

Mayor Jack W. Oldemeyer

Jack W. Oldemeyer was the first Mayor of Seaside. He served during the period 1954-56.

Before a capacity audience at the Seaside Youth Center on October 14, 1954, Mayor Oldemeyer defeated Joe Cota for Mayor in a 3 to 2 vote.

Mayor Oldemeyer was born on February 19, 1902, in Fort Morgan, Colorado. He came to the Monterey Peninsula in 1930 while working as a pipeline welder for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Mayor Oldemeyer first began his involvement with the City of Seaside in 1940 as Chairman of the Board of Seaside Fire Commissioners. He was instrumental in establishing the Seaside Fire District. After expiration of his term as Chairman, he was named the first Fire Chief of Seaside. He served in this capacity until 1945.

In an interview with former Mayor Glen Olea, he recalled that when the City was incorporated in 1954, "Oldemeyer put up \$6.00 of his own money to establish the City's First Bank Account."

The City's Oldemeyer Multi-Use Center, open in 1980, was named in his honor.

Mayor Oldemeyer operated an automotive garage in Seaside for more than 20 years before retiring to become Mayor. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 876 in Del Rey Oaks.

Mayor Oldemeyer died at the age of 80 in 1982.

JACK OLDEMEYER

MAYOR - 1954-1956