



Engbretson takes the podium in September 2019, when the city became the official owner of Hammond Marina.

Manager: Engbretson retires

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been the backbone of this city for quite some time," Balensifer said before giving her a plaque thanking her for her service. He went on to list more than a dozen major accomplishments during her six years as manager.

"During this pandemic, there have been a lot of people struggling," he said. "I've never seen anyone take on (everything) with a smile like you have."

Later, she responded, "I don't know that the staff would agree that I always had a smiling face. ... And all those things you stated, no person does alone."

Throughout the meeting, staff members and others took the opportunity to say something about the city's top administrator.

"Mr. Mayor, everything you said is true," Police Chief Matt Workman said. "But there's only been one other person in this world that could give

me a look and make me stop everything."

Dennis Faletti, a member of the Urban Renewal Advisory Board who often attends commission meetings, talked about what Engbretson was like as a seventh-grader in his band class who insisted on learning the bassoon.

"She's gone far and above the call of duty to keep the city of Warrenton moving on the right path," Faletti said. "She was a go-getter then and she's a go-getter now."

During a discussion of sew-

er line improvements in the North Main/Seventh Street neighborhood, Public Works Director Collin Stelzig said, "I think people overlook how intelligent, how smart she is. ... We were very lucky to have her."

Engbretson's last day with the city is Aug. 5. Commissioners are expected to name her replacement Friday from a field of three candidates currently undergoing staff and community interviews.

Until the next city manager is fully in place, city commissioners named Workman as interim city manager.

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College news

Several Clatsop County residents earned degrees or honors from George Fox University in Newberg recently.

Anne-Marie Serres of Astoria earned a master's degree in teaching, **Niquilla Blodgett** of Seaside earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Blodgett also was named to the dean's list. **Sarah Eischen** of Seaside earned a master's degree in business administration.

The following students were named to the dean's list:

Matthew Burgher of Warrenton, a senior studying organizational communications,

Marin Donahue of Warrenton, a senior studying music and theater.

Jeff Lafferty of Astoria, a junior studying illustration, **Henry Samuelson** of Astoria, a senior studying Spanish and history.

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