Waldport City Council, April 2, 2025

I am writing in response to the email from Mayor Heide Lambert regarding a complaint I filed about her actions on March 25, 2025.

While I acknowledge that her email is well-written, I must address several false statements contained within it:

1. When anyone enters City Hall, a doorbell chimes, and I walk to the front desk to greet the visitor. On this occasion, it was Mayor Lambert. I remained standing at the desk, waiting to see if she needed assistance. Not sitting behind a protective glass barrier. I watched her retrieve her mail, glance at the letters, and then walk straight to the window, never pausing to examine what she had in her hand.
2. As I previously mentioned, Mayor Lambert confronted me about why the letters had been opened, why they were scanned, and who they were sent to. I explained that it is my responsibility to open all incoming mail and direct it to the correct recipient. Her response was, "Even when the complaints are about that person?" She also asked why the scans hadn't been sent to her.
3. Mayor Lambert claims that Ellen Valentine approached the counter. However, I had asked Ellen to come forward after the mayor demanded that I scan the letters to her and all the council members. Ellen was handling these letters because Megan was on vacation. At one point, Mayor Lambert writes that Ellen was unprofessional, abrasive, and disrespectful. This is entirely false. I have never witnessed Ellen handle a tense situation more professionally. She made every effort to answer the mayor's questions but struggled to complete a sentence due to the mayor interrupting and talking over her. Finally, Ellen decided to end the conversation, saying, "We are stopping this conversation here, and you will need to speak with Dann."
4. I am also confused by Mayor Lambert's insistence that I send all the scanned letters to her and the council, given that she later mentioned taking them to the County Clerk for scanning and electronic distribution to the council. This seems inconsistent.
5. Lastly, Mayor Lambert asserts that our city is facing a "social crisis." I find it odd that she would characterize the situation in this way when only two groups of residents, out of the entire city, are unhappy. One group is upset because they are being asked to follow city policies, and the other is dissatisfied over an easement. These are not crises; they are disagreements over individual issues. I can confidently say that many community members are pleased that the city is enforcing rules fairly and not providing special treatment to a select few.

There is much more I could address regarding Mayor Lambert's letter, but I will conclude by reiterating that I have never been spoken to in such a manner by any other council member, as I was by the mayor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Robin Morris