

City of Selah
Council Minutes
August 14, 2012

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: Keith Larson; John Tierney; Paul Overby; Kevin Jorgensen; Dave Smeback; Allen Schmid; Brooke Finch

Members Excused:

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Smeback led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Doug Perkins led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes **None**

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

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

G. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the Public Meeting. He congratulated the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board and the levy committee on a successful levy campaign, as this will ensure that Selah's pool stays open for the next six years. He also thanked the voters for their resounding support in voting yes on the levy.

Norma Smith, 906A Speyers Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She thanked everyone for their votes, observing that it means so much to those who worked so hard to get the levy

passed. She commented that the next step will be to work on getting a new pool within the next six years, without additional expense to the taxpayers.

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

2. Written

- a. Well No 5 Redevelopment Progress Estimate No. 1
- b. Yakima Transit Sales Tax Report – June 2012
- c. Letter from Basin Disposal of Yakima, LCC re: Recycle Data Report for the 2nd quarter of 2012

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: July 24, 2012 Council Meeting
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 74031 – 74142 for a total of \$238,945.43
 Payroll Checks Nos. 74143 – 74237 for a total of \$157,368.87
 Claim Checks Nos. 60569 – 60657 for a total of \$183,914.20

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

J. Public Hearings **None**

K. New Business **None**

L. Old Business **None**

M. Resolutions **None**

N. Ordinances **None**

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

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

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor

Mayor Gawlik said that we had an employee barbeque and picnic at the pool last Friday, and that is was great to see employees and their families. He expressed a desire to do this more often, and that we hope to have this as an annual affair. He thanked Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler for his hard work in putting the event together and City Administrator Kelly for his burger flipping abilities.

2. Council Members

Council Member Finch had no report.

Council Member Schmid said that last weekend GYGSA put on an all night girls' fast pitch softball tournament Friday night and Saturday night, and had a large group of participants in the event. He remarked that everyone there had a good time, and that the girls enjoyed staying up all night and playing under the lights. He commented that they have heard no concerns from the neighbors regarding noise levels during the event, and that GYGSA plans to do the event again next year. He noted that there were teams from Seattle and Oregon who came to participate, and that it was a good time for everybody in attendance.

Council Member Overby had no report.

Council Member Smeback had no report.

Council Member Jorgensen expressed his congratulations to the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board for the work they did on the pool, commenting that he is excited for future of pool. He remarked that no elected official can take that funding away for something else, and that he likes having the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board as another set of eyes for accountability and oversight on how that money is spent. He commented that it was a great day for the Selah community.

Council Member Larson thanked Ms. Smith, Michelle Bannister, and the election committee for their work.

Council Member Tierney commented that Council Members Jorgensen and Larson stole his thunder, and congratulated Ms. Smith, Michelle Bannister, and the election committee on a job well done. He said that is was good to see the youth active in promoting the election. He thanked Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler for his efforts as well, and noted that the pool is certainly an asset loved by the community.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler extended his thanks to Ms. Smith and the levy committee, saying that they had a free swim for the community on Sunday afternoon as a thank you for voting in the levy, which was followed by the annual doggie swim. He remarked that the pool is now closed for the season, and that they had a good season in spite of the cooler weather in June and July. He said that he has been discussing pool maintenance with Public Works Director Henne, and looking into the

possibility of doing the work this fall rather than next spring. He noted that a budget adjustment will likely be presented at the next Council Meeting for painting the bottom of the pool and some additional items.

Mayor Gawlik asked if fall temperatures would remain warm enough for the length of time necessary to dry the paint.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler replied in the affirmative.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that it is challenging to need five days with temperatures in the seventies to eighties, and no rain, in the spring.

Mayor Gawlik asked if this would be done around the end of September or the first of October.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they would like to start the first of September. He commented that the drainage of the pool will start Monday, provided that the treatment plant can handle the additional water.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler passed around some photos taken at Wixson Park last Saturday showing all the shelters in use. He observed that the popularity of the shelters has increased, and that they have been very busy over the course of the summer. He went on to say that the projected revenues for 2012 were \$6,000, and as of the end of July we have already collected \$6,581. He mentioned that the second annual army base half marathon race, with the addition of a 5K length, will be on September 15th, and that there are still openings available for any Council Members who would like to participate.

Council Member Tierney asked him to state the date again.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler replied that it will be on September 15th.

Council Member Tierney remarked that he will be out of town.

Mayor Gawlik commented that Fire Chief Davis would have to follow him in the aid car if he ran.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler said that this is a real partnership with Yakima Training Center, noting that this year approximately three hundred Japanese soldiers have signed up to run, half in the marathon and half in the 5K. He observed that they will have a large race this year and that he is looking forward to it.

Police Sergeant Reeves said that the department has focus most of their energy on an investigation the last several days, currently being discussed about in local news media, but noted that he cannot discuss it further at this time. He commented that National Night Out had a good turnout, especially since this is the first time in five years they have put it on. He remarked that they learned some lessons from this year's event that they will correct for next year. He went on to say that they are just trying to get through the various summer vacation schedules while still keeping the streets safe.

Mayor Gawlik extended his thanks to the reserve officers who did so much work for National Night Out, along with Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler, noting that they did a great job with the event.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

Public Works Director Henne said that the grind and overlay went pretty smoothly, and they haven't had any complaints.

Mayor Gawlik remarked that the fresh striping looks good, and noted that it looks like they have started to peel back the covering on the apron at the Fire Station.

Fire Chief Davis responded in the affirmative, saying that they are cleaning it and will seal it by the end of the week.

Public Works Director Henne noted that he and City Administrator Kelly will be meeting with the City's consultant Thursday morning for a projects review.

Council Member Tierney wondered if the railroad tie was still in the road.

Mayor Gawlik replied that you can still see the shadow of it in the road.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski gave a brief tax revenue update, noting that sales tax through July were at \$474,000, which is approximately five percent better than the 2011; utility taxes through July were \$444,000, which is approximately one percent higher than last year; and property taxes are currently at \$778,000, or approximately one percent less than last year. He noted that the property taxes are harder to gauge since they are due to the County Treasurer in April and October, and expressed his hope that the balance of the year will catch them back up.

City Administrator Kelly had no report.

Fire Chief Davis said that they sent two satellite stations in to Yakima a couple weeks ago to help on the warehouse/storage unit fire. He commented that they were unable to go to National Night Out due to a grass fire that expanded to a two story house and outbuildings, and noted that they had another structural fire Saturday night. He remarked that he sent a truck out yesterday around four o'clock and they got back around two o'clock today.

Mayor Gawlik asked if it was the Cle Elem fire.

Fire Chief Davis replied that they were assigned to an area just outside of Cle Elem, and when the crew left at one-thirty they were fighting fires within four miles of interchange at Ellensburg. He noted that the last count he heard was sixty houses lost to the fire. He said that our crews are on initial attack for twenty-four hours, and after that they bring in the entire state. He commented that Governor Gregoire will call a State of Emergency and bring in the National Guard if they don't have a handle on it by now.

Mayor Gawlik said we will keep the folks in Cle Elem in our prayers, and thanked the firefighters for their hard work.

Q. Executive Session

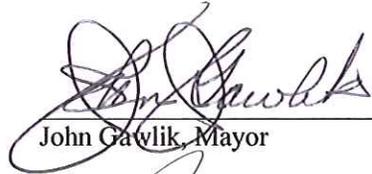
Council took a ten minute recess, and then entered into an Executive Session for up to sixty minutes to discuss Potential Litigation.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, the Council went back to Public Session. Mayor Gawlik stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

R. Adjournment

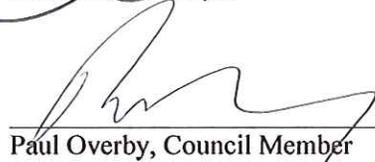
Council Member Smeback moved, and Council Member Jorgensen seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

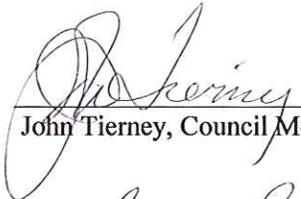


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ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer