

Study Session No. 1 Minutes
Selah City Council
April 9, 2013
2:30pm

Mayor Gawlik opened Study Session No. 1. He welcomed those in attendance and invited City Administrator Kelly to speak.

City Administrator Kelly discussed different items to consider when discussing annexations, such as willing participants, revenues and expenses, logical city boundary expansion and Boundary Review Board criteria.

Community Planner Davison talked briefly about the Boundary Review Board and what criteria they look at for a proposed annexation, such as extension of City utilities, the logical extension of City boundaries, whether this would create an island, and if it is contained within the City's urban growth boundaries.

Discussion followed, including items such as the minimum percentage of assessed property value required to annex, why boundaries expand in different ways, the clause in an Outside Utility Agreement that requires those who sign one to automatically get annexed when the City chooses to expand its boundaries, and the difference between the public meeting for an annexation and a public hearing for other items.

Mayor Gawlik thanked City Administrator Kelly for his time. The Study Session ended at 2:56pm.

Study Session No. 2 Minutes
Selah City Council
April 9, 2013
3:00pm

Mayor Gawlik opened Study Session No. 2. He welcomed those in attendance and invited Charles Irwin and Jim Hall, Emergency Management Services, to speak.

Charles Irwin discussed the roles and responsibilities of elected officials and department heads, using a combination of handouts and a PowerPoint presentation. He included items such as the need to define and focus on each person's role as an elected or appointed official, public expectations, the City's emergency protocols, declaring a state of emergency and practical approaches to minimize liability.

Jim Hall talked about the purpose of an Emergency Coordination Center (ECC), which allows the City to coordinate information and resources, which includes items such providing a central source for information and effective decision making, as well as providing accurate and efficient information to the public. He discussed the various things found in an EEC, such as communication equipment, computer equipment, map displays, status boards, static reference data and emergency operations plans; the functions and responsibilities of each position, such as management and support staff; and the need to standardize emergency operation plans for Yakima County at the both County level and the City level.

Mayor Gawlik thanked Mr. Irwin and Mr. Hall for their time. The Study Session ended at 3:48pm.

City of Selah
Council Minutes
April 9, 2013

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

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

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Paul Overby; John Tierney; Dave Smeback; Allen Schmid; Carl Torkelson

Members Excused: Keith Larson; Brooke Finch

Staff Present: David Kelly, City Administrator; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Director; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smeback led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mark Griesse led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Added to Agenda:

1. New Business K – 1: Approval of Appointment of Tony Creach to vacant Position No. 4 on Parks & Recreation Board

E. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations **None**

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

G. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the meeting. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the meeting.

2. Written

- a. Transit Ballot Information
- b. Web Analytics for the City of Selah website and the Discover Selah website – First Quarter 2014
- c. Letter from Selah Fun Runners expressing their appreciation of 3 Reserve Police Officers

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: March 26, 2013 Study Session & Council Meeting

* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 75574 – 75663 for a total of \$184,432.93

Claim Checks Nos. 61810 – 61811 for a total of \$ 1,971.14

Claim Checks Nos. 61812 – 61903 for a total of \$168,794.76

Council Member Schmid moved, and Council Member Tierney seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval of the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

J. Public Hearings/Public Meetings

- 1. Public Meeting with Proponents and Opponents of the Proposed West Goodlander Road Annexation (920.43.2012-01)

Community Planner Davison addressed J-1. He indicated a large map on the wall identifying the potential boundary of the West Goodlander annexation, saying that back in January the City Council directed staff to send out annexation notices to all property owners within the designated area to discover whether they are in favor of or in opposition to the annexation. He noted that, based on the responses received, there appear to be numerous individuals on both sides. He went on to say that the Council questioned what the non-responses meant, so they scheduled today's meeting to discuss the annexation with those for and those against the boundary, as well as to look at the possibility of an alternate boundary that Council could adopt to proceed with the annexation.

Mayor Gawlik opened the meeting and invited those who wish to speak to come forward. He requested that each person identify their parcel(s) of land in the proposed annexation area.

Jeff Ely, Parcel No. 181426-44001, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he owns a three acre parcel with various livestock and his concern is whether he will be allowed to keep these animals on his property after the annexation is completed. He added that he also has plans to build within the next year and wondered if there would be any issues with using the existing well versus hooking up to City utilities if he is annexed in to the City.

Community Planner Davison responded that animals in the City are by license that can be obtained from Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski on an annual basis; you can continue indefinitely at the same level, but if you reduce the numbers of animals you may not increase them to prior levels.

Mayor Gawlik asked that he also address the question regarding the new residential structure.

Community Planner Davison replied that he can build new house but would need to meet City codes.

Mr. Ely asked if he would be required to hook up to City utilities.

Community Planner Davison replied in the negative, saying that he can opt to connect to them but would not be required to do so. He added that Mr. Ely would be required to hook up to the sewer line if he is within two hundred feet of an existing line.

Council Member Tierney wondered if Mr. Ely was in favor of or opposed to the annexation.

Mr. Ely responded that he has heard various stories regarding the dollar amount required to connect to existing utility lines; he feels that he could use the existing well and septic system currently in place and not have the added expense.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that it would be approximately twelve hundred dollars for the connection fee to the sewer and approximately nine hundred dollars for water.

Council Member Smeback asked Mr. Ely if he will be replacing the existing residence with a new residence.

Mr. Ely replied in the affirmative.

Council Member Smeback commented that he could use his existing drain field with the new residence.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that there are several variables, such as the square footage of the new house and whether the drain field is adequate for the new structure.

Roy Sample, Parcel Nos. 181426-44005 & -44021, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He stated that he is in favor of annexation, although he believes a slightly different map, excluding some of the property along Herlou Drive, was originally proposed. He said that the original map had well over sixty percent in favor of annexation, but felt that the addition of the other area greatly reduces that percentage. He expressed concern over that, saying that both himself and Council Member Torkelson want to develop their properties land and that they have already invested a considerable amount in improvements to the area. He went on to say that, while some will favor annexation and some will not, they want to be annexed in and the City should do whatever it can to get this started. He commented that there are some nice areas to be developed in that area as part of Selah. He noted that he has put water and sewer next to previous gentleman's property last year when putting in a subdivision. He said that he has a vested interest in his property and the whole area, and he thinks that they should be part of town.

Council Member Schmid wondered if both properties had an Outside Utility Agreement (OUA).

Mr. Sample replied in the affirmative, adding that he would rather be part of the City than have an OUA.

Mayor Gawlik requested that Community Planner Davison address the issue of the two maps.

Community Planner Davison said that the map on the board shows the entire area and identifies the properties to allow ownership identification, while the other map was provided to Council in the packet two weeks ago and identifies the properties with an OUA as well as those who petitioned for annexation.

Mayor Gawlik wondered which map Council would be voting on.

Community Planner Davison replied that it would likely be some derivative of the map.

Mr. Sample remarked that, if the map excluded properties along Herlou Drive, the process could be started. He felt that the properties should be part of the town.

Richard Weller, Parcel No. 181426-44414, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He thanked the Council for providing an opportunity to address the annexation issue. He said that, while he is a reasonably educated person, he didn't feel the letter offered an opportunity to give a negative response; he didn't respond because he is not in favor of annexation. He wondered how many letters were mailed and how many positive responses were received back. He commented that there are forty-four families, or parcels, fed by the Selandia water system and they don't understand what the City brings to the table to convince us that annexation is better than being in the County with our own water association. He added that he currently pays seventy-five dollars per quarter for water, and that it would equal three years' of water to hook up his property to the City if the annexation goes through. He appreciated the investment made by Mr. Sample and Mr. Torkelson, but felt that the other parcel owners have also made a considerable investment in their properties. He stated that he is opposed but open-minded to see if City offers a better choice versus staying in County. He observed that he and his neighbors have a sense of community because of the water association and wondered what he would have to give up if he is annexed in. He said that he turned sixty-six last month and is considering retirement, but LIDs or other assessments such as paving Herlou Place would have an impact on that decision.

Mayor Gawlik responded that he heard two questions: firstly, how many letters were sent out and how many responded, and secondly, what is the City offering to those who opt for annexation.

Mr. Weller commented that one could assume that those who didn't respond are a no vote or simply not interested.

Council Member Tierney remarked that those who chose not to respond could be in favor of annexation.

Community Planner Davison said that they sent out ninety-four letters and received twenty-six positive responses back, to which they added those with existing OUAs.

Mr. Weller stated that it is approximately twenty-five percent in favor, noting that the way the letter was written didn't encourage those opposed to the annexation to respond.

Community Planner Davison went on to say that those who opt for annexation will receive an initially reduced property tax rate dependent on value of the house, and law enforcement responding will be the Selah Police Department rather than the Yakima County Sheriff's Office.

Council Member Overby asked for confirmation that those who live within two hundred feet of water or sewer lines would be required to connect if they had failure of either system.

Community Planner Davison responded that the Health District would make that determination, although the law does state that anyone within two hundred feet will connect to the system.

Council Member Overby noted that it would vary depending on the property in question.

Council Member Tierney stated that the percentage in favor of annexation is based on assessed values of the properties who responded, and that it includes those with existing OUAs.

Mr. Weller replied that he understands, as it was made clear when the high school was built.

Mayor Gawlik encouraged MR. Weller to meet with Community Planner Davison to discuss any other issues.

Aaron Thompson, Parcel No. 181426-44428, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He stated that he is opposed to annexation, saying that it sounds like there is potential for more costs for him. He went on to say that having a home in the County was part of the appeal when he purchased it, and he doesn't see a benefit to being annexed into the City. He felt that annexation would lead to tighter housing and more traffic, as well as driving down the value of the area. He noted that the majority of the houses in this area are well-kept, high-end houses. He asked how many people are currently on an OUA.

Council Member Schmid responded that there are twenty-three parcels on an OUA within the proposed annexation area.

Mr. Thompson wondered if those parcels are identical to the ones that sent in a positive response.

Council Member Tierney replied in the negative, saying that those are different individuals.

Mr. Thompson asked if the number in favor of annexation was closer to fifty rather than twenty-six if one includes the OUAs.

Council Member Schmid replied in the affirmative, noting that those with an OUA are an automatic yes for annexation once they have signed the OUA.

Community Planner Davison remarked that, in the area with the OUAs, there are additional eight parcels without an OUA that indicated they are in favor of annexation, for a total of thirty-one in favor.

Council Member Smeback commented that the percentage is based on assessed values, not the number of people who responded favorably.

Mr. Thompson said that when he received the initial letter he thought not mailing it in meant that he was not interested. He went on to say that, when he contacted the members of the water association, numerous others believed the same thing. He felt that there was a lot of confusion regarding this. He added that several other people who are opposed wanted to be here but could not attend a meeting held prior to 5:00pm.

Mayor Gawlik address the confusion regarding the letter that was sent out, saying that future correspondence will state the matter clearly and request a response either for or against.

Mr. Thompson said that there hasn't been decisive answer on whether they would be required to hook up to the City's water or sewer systems.

Council Member Schmid responded that if his system fails then his only resort would likely be an OUA with the City, adding that those in that area were looking at that ten years ago when a problem arose with the well and the delivery system.

Council Member Smeback commented that if he was annexed in today he would continue to use the existing system; however, if the well system failed then the City would likely run a line to your system.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that they would do a temporary inter-connect into the system, which would likely be followed by a Local Improvement District bond (LID) to replace the system.

Council Member Smeback added that those within the City limits would pay the standard rate, while those who are outside the City limits pay one and a half times the standard rate.

Mr. Thompson wondered if the Health Department would require them to connect to City services if the well needed repair or servicing.

Council Member Smeback recommended that they direct those questions to the County water master.

Steven Royce, Parcel No. 181426-43430, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He stated that he is opposed to annexation, saying that he moved out of the city and into the County to get away from City regulations.

Timothy Knowles, Parcel No. 181426-44408, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he is opposed to annexation, as he needs to be convinced that this is something good for me. He commented that Lorry Lane is a dirt road and wondered if the City would pave the road at added cost to himself and other living on Lorry Lane.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the City wouldn't pave the road unless people wanted to form LID to do so, at which point the City would put the project together. He noted that the City has paved gravel roads in the past using grants. He noted that there is a twelve inch water line running down Lorry Lane, and if the well failed they might need to get annexed; there needs to be separation of wells and septic systems to prevent contamination, and the Health Department's push is to prevent contamination problems.

Mr. Knowls wondered if the City would plow the road before it got eight inches deep.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they do not plow until a certain number of inches has accumulated, and that while residential streets not the top priority they do get them done.

Kenneth Blehm, Parcel No. 181426-44402, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he has lived there for thirty-nine years and is opposed to annexation. He expressed concern that this is a grab for tax money to pay off the debt left from prior administrations.

Council Member Smeback commented that annexations aren't a moneymaker for the City.

Mr. Blehm remarked that there are a lot of high-end houses in that area that would generate a lot of money.

Council Member Smeback responded that residents initiate an annexation, not the City. He commented that a lot of that area is comprised of gravel roads that need infrastructure; the City would have to make a substantial investment in the area.

Mayor Gawlik commented that he will not point fingers or lay blame; he accepted and inherited the problems of the past with the intent to get them fixed.

Mr. Blehm remarked that he has done a good job thus far.

Ted Hendrickson, Parcel No. 181426-43405, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he is opposed to the annexation for several reasons; he has been in the area longer than most others there, he has been happy with what with the water system, and he has a good drain area for his septic system. He discussed this with his neighbors and they are also against it. He noticed that some people on Terry Lane have asked to be annexed into the City, yet they have received no additional water and are not hooked up to the sewer system.

Public Works Director Henne replied that some are and some are not. He added that the City does not run lines unless there is an LID or a development done.

Mr. Hendrickson asked if Lyle Loop had City utilities.

Public Works Director Henne responded in the affirmative, saying that they have signed OUAs.

Jeff Ely, Parcel No. 181426-44001, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He remarked that several people have said that they weren't sure about the need to send in a response and suggested that the City send out another letter with a yes or no box to get a definitive answer to the annexation proposal.

Mayor Gawlik thanked him for his recommendation.

Ron Anderson, Parcel No. 181426-43418, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He stated that he is opposed to the annexation, but was hoping to hear from the Council why he should change his opinion. He commented that he has yet to hear what the City would do for him.

Council Member Tierney responded that the biggest improvement would be the services of our law enforcement agency.

Mr. Anderson replied that they have done a great job thus far without annexation, as they are in his neighborhood on a regular basis.

Council Member Schmid expressed his appreciation to those who came to speak to Council today. He hoped that everyone understands that City isn't trying to annex them in; a petition was submitted from people in this area and the City sent out letters to discover how many would be receptive to annexation. He noted that there is very little money in annexation for the City.

Mr. Anderson wondered how many people requested annexation.

Council Member Schmid commented that it can be one person if they have a higher valued property, as annexation is predicated on property value. He added that those who requested the annexation had enough property valuation for the City to pursue the matter and see if others were also interested.

Aaron Thompson, Parcel No. 181426-44428, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He remarked that someone is going to gain financially from this and wondered who it would be, as it seems like people are in it for financial gain.

Council Member Schmid responded that the vast majority of annexations are driven by developers.

Jason Lee, Parcel No. 181426-43411, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He asked whether the developer or the homeowners signed the OUAs for the subdivision on Lyle Loop.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it was the developer.

Carl Herbst, Parcel No. 181426-43435, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He stated that he is opposed to the annexation, and wondered if there was long-term forecast done for the residents to be annexed in.

Mayor Gawlik responded that he is not aware of any forecast.

Mr. Herbst asked when the final decision would be made.

Community Planner Davison responded that, if the Council decides to initiate annexation, they will need to establish a boundary followed by a formal petition for annexation to those within the boundary. He went on to say that if property values are equal to or greater than a minimum of sixty percent of the total property values then the Council can proceed with the annexation.

City Administrator Kelly added that when the future letter is sent out there will be no question as to whether individuals are in favor of or opposed to the annexation.

Mr. Herbst said that he appreciated Council Member Schmid's explanation, saying that he is opposed but willing to listen.

Angela Hyatt, Parcel No. 181426-44001, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She stated that the Selandia well is on an easement attached to their property. She went on to say that they rent the residence at this time and the renters have stated that they will move if there additional fees added.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Gawlik closed the meeting.

K. New Business

1. Approval of Appointment of Tony Creach to vacant Position No. 4 on Parks & Recreation Board

Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Director Hagler addressed K-1. He requested that Council approve the appointment of Tony Creach to fill the vacant position on the Parks & Recreation Board.

Council Member Schmid moved, and Council Member Overby seconded, to approve the Appointment of Tony Creach to vacant Position No. 4 on Parks & Recreation Board. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Torkelson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

L. Old Business None

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Accepting the West Goodlander Road “Notice of Intent to Annex” Petitions

Community Planner Davison addressed M – 1. He reviewed the process from the initial petitions requesting annexation to the comments heard earlier in the meeting He suggested that Council consider a revised boundary running along the east side of Herlou Drive to the south lot line of 181426-43472, then due east to the east side of the Lorry Lane subdivision, then south back to Goodlander Road, which would also include the un-annexed right of way on Goodlander Road.

Mayor Gawlik Council wondered if Council should look at annexing only the properties belonging to the petitioners.

Community Planner Davison responded that the City could not simply annex in those two properties as one is at the bottom of the proposed are and one is at the top.

Council Member Tierney asked how many people on Lorry Lane have OUAs.

Community Planner Davison replied that none of them do.

Council Member Tierney opined that just annexing the right of way is doing a big disservice to local law enforcement as it would supply law enforcement as deterrent for those living in the area. He commented that including the lots fronting Goodlander Road seems to make more sense rather than providing unpaid service.

Council Member Smeback remarked that the people in that area are currently getting free service.

Police Chief Hayes commented that he has directed his officers to familiarize themselves with the area surrounding the city, as they may be first responders to a call and will need to know where to go.

Council Member Schmid said that he agreed with the boundary that Community Planner Davison outlined except for wondering why the City needs to annex in that section of Goodlander Road.

Community Planner Davison replied that the City currently has the south half of Goodlander Road. He added that the statue states that when you annex property you annex in the adjacent road.

Council Member Schmid pointed out that they aren’t annexing any property on Goodlander Road between Lorry Lane and Herlou Drive.

City Administrator Kelly remarked that in the past State law allowed a City to annex half of a road when annexing; currently they require that the entire road be annexed.

Council Member Overby commented that, if we take in everything west of Lorry Lane, we would have to take in County road, as it wouldn't make sense to have a stretch of road in between that we don't plow.

Council Member Smeback asked for confirmation that the City is feeding water to the Lyle Loop subdivision using a twelve inch water line running up Lorry Lane, which is currently in the County.

Community Planner Davison replied in the affirmative, saying that the developer put in both the water line and the sewer line.

Mayor Gawlik asked if there is anyone in the redrawn boundary who didn't wish to be annexed in.

Community Planner Davison replied that there were a few parcels with no response, but noted that approximately ninety percent of the assessed values are either in favor of annexation or have an OUA with the City.

Council Member Schmid moved, and Council Member Overby seconded, to approve the Resolution Accepting the "West Goodlander" Notice of Intent to Annexation Petitions, establish the proposed annexation boundary selected by Council in Exhibit "C" and impose the following conditions upon the annexation: (1) Establish as the proposed annexation boundary the Council selected boundary in Exhibit C; (2) If ultimately annexed require the assumption of a pro-rata share of existing City indebtedness, (3) If ultimately annexed the property would be zoned One-Family Residential (R-1) on the date of annexation, and, (4) Furthermore, the annexation petition is to be conditioned in that petitioners covenant themselves granting the City of Selah a "right of first refusal" to secure ownership of any irrigation and/or domestic water rights appurtenant to the land. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Torkelson – abstain. Motion passed with four yes votes and one abstention.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington, creating a new Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.28, Economic Development and Beautification Committee, for the purpose of creating an Economic Development and Beautification Committee, which will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council

City Administrator Kelly addressed N-1. He said that this is a formalization of the discussion from the prior Council Meeting put in Ordinance form. He noted one change from the initial proposal, which was an increase of members from nine to twelve, of which a minimum of three are business people, six are residents, business owners or have vested interest in community, two are Council Members and one is the current Mayor. He added that the terms are staggered rather than having them all expire at the same time.

Council Member Overby moved, and Council Member Torkelson seconded, to approve the Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington, creating a new Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.28,

Economic Development and Beautification Committee, for the purpose of creating an Economic Development and Beautification Committee, which will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Torkelson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Mayor Gawlik nominated Council Member Finch and Council Member Torkelson for the two Council positions on Economic Development and Beautification Committee.

Council Member Schmid moved, and Council Member Tierney seconded, to approve the nomination of Council Member Finch and Council Member Torkelson for the two Council positions on Economic Development and Beautification Committee. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Torkelson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

O. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the meeting.

Aaron Thompson, 111 Herlou Drive, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that Parcel No. 181426-44006 is actually a cistern, with a well down below that pumps water up to the cistern. He wondered how the proposed annexation would affect it, as the cistern would be outside City limits.

Community Planner Davison commented that the well is located on Parcel No. 181426-44011; it pumps up to the cistern and is then gravity fed to the duplexes below.

City Administrator Kelly wondered what the water was used for.

Mr. Thompson replied that he believes it is drinking water.

Council Member Smeback remarked that years ago it was irrigation water that was diverted into the cistern.

Public Works Director Henne noted that it is a private system that serves the complex; if the well goes out there is no public water available on Selah Loop at that location. He added that it would be up to the Health District to make a decision at that time.

Council Member Overby asked Mr. Thompson if his question was whether having the well inside City limits and the Cistern outside City limits would create a problem.

Mr. Thompson replied in the affirmative, adding that he is trying to determine if there will be a boundary issue.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that it is still in the County.

Mr. Thompson responded that the well would be in the City, and wondered if there would be an issue with that.

Public Works Director Henne replied that there should not be an issue.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Gawlik closed the meeting.

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor

Mayor Gawlik commended City Administrator Kelly for his efforts on behalf of the City, saying that he has found other programs we can cut or diminish so that money stays in the coffer. He requested that Council to mark their calendars for the tabletop exercise at Fire Station No. 1 on May 15th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Council Member Tierney commented that Council Chambers is wired as a command center and thought that Public Works was also wired for that.

City Administrator Kelly responded that the command center is still here, although it was wired at Public Works; the decision was made not to have down there due to their close proximity to the railroad tracks.

Fire Chief Davis remarked that there are several issues with using the Public Works facility, such as proximity to the railroad tracks, being downwind of prevailing winds and laying within the flood zone area.

Council Member Tierney observed that the exercise will be at the Fire Department.

Council Member Smeback asked Community Planner Davison if they keep track of residents within the City limits with failed septic systems or failed wells.

Community Planner Davison replied in the negative, saying that there aren't very many of either one.

Mayor Gawlik mentioned that there were a few houses up on Goodlander that had issues several years ago that are now on City systems.

Council Member Smeback remarked that he discovered a foreclosure in town a few days ago that had a failed septic system; the property owners were forced to move out and give the property back to the bank as they had no place for a drain field.

2. Council Members

Council Member Schmid had no report.

Council Member Overby had no report.

Council Member Smeback wondered if the Economic Development & Beautification Committee had been discussed with the Selah Chamber of Commerce regarding their involvement and representation. He felt that the business community, through the Chamber, should have been the driving force on this.

He commented that it seems funny that only three of the nine positions are designated as business owners.

City Administrator Kelly responded that there are a minimum of three for the committee, and that the other six could also be business owners.

Council Member Smeback thought that the Chamber should have one or two spots designated as such.

City Administrator Kelly remarked that it was just what was proposed and we want to encourage the Chamber to be part of this committee.

Council Member Torkelson had no report.

Council Member Tierney said that Heidi Wahlberg, who works at the Selah Fitness Center, ran in Portland marathon and produced a qualifying time that allows her into the Boston marathon. He added that she will be heading there at the end of this week.

3. Boards **None**

4. Departmental

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski said that he has closed the books for March and provided financial reports to City Administrator Kelly and the Department Heads. He noted that everything continued to be stable.

Community Planner Davison said that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing next Tuesday night to consider the middle school replacement. He went on to say that they mailed out approximately four hundred notices, but to date no one has come in to look at the map. He added that he will also be working on the annexation petition.

Council Member Overby asked if it would be feasible to upload maps to the internet for people to view.

Community Planner Davison replied that electronic maps could be put up on the website, adding that they could also be projected for all to view during Council Meetings once projection equipment is installed.

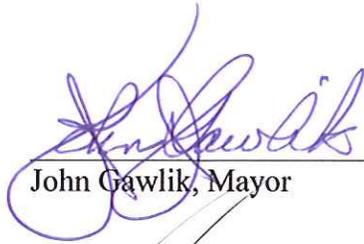
City Administrator Kelly asked Executive Assistant Lake if the maps included in the packet were scanned and uploaded to the website.

Executive Assistant Lake responded that everything contained in the packet was uploaded to the website, including the maps.

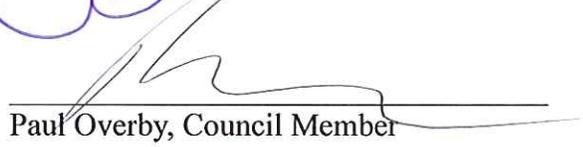
Council Member Overby said that he was thinking of having them under the planning side of the website, where people could go to view any upcoming actions.

Public Works Director Henne said that the crew is painting crosswalks around town. He commented that they found another water leak today, and dug five holes on Fremont Avenue last week looking for another one. He went on to say that they are busy getting things together for the street projects, adding that he and Mayor Gawlik are scheduled to meet with the new Secretary of Transportation. He

The meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.


John Gawlik, Mayor

EXCUSED
Keith Larson, Council Member


Paul Overby, Council Member


John Tierney, Council Member


Dave Smeback, Council Member


Allen Schmid, Council Member

EXCUSED
Brooke Finch, Council Member


Carl Torkelson, Council Member

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer