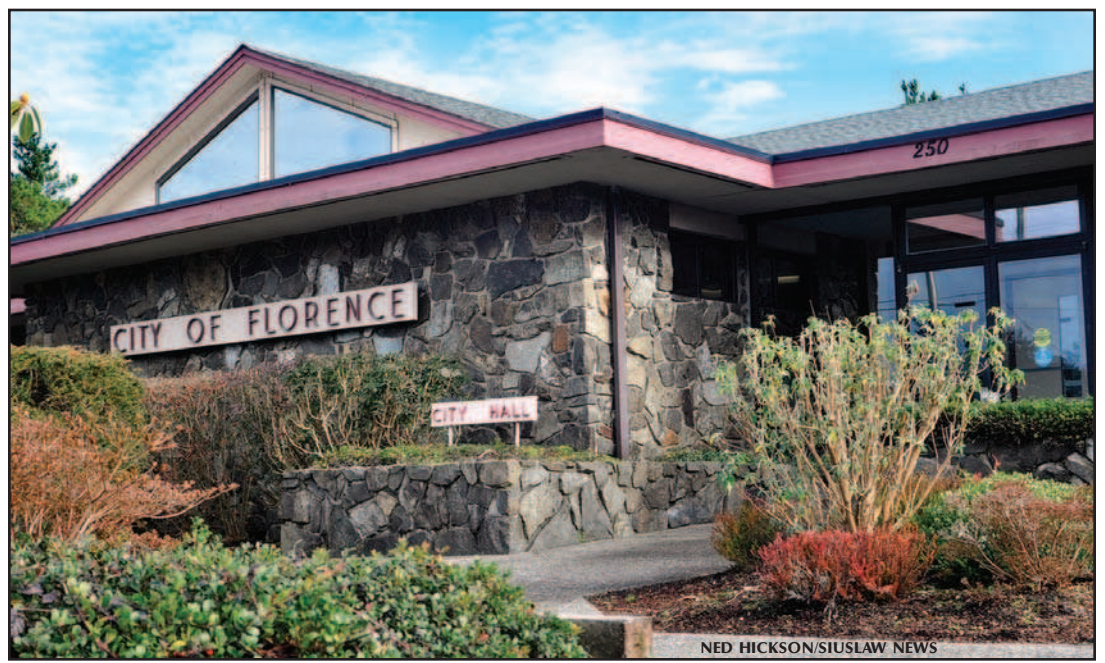
In other business, Public Works Director Mike Miller reported on the city's progress to clear iron buildup from the 13 production wells that supply Florence with drinking water.

Miller said, "Our ground water has naturally occurring iron, six to nine parts per million that does tend to foul or clog the wells. It is also something we have to remove from the water to make it nice and clean."

According to Miller, the city has a program to rehabilitate one to two wells per year. In 2016 three wells were cleaned.

Miller said the wells are cleared by an impulse generation tool that uses vibrations to remove the iron buildup from the pipes and sediment screens.

He said the process successfully reduced the level of iron in the well water and increased water flow in the wells



A \$1.9 million remodel will add new features and update Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101. The city is entering into the design phase now.

Interim Finance Director Andy Parks reported on the feasibility of the city moving from annual to biannual budgeting.

"The budget committee member terms would go from

three years to four years and the budget committee approval would be every other year," Parks said. "The city is well positioned to utilize biannual budgeting."

He said the city's focus on five-year forecasting has created a cultural environment that would facilitate moving to biannual budgeting.

Reynolds said, "We have found a lot of our city projects end up being 18 to 24 months long. We have been administering and planning for that long. Administratively, it feels like we are doing it already."


Henry asked, "What would the timing be if we decided to implement?" "We could start tomorrow

morning," Parks said. "We are having a staff meeting tomorrow morning and this could be on the agenda."

The consensus of the council was to have city staff move forward on establishing a biannual budget program.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Henry reported that the application for Florence to be designated a Coast Guard City USA was close to being approved.

"Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River is so confident that they are beginning to work on their 100th anniversary celebration and they would like to work with us in conjunction with the Coast Guard City celebration," Henry said.



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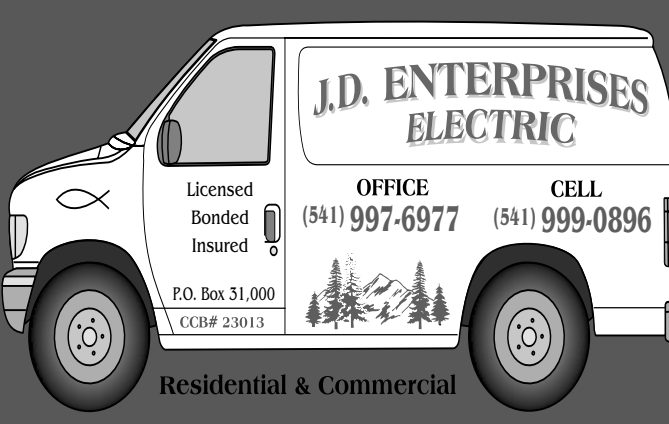
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an aerial ladder truck with a four-firefighter crew would bill out at \$150 per hour. Lesser rates would apply for other firefighting equipment.

In addition, a minimum \$40 processing fee would be added to each invoice.

The ordinance clearly states that it does not apply to SVFR District taxpayers.

"We go on an incident and we make the decision that, yes, it fits within the policy and it

fits within our ordinances," Langborg said. "Or we can choose not to, depending on what is going on."

He added, "In the appeal process, if people say, 'we have a hardship, we don't feel this is right,' this hopefully will come to the board for a decision."

The board agreed to have the second reading and final vote on the ordinance at the Feb. 15 board meeting, pending any modifications or recommendations made by the board.

'And the Winner Is...' City Lights Cinemas hosts Academy Awards Party

Join City Lights Cinemas as it celebrates the best of the best in 2016 film. The cinema will host "And the Winner Is..." Academy Awards Party on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4:30 p.m.

Dress up (or not!) and enjoy this star studded annual award show on the big screen., pose on the red carpet and join in the fun.

Doors open at 4 p.m. for broadcast's red carpet walk and the awards ceremony

starts at 5 p.m. Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) will receive a portion of ticket sales to this event.

"There's no better place to enjoy watching the glitz and glamour of this awards show than with friends and neighbors, laughing, clapping, crying," said Susan Tive, co-owner of City Lights Cinemas. "Watching it on the big screen makes it an event."


Local favorite Denny Weaver will be performing some of his favorite movie themes live.

"We're focusing on the fun and local non-profits" said Michael Falter, cinema co-owner. "We'll have an award for the Best Dressed (with an award to be announced), and we'll have Oscar Ballots for folks to fill out and win other prizes."

Advance tickets are available now and include your first two glasses of wine and light hors d'oeuvres from Florence BoxLunch.

City Lights Members pay \$15 and regular tickets are \$20. Florence BoxLunch will also be on-hand, serving a special menu for the evening; meals are not included with tickets.

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