

City of Selah
Council Minutes
May 24, 2011

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Keith Larson; Paul Overby; Kevin Jorgensen; Dave Smeback; John Gawlik; Allen Schmid

Members Excused: John Tierney

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Chief; Jeff Hagler, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Smeback led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Tom Morris led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones read the Agenda Change noted below.

Added to the Agenda:

G – 2c Certificates of Appreciation for Participation in Operation Viking Shield

Mayor Jones asked if the certificates were received.

Deputy Fire Chief Hanna responded that they had received them.

Mayor Jones said that the certificates were awarded to members of the Selah Fire Department who participated in the Table Top Exercise held in March at the Selah High School. He commented that the Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Management office all participated in the exercise. He then read the names on the certificates, which included Fire Chief Jerry Davis, Deputy Fire Chief Garry Hanna, Firefighter John Shipley, Battalion Chief Jim Martin, Firefighter/Administrative Assistant Jason Horton, and Firefighter Ron Cline. He commented that the Emergency Management staff thinks highly of the Selah Fire Department and Firefighters. He went on to say that it reflected well on both the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Deputy Fire Chief Hanna commented that it was a good experience, and said both he and Police Chief Dwarshuis were involved in the planning of the exercise.

Mayor Jones asked Police Chief Dwarshuis if he had any additional remarks.

Police Chief Dwarshuis declined to comment.

E. Public Appearances

1. Jerry Henry, Community Days Association

Mayor Jones welcomed Jerry Henry and commended him for his work with Community Days, and then said there was one glitch.

Jerry Henry asked if he meant the rain.

Mayor Jones responded that he shoulders the blame for that every year, and that he forgot to remind Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler to pray for no rain the previous Monday.

Mr. Henry thanked the Council, and presented the 2011 Miss Selah, Tess McBride, and the Royalty Coordinator, Becca Lunning. He read aloud the note written on the 2011 Community Days framed artwork and gave them to Miss Selah to present to the Mayor and the City Supervisor. He thanked the Council once again for their support.

Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Henry for his 33 years of service in building the Selah float, and for his dedication to and involvement in Community Days.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

G. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Jones opened the Public Meeting. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the Public Meeting.

2. Written

a. Letter and Certificate from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission re: 2010 Audit and Compliance of the In-Service Training Mandate

Police Chief Dwarshuis addressed G-2a. He said that there is a yearly compliance requirement of 24 hours minimum from the CJTC for each officer. He commented that his officers typically exceed the minimum requirements by approximately 40 hours. He went on to say that everyone gets a fair amount of training, and it is fairly easy to comply with their standards.

Mayor Jones complimented him for doing a great job.

b. Proclamation from Governor Christine Gregoire proclaiming May 2011 as Water Safety Month

Mayor Jones read the Proclamation aloud. He cautioned the young people in attendance to be aware that the rivers in the Valley are very full right now.

c. Certificates of Appreciation for Participation in Operation Viking Shield

H. Proclamations/Announcements **None**

I. Consent Agenda

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting May 10, 2011

* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 71068 – 71151 for a total of \$136,406.87

Claim Check No. 58241 for a total of \$ 1,546.34
Claim Checks Nos. 58242 – 58317 for a total of \$143,481.27

- * 3. Resolution M – 2 Resolution Establishing June 14, 2011 as the Date to Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the 2012-2017 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program
- * 4. Resolution M – 5 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement for Professional Engineering and Administration Services with Huibregtse Louman Associates Inc. for the Construction of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funded paving of South Rushmore Road Improvements

Councilman Gawlik moved, and Councilman Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval of the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

J. Public Hearings

- 1. Public Hearing - Intent to Establish a Selah Tourism Promotion Area

City Attorney Noe addressed J-1. He reminded the Council of their decision to withdraw from the Tourism Promotion Area consisting of the Cities of Yakima, Union Gap, and Selah. He said that the lodging businesses within Selah have indicated, through a written petition, their desire to form their own Tourism Promotion Area for the City of Selah. He stated that upon receiving the written petition, Council opted to pass a Resolution declaring the intent to form a Selah Tourism Promotion Area designating the boundaries of said area as the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and setting the Public Hearing to be held today. He went on to say that today's public Hearing is to take testimony for or against the proposed Selah Tourism Promotion Area. He informed the Council that the statute states that a Tourism Promotion Area cannot be formed if affected lodging businesses object, and requested the Mayor to open the Public Hearing.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the Public Hearing.

K. New Business **None**

L. Old Business **None**

M. Resolutions

- 1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with Cameron Ranch Operations, Inc. regarding use of the Biosolids product generated by the City Wastewater Treatment Facility

City Attorney Noe addressed M-1. He said that the Treatment Plant creates a fertilizer-grade biosolid which has been stockpiled up to this point, and that Cameron Ranches has indicated a use for the product. He mentioned that there were discussions with Cameron Ranches in regard to acquiring the biosolids, holding the City harmless for using the product, and the City's willingness to provide the product for their use. He stated that initially they entered into a Hold Harmless Agreement; however, Cameron Ranches desired to have an agreement indicating use of the biosolids for a minimum of ten years.

City Supervisor Sweet commented that they are making a significant investment in a spreader, and would need a minimum of two years to recoup costs incurred. He went on to say that the Department of Ecology has informed the City that they are not to stockpile the biosolids any longer, that it is ready to be used and they cannot add additional material to the stockpile. He said that the Camerons came to the City with the request, and that they own a cattle ranch out in the Wenas area. He stated that the Department of Ecology is aware of the agreement and have no objections over the biosolids being applied to the land. He observed that it is in the City's interest to agree, as it not only gets rid of the stockpiled biosolids, but is a beneficial use of the product to the cattle ranch.

Councilman Jorgensen inquired if transportation was their responsibility.

City Supervisor Sweet replied that it is.

Mayor Jones commented that they will supply the trailer and truck. He went on to say that when it is full they will be called to come pick it up, at which point they will take it to the ranch and spread it out.

Mayor Jones said that there is a conveyor at the Biosolids facility that will offload the biosolids into the trailer, and when it reaches capacity they will retrieve it.

Councilman Gawlik inquired if Selah was the only local community to provide that kind of product.

City Supervisor Sweet replied that it is one of three in the state, or maybe two in Washington and one in Oregon.

Mayor Jones commented that, in talking with Mr. Cameron, he got the impression that they will be running an organic meat farm on approximately 400 acres in the Wenas.

Councilman Smeback moved, and Councilman Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with Cameron Ranch Operations, Inc. regarding use of the Biosolids product generated by the City Wastewater Treatment Facility. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

- * 2. Resolution Establishing June 14, 2011 as the Date to Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the 2012-2017 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program
- 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the Agreement between Basin Disposal of Yakima, L.L.C. and the City of Selah to Reflect a Five Percent (5%) Fuel Surcharge Rate Increase and Other Amendments

City Supervisor Sweet addressed M-3. He stated that Steve Wheatley from Basin Disposal had contacted him in regards to the rising costs of fuel recently. He pointed out that they had not asked for an increase this year, and have also agreed to remove the requested increase if the fuel costs decrease. He commented that this is to help Basin Disposal cover expenses at this time, when costs are skyrocketing. He reiterated that when costs decrease the five percent will as well, and felt that this is a good deal for the City. He remarked that there are no complaints about their service and that they are doing a great job. He said that they had not asked for a rate increase this year, as no one foresaw that costs would increase to this extent. He hoped the Council would support the increase.

Councilman Gawlik inquired if there was a provision for a rate decrease if fuel costs go down.

City Supervisor Sweet replied in the affirmative, and commented that the Solid Waste Fund will still be doing well by the end of the year even with the five percent increase for Basin Disposal.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if that was with a rate increase or without a rate increase.

City Supervisor Sweet responded that it was without a rate increase.

Councilman Schmid moved, and Councilman Overby seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the Agreement between Basin Disposal of Yakima, L.L.C. and the City of Selah to Reflect a Five Percent (5%) Fuel Surcharge Rate Increase and Other Amendments. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

- 4. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$750.00 in Support of the 2011 July 4TH Celebration at the Central Washington State Fairgrounds

City Supervisor Sweet addressed M-4. He said that Greg Stewart and Greg Lybeck approached him to see if the City would be willing to support the July Fourth Celebration this year. He commented that both the City of Yakima and the City of Union Gap are contributing, although Yakima County is not. He noted that, while we are not as affluent as the other communities, we could contribute \$750.00 to show our support for that activity it would be greatly appreciated.

He observed that the Fairground supports Selah in many ways, and noted that the expenditure would not make a significant difference in the General Fund balance. He requested the Council's support in this matter.

Councilman Schmid commented that many people in the community availed themselves of the celebration and the opportunity to see the fireworks. He inquired if Yakima Transit would be running from here to the fairgrounds.

Councilman Overby responded that he thought Yakima Transit would be running on their normal service from a couple locations in Yakima. He asked which day of the week it is on, and commented that people can take the normal transit service to connect with the fairground service.

City Supervisor Sweet said that Yakima Transit would be contacted in regard to a service to Selah for the event.

Councilman Overby commented that he thought they would still be having two sites in the City of Yakima.

City Supervisor Sweet reminded the Council of the great job Yakima Transit did for Community Days.

Councilman Schmid moved, and Councilman Gawlik seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$750.00 in Support of the 2011 July 4TH Celebration at the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

- * 5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement for Professional Engineering and Administration Services with Huibregtse Louman Associates Inc. for the Construction of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funded paving of South Rushmore Road Improvements

N. Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance Establishing the Selah Tourism Promotion Area, Imposing a Special Assessment on the Furnishing of Lodging by a Lodging Business located within the Tourism Promotion Area, providing for the Collection of the Charge, and other matters relevant to the establishment and management of a Tourism Promotion Area

City Attorney Noe addressed Ordinance N-1. He said that this is the Ordinance that will formally establish the boundaries of the TPA and set the assessment rate and how the money is to be used, along with how to disestablish or modify it, and how it will be administered. He went on to say that this will set it in place, and then it will be sent to the Department of Revenue. He commented that it is approximately a 75 day turnaround for them to prepare to start collecting the monies for the TPA.

Councilman Overby moved, and Councilman Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Ordinance Establishing the Selah Tourism Promotion Area, Imposing a Special Assessment on the Furnishing of Lodging by a Lodging Business located within the Tourism Promotion Area, providing for the Collection of the Charge, and other matters relevant to the establishment and management of a Tourism Promotion Area. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

Mayor Jones opened the Public Meeting. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the Public Meeting.

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones said that Dave Edler will speak at the next Council Meeting in hopes of garnering support for retaining the Yakima Bears. He opined that he is not in support, but noted that the Council Members may have differing opinions. He thanked Public Works Director Henne, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler and the City workers for their efforts in preparing the City for Community Days. He went on to say that the City looked beautiful before the event started, and that afterwards everything had been cleaned up so well that on Monday you could hardly tell the event took place. He said that everyone who worked over the weekend did a great job, and he felt the event was a complete success. He complimented Mr. Henry on a beautiful float and Miss Selah for a wonderful job. He commented that the amount of volunteer work is what makes Selah the community it is today. He commended the Police Department and the Fire Department for their efforts.

Councilman Smeback commented on the flags around town.

City Supervisor Sweet said that they looked nice.

Mayor Jones responded that his thumbs are just now recovering.

Councilman Schmid said that he felt the Mayor deserved a thank you for the flags flying around town. He went on to say that the Mayor takes it upon himself to do the job, along with some assistance from Public Works, and that it looks great.

Mayor Jones replied that they tried a new flag this year on the recommendation of City Clerk/ Treasurer Novobielski. He said that a flag will last about two years, and that he would bring a few in next time to show the Council how dirty they get over time. He observed that there are about 30,000 car trips a day up and down the street, and those flags stay up from Community Days through July Fourth for the various holidays. He commented that it took about 35 hours down at the shop to switch them out. He said that he is a very patriotic person, and feels that anything we can do to support this country is worth it.

City Supervisor Sweet mentioned a caller on KIT radio who called in on Monday to praise Selah for their patriotism with not only the flags but the respect given when the colors walked by during the parade.

2. Council Members

Councilman Larson had no report.

Councilman Jorgensen had no report.

Councilman Smeback inquired as to when the roof repair work for City Hall is scheduled to be done.

City Supervisor Sweet responded that they would be taking more pictures and go out to the community to have it voted upon.

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City Supervisor Sweet said that they are still working on some of the financial issues, and it will be repaired in the near future.

Councilman Larson observed that it only leaks during the rainy season.

Councilman Overby had no report.

Councilman Gawlik read a brief statement, as follows:

I wish to extend my sincere thanks, and offer my unquestioned support to the three Selah Police Officers who responded to, what turned out to be a very tragic event on Tuesday last.

The attention to duty by each of these fine officers in thinking only of protecting the innocent persons being affected in this event at the extreme risk to their own personal safety.

Their actions are of the highest regard of the police service. I wish to commend them for their VALOR and righteous service to the people of the City of Selah.

Councilman Schmid reminded the Council of the 2A State WIAA softball tournament this coming Friday and Saturday at Carlon Park. He commented that there are a total of sixteen teams involved, with fourteen of them coming from out of the area. He said that the Selah Vikings are in the tournament, that they have a very good team, and invited everyone to come see them. He stated that their first game will be Friday at 12 noon.

Mayor Jones added that he will be throwing out the first pitch, and he requests a catcher with long arms and good mobility. He commented that he does take a full wind up before throwing.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski had no report.

Community Planner Davison had no report.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that the SR823 project is progressing and they are projecting to have the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the road in mid-June. He said that they regretted not completing the sidewalk on that stretch of the Wenas for the parade. He noted that the rain from Saturday had caused water to pool behind the curb, softening the ground significantly.

Mayor Jones said that it worked out well, as the road was wider than it used to be in that area, giving the parade and watchers ample space.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that they are switching gears to focus on other areas. He noted that he hoped to be bringing an award for the 2011 street improvement project to the council at the end of June, and that there should be progress on the South Rushmore project around that same time.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler talked briefly about the Discover Selah booth in the park during Community Days, mentioning that they handed out flyers regarding tourism and the Parks & Recreation Summer/Fall activities. He said they wanted to encourage people to visit the website for more information and to utilize the online sign-ups available for the various activities, in addition to discussing the Fall Festival coming up in September.

Police Chief Dwarshuis had no report.

Deputy Fire Chief Hanna announced that they held a Fire Safety event last week with approximately 120 kindergarteners and 30 adults. He commented that a number of those children had participated in the event while in preschool, and that is was a fun experience.

City Supervisor Sweet asked who did better, the kids or the adults.

Deputy Fire Chief Hanna responded that the kids do better.

City Supervisor Sweet had no report.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

R. Adjournment

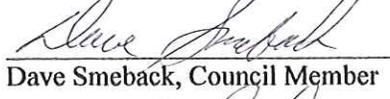
Council Member Larson moved, and Council Member Schmid seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29pm.

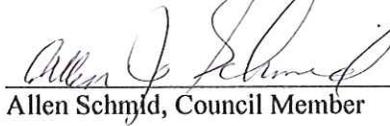


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John Tierney, Council Member



Dave Smeback, Council Member



Allen Schmid, Council Member

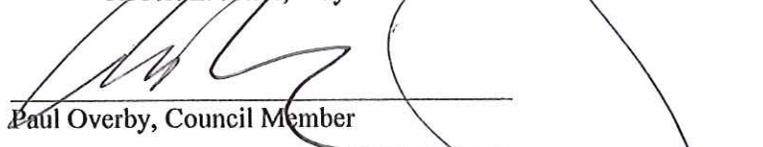
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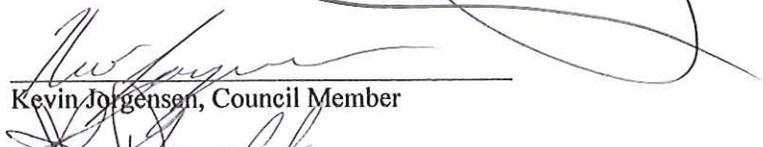
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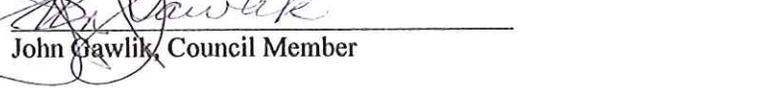
Robert L. Jones, Mayor



Paul Overby, Council Member



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