

City of Selah  
Council Minutes  
April 12, 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 3:59pm.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, 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 Jorgensen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Jason Williams led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones read the Agenda Changes noted below.

**Replace:** M – 5 Resolution Establishing May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as the Date to conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Vacation of a portion of Crusher Canyon Road excess right-of-way located southwest of the intersection of Crusher Canyon Road and Hillcrest Drive

**With:** M – 5 Resolution Establishing May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as the Date to conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Declaring as Surplus a portion of Crusher Canyon Road excess right-of-way located southwest of the intersection of Crusher Canyon Road and Hillcrest Drive

**Remove:** N – 1 Ordinance Amending Selah Municipal Code (SMC), Title 8, Chapter 8.70.020 Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets

E. Public Appearances **None**

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

G. Communications

1. Oral

The Mayor opened the Public Meeting.

Pastor Jason Williams, of the Harvest Community Church, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He spoke to the Council about the Pray for Selah event, put on annually by the Selah Ministerial Association, to be held from 6:30am to 7:30am on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. He extended an invitation to the Council, and mentioned that invitations will be extended to the Chamber of Commerce, the Selah School Board, and the community at large. He went on to say that there would be a light meal available and a round table for people to gather around and pray for specific items that affect our community, such as unemployment and the City government.

The Mayor thanked Pastor Williams for speaking to the Council.

John Cooper, President and CEO of the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He passed out packets, and briefly outlined the information contained in the annual report. He spoke about the various tools utilized, such as social media sites and the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau website, and talked briefly about the sports events they have helped to secure on Selah's behalf. He then presented the Council with copies of the new Yakima Valley Official Visitors Guide, highlighting the specific page in the guide promoting Selah.

The Mayor complimented Mr. Cooper on his presentation.

Mr. Cooper extended his thanks to Councilmen Jorgensen and Smeback for their participation on committees with the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau.

The Mayor commented on the fly-fishing photo, and asked Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler if he was the person in the photo.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler indicated that it was him in the photo.

**\*\*Overlapping conversations\*\***

The Mayor thanked Mr. Cooper for his time.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, the Mayor closed the Public Meeting.

2. Written

a. News Article from Rapid Responder on School District Tabletop Exercise

Fire Chief Davis addressed G-2a. He gave a brief summary of the exercise, listing the various agencies involved. He spoke about the various situation reports given to be dealt with, highlighting one scenario regarding a bomb threat at the schools.

Police Chief Dwarshuis commented that the exercise was constantly changing throughout the day, and that he felt they adapted quite well to the changes as they were encountered. He mentioned that Public Works was also involved in the exercises.

Mayor Jones said that he has served on the Emergency Management Board for a number of years, and one of their biggest fears is what the parents would do if there was an incident at one or more of the schools. He went on to say that the Selah schools, due to the close proximity of the campuses, would require a scenario to keep parents away while insuring the safe removal of the children. He commented that they practice different scenarios regularly using the tabletops, as one can never practice too much to be prepared. He commended Director Jim Paul for his efforts in Emergency Management.

Fire Chief Davis commented that when the hot spots were added to the Fire Dept. vehicles, they gained access to pictures of the schools to help them find potential explosives and also see the evacuation area in real time.

The Mayor thanked Fire Chief Davis.

- b. Letter of Appreciation to the Selah Police Dept from Michelle Perkins, DSHS re: Detective Eric Steen
- c. Letter of Thanks to the Selah Police Dept and Sgt. Farrell from Selah Pack 76 Tiger Cubs
- d. Letter of Thanks to the Selah Police Dept for Motorist Assistance rendered by Officers Smith and Swale

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: Study Session & Council Meeting February 22, 2011
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
  - Payroll Checks Nos. 70725 – 70825 for a total of \$187,120.25
  - Claim Checks No. 57975 for a total of \$ 32,222.75
  - Claim Checks Nos. 57976 – 58087 for a total of \$224,217.50
- \* 3. Resolution M – 1 Resolution Awarding the 2011 Lawn Service Contract to Valencia Lawn Service
- \* 4. Resolution M – 2 Resolution Declaring Komatsu Tractor with Liquid Spreader Surplus and Providing for Disposition of the Same
- \* 5. Resolution M – 3 Resolution adopting the 2010 Comprehensive Emergency Management Program (CEMP) as the Official Emergency Response Plan for the City of Selah, Washington

- \* 6. Resolution M – 4 Resolution Establishing May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as the Date to conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Declaring as Surplus property located north of Crusher Canyon Road Acquired to reconstruct Crusher Canyon Road
- \* 7. Resolution M – 5 Resolution Establishing May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as the Date to conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Declaring as Surplus a portion of Crusher Canyon Road excess right-of-way located southwest of the intersection of Crusher Canyon Road and Hillcrest Drive

**Councilman Overby 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. Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-8 (Van Alstine)

Community Planner Davison addressed J-1. He presented the letter written by Mr. Van Alstine requesting a continuance, and requested that the Council continue the meeting to June 14<sup>th</sup>. He added that Resolution M – 6 would also be removed from the agenda.

**Councilman Schmid moved, and Councilman Jorgensen seconded, to continue the Public Hearing to June 14, 2011. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

K. New Business **None**

L. Old Business **None**

M. Resolutions

- \* 1. Resolution Awarding the 2011 Lawn Service Contract to Valencia Lawn Service
- \* 2. Resolution Declaring Komatsu Tractor with Liquid Spreader Surplus and Providing for Disposition of the Same
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- \* 5. Resolution Establishing May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as the Date to conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Declaring as Surplus a portion of Crusher Canyon Road excess right-of-way located southwest of the intersection of Crusher Canyon Road and Hillcrest Drive
- 6. Resolution Denying the Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-08 (Van Alstine) as Recommended by the City of Selah Planning Commission

Removed from the Agenda at the request of Community Planner Davison.

7. Resolution Declaring Two Police Department Vehicles Surplus and Providing for Disposition of the Same

Police Chief Dwarshuis addressed M – 7. He briefly described the vehicles and indicated that YV-Tech has expressed a desire to purchase the vehicles for their High School explorer program. He listed the items removed prior to selling the vehicles, noting that the radios had been deprogrammed and that the light bars would be modified with clear lenses in place of the colored ones. He commented that YV-Tech planned to use them for maneuvering in their parking lot and training scenarios, and that he felt the price was beneficial to both YV-Tech and the City of Selah.

**Councilman Jorgensen moved, and Councilman Schmid seconded, to approve the Resolution Declaring Two Police Vehicles Surplus and Providing for Disposition of the Same. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Councilman Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

N. Ordinances

1. ~~Ordinance Amending Selah Municipal Code (SMC), Title 8, Chapter 8.70.020 Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets~~

O. Communications

1. Oral

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

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor

Mayor Jones showed a sign from his last campaign that had been victimized by graffiti, saying that he would rather it had been stolen.

Councilman Schmid asked Public Works Director Henne if the Dept. of Transportation still planned to have the new bypass from Naches to Fifth paved by the end of the month.

Public Works Director Henne responded that he hoped to get an update on that Thursday, as there had been a delay caused by the telephone company that they had been working around. He said that the Dept. of Transportation had requested his assistance in encouraging the telephone company to finish their work in a timely manner.

Councilman Schmid inquired about the bricks that were on the telephone property.

Mayor Jones said not to ask.

Public Works Director Henne said the telephone company has given those away.

City Supervisor Sweet commented that the telephone company had purchased and installed all the brick.

Councilman Schmid said that he was concerned when he noticed a truck hauling the bricks away.

Councilman Tierney reminded the Council that their Public Disclosure Reports were due on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Schmid recommended doing them online, not only for the ease of the process but because it will send out a reminder of when they are due next year.

Councilman Overby commented that he would wait for his name to be in the paper.

Councilman Tierney said you also receive a receipt confirmation when filing online.

Mayor Jones expressed his thanks to Ken Pendleton and the volunteers who worked up at Volunteer Park over the weekend. He informed the students in the audience that there is a sod-laying project in the near future that can help them to complete their Community Service hours. He briefly detailed the various items recently sold off the South Wenas property.

City Supervisor Sweet inquired about the Biosolids deal.

Mayor Jones talked about a meeting with an organic cattle farmer who expressed interest in using the Biosolids surplus. He went on to say that the farmer will collect the Biosolids in his vehicle, transport it to his facility, and disperse it himself.

Fire Chief Davis said that he forgot to mention the Fire Chiefs' meeting to be held that evening.

## 2. Council Members

Councilman Tierney asked City Attorney Noe if there was a response from the County regarding the rejection of the contract amendment.

City Attorney Noe replied that he has not heard anything from the County.

Councilman Tierney commented that he had seen them in the news last week because of some issues with other communities.

City Attorney Noe reiterated that he has had no response from them.

Police Chief Dwarshuis commented that Director Campbell has not talked to him about the matter.

Councilman Larson had no report.

Councilman Jorgensen informed the Council that he has a concerned citizen contact him regarding the signs against the school bond, saying that it took 100 signs placed to keep 30 signs up along Main Street. He wanted to mention on the record that the most sacred of First Amendment rights is political speech, and whether you agree with the cause or not, it falls under free speech and the signs should not be removed or vandalized. He said that doing so can carry a penalty of up to a year in prison. He commented that whether the issues fails or passes is immaterial as compared to the disrespect in regards to their signage.

Councilman Smeback asked Public Works Director Henne if he'd heard comments from the retailers affected by the Wenas construction.

Public Works Director Henne responded that he has heard from Selah Tire, as they have been impacted the most to date. He mentioned that the inclement weather, after the asphalt was removed from the road base, had caused the area to become waterlogged. He briefly mentioned the steps taken by Selah Tire to prevent the water from flooding them, and said that they were the only business adversely effected at this point.

Mayor Jones said that in his discussion with Rick from the Red Apple, he was told that it had impacted them but they were aware of the long-term benefits.

Public Works Director Henne commented that it has eliminated the industry traffic cutting across the parking lots.

Councilman Overby had no report.

Councilman Schmid informed the Council that this weekend is the kickoff of girls' fast pitch softball out at Carlon Park, with 24 teams from Washington and Oregon participating in the NWAC crossover tournament. He commented that there were 21 teams in the tournament last year, and that they have picked up more teams for this year. He said that there will be tournaments and events almost every weekend from this point.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if the tournament started Saturday morning.

Councilman Schmid responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Gawlik expressed his agreement with Councilman Jorgensen's comments regarding the political signage, commenting that both he and Councilman Schmid were victims of vandalism during their bids for office. He said that the same contract amendment from Yakima County was sent out to all affected cities, but he hadn't heard what decisions were made.

Councilman Tierney commented that the City of Yakima had signed the contract amendment.

Councilman Gawlik asked Public Works Director Henne for an update regarding the traffic light timing on Naches Avenue, and the left turn signal issue.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the left turn issue will be resolved upon completion of the project. He went on to say that the timing issue has been brought before the Dept. of Transportation.

Councilman Gawlik said it appears they are not interested in dealing with the situation.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they had not been informed of the problem, but they are aware of it now. He said they were taking a look at it and he has not heard back from them on the matter.

Councilman Gawlik expressed his concern for the traffic issue when school is out for the day, and what the bus drivers have to deal with at that time.

Public Works Director Henne commented that Yakima Transit will be changing their route to come up Fremont to Goodlander, around South Park Drive and North Park Drive, up Artisan Way to Wenas, back around and then come down First Street, to avoid Naches Avenue and the congestion at this time. He commented that his suggestion to people who call is to reroute onto Fremont.

Councilman Gawlik expressed his hope that the new signal installation will alleviate some of the congestion issues. He thanked Public Works Director Henne for his follow-up.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Community Planner Davison said that the information regarding the 2011 population estimate has been sent in, and that he expects to the collated information to be made available around June. He commented that he has been updating his records and is now current in regards to Resolutions and Ordinances.

Public Works Director Henne mentioned an article in the morning paper regarding the SR823 project, and talked about a slight delay in the project due to FairPoint Communications needing to lower some conduits. He talked about new sod being placed at Wixson Park to replace the sand from the old volleyball court site and also to repair the damage done when working on Well No. 8. He stated that they had almost all of the benches around the Big Toy, and had the wood chips in place. He went on to talk about the progress made on the two new bus shelters, and handed out a picture of the new bus shelter in Yakima.

Fire Chief Davis said that all three of the defibrillators were in place; one at City Hall, one at the Civic Center and one in the snack bar at Carlon Park. He mentioned new classes slated to start on Monday, which will keep the firefighters busy with training.

Police Chief Dwarshuis said that they've been using the IPSS, or Spillman, for about a week. He went on to say that there are technicians on site to deal with the glitches and little problems that crop up, and it's going very well. He mentioned that the Operations Board for IPSS was finalized at the Valley Chiefs meeting he had hosted earlier in the day. He touched on the preparations for Community Days, such as receiving the parade permit from the Dept. of Transportation. He also mentioned Officer Pepper, the newest officer to join the Selah Police, and informed the Council that he was almost through with his training and would be cut loose early next week.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler talked about Volunteer Park and the Master plan done up in the past, and then moved on to the work done at the park over the weekend by Mayor Jones and his crew of volunteers. He said that the base of the walking path is done, and they need to decide what to place down to finish the path.

Councilman Jorgensen asked about an Eagle Scout project done at the park.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler responded that the project was done at the park entrance, to mark where the path starts. He said that the work being done at the park is progressing nicely. He thanked Mayor Jones and his crew of volunteers for their efforts.

Mayor Jones commented that Councilman Larson had trained his son well, as he did a great job on the park entrance. He mentioned the donation of equipment by Ken Pendleton, and that Dick, a 76 year old volunteer worker, ran the Cat to put in the path throughout the park. He encouraged the Council to visit the park and see the path. He commented that at one time there was water running through the park, which disappeared when the housing development went in on the west end and the water was pressurized. He also talked about the vandalism done to the little pond that was there, with rocks removed and the liner cut away.

City Attorney Bob Noe had no report.

City Supervisor Sweet had no report.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

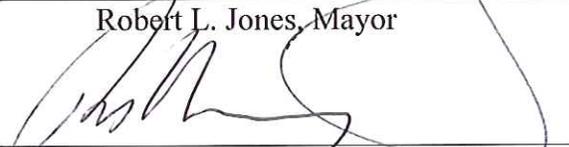
R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.



Robert L. Jones, Mayor



Paul Overby, Council Member



Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member



John Gawlik, Council Member



Keith Larson, Council Member



John Tierney, Council Member

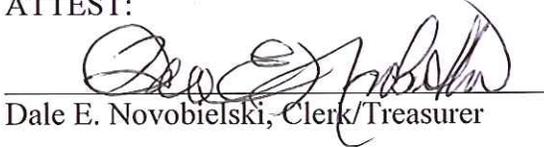


Dave Smeback, Council Member



Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer