



Seaside names city manager finalists

Community feedback sessions set

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Three finalists for city manager will go before the public next week as the city seeks to fill the role.

Spencer Kyle, Esther Moberg, and Matthew Selby were announced as the finalists on Monday after a four-month search.

City Manager Mark Winstanley, who has held the job since 2001, will retire at the end of June.

Jensen Strategies, a recruiting firm, conducted the search, with candidate interviews, City Council guidance, public surveys and listening sessions.

A former director of administrative services for South Jordan, Utah, Kyle has 16 years of government experience. He has also served as assistant city manager and assistant to the city manager

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Planning Commission wants lower vacation rental density

Oceanfront homes would be exempt

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The Planning Commission will recommend lowering the density from 40% to 30% in most permitted vacation rental areas, while increasing the density from 50% to 100% on oceanfront properties.

The changes come as the city seeks to encourage more long-term housing.

At a meeting last Tuesday, the Planning Commission proposed a waiting period of 90 days for an owner to apply for a vacation rental permit after purchase, and a two-year waiting period for vacation rental licenses on new construction in higher residential zones.

The commission also agreed to recommend the extension of a

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Steve Wright, Marva Wertz, Bill Wertz and Teresa Taylor of the Seaside Museum & Historical Society at the rededication of the Seaside Signal exhibit.

Recalling the GLORY DAYS

Museum pays tribute to newspaper, sheds light on Seaside history

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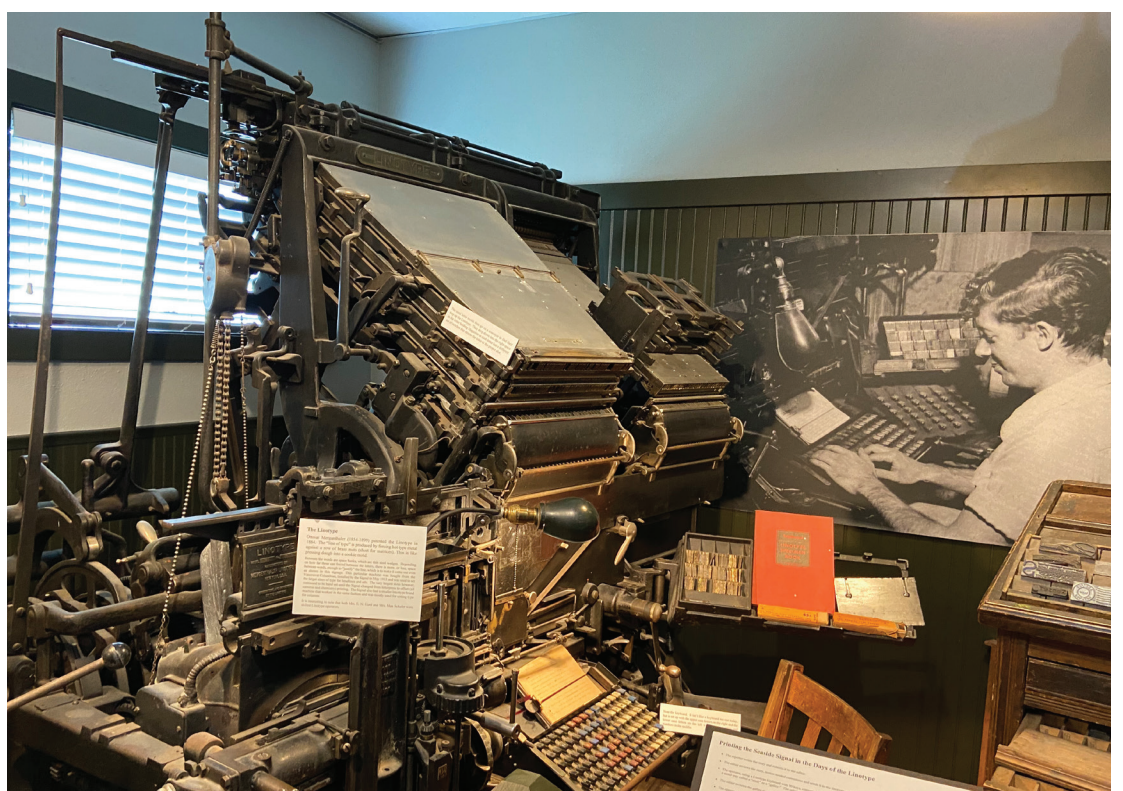
Stop the presses — the Seaside Signal exhibit at the Seaside Museum & Historical Society has a new look.

Thanks to contributions from a former journalist, Bill Wertz, and his wife Marva Wertz, the prominent display chronicling the paper's early days got a facelift in time for the summer season.

The vintage 1936 Linotype machine — used to print each edition — arrived at the Signal in 1953, purchased from the Vancouver Columbian, Leah Griffith, a museum board director, said at Saturday's rededication.

"It's fascinating when you can watch and see how it works and the complexity," Griffith said. "It makes you really appreciate how they had to put that paper out."

When it was operational, there were 138 parts of the machine that needed oiling. Although the museum still has the operating manual, the machine is long out of oper-



Linotype machine once in the Seaside Signal office on Broadway. Photo on wall at right, Signal printer and Linotype operator Wayne Brown.

ation. Jay Rosen of North Coast Fix in Astoria repaired and restored the original light fixture.

The Signal, from its start

in March 1905, has been the "constant chronicle of life here in our town," museum board president Steve Wright said.

About a year ago, Marva

Wertz paid a visit to the museum at 570 Necanicum Drive.

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Gearhart budget looks beyond fire bond

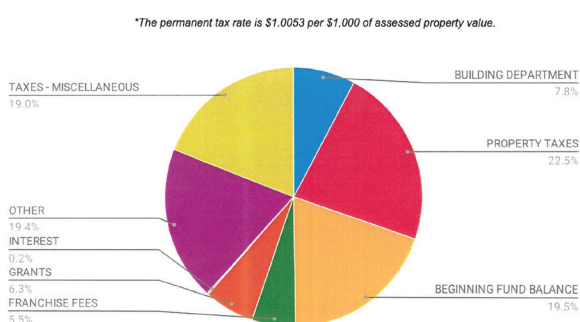
City plans for the future with reserve transfers

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Whether Measure 4-213, a bond to support a new fire and police station passes on Tuesday, the Gearhart 2022-23 proposed budget keeps an eye to options in the future.

The city has added both revenue and expenditures to the proposed budget in anticipation that the ballot measure for the general obligation relocation bond is approved by voters. About \$14.5 million for the new station will be set aside should the bond pass, Treasurer Justine Hill said.

If the measure fails, there



Property taxes make up 22.5% of the city's revenue.

would be an opportunity next November or May to put another measure before the voters, Hill said. "If taxpayers do not support the proposed measure, there may be, if the council chooses, additional opportunities next year — in November and May — to use the appropriations."

The budget advisory committee unanimously approved the budget in amount of \$23.5 million last Thursday which includes a permanent tax rate of 1.0053 per 1000 of assessed value, gen-

eral obligation debt service as well as approved the Gearhart road district proposed 2022-23 budget in the amount of about \$227,500 with the permanent tax rate limit levy of .0602 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The city's general fund, at \$2,897,005, exceeds last year's amount of \$2,568,201, a rate of more than 12.8%. The permanent tax rate is \$1.0053 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

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SEASIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT

School district budgets funds for playing fields

Superintendent stresses 'financial stability'

By R.J. MARX
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As the school district seeks to meet the demands of a Title IX Civil Rights settlement to meet gender equity, improvements will be necessary to the district playing fields. This could involve renovations at Broadway Field or development of a new site.

A total of \$6.3 million has been budgeted for site acquisition and building development of the fields, outbuildings and the vestibule project at the entrances to the high school and middle school gyms.

The Seaside School District pre-

sented a draft of its 2022-23 budget at the April meeting of the budget committee. A second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the target date for approval by the committee. The budget is expected to receive final board approval on June 21.

The \$49.1 million budget presents a less than 1% increase from the 2021-22 budget of \$48.9 million.

In her message to community members, Susan Penrod, the district superintendent, listed three goals for the district in 2022-23, to keep students in school throughout the school year; to keep students and staff healthy and to enable students to thrive with families and the community.

"The Seaside School District remains committed to our core

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