City of Selah
Council Minutes
December 27, 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; John Tierney; Kevin Jorgensen; Dave Smeback; John Gawlik; Allen Schmid

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Chief; Gerald Smith, Master Patrol Officer; 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 Morris led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

1. Removed from the Agenda:

Resolution M – 9 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Agreement for Police Chief

Resolution M – 10 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Contract for City Supervisor

City Attorney Noe gave a brief explanation for the removal of the two Resolutions from the Agenda. He said that the Council feels that the contracts should be considered after the Mayor Elect takes office, rather than before, and that the Mayor Elect can opt to have them reconsidered by the Council if he so chooses.

**Councilman Smeback moved, and Councilman Tierney seconded, to remove Resolution M-9 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Agreement for Police Chief and Resolution M-10 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Contract for City Supervisor from the Agenda. Roll was called: Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member**

**Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

E. Public Appearances **None**

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

1. Award to Sergeant Dan Farrell

Police Chief Dwarshuis presented an award for service to Sergeant Daniel Farrell. He spoke briefly about Sergeant Farrell's law enforcement career, from his first job in Whittier, California, then to the Benton County Sheriff's Department for ten years and finally to Selah in 1996. He went on to say that Sergeant Hayes has worked for the City of Selah for the past fifteen years as a patrol officer, a DARE officer, a detective and most recently as a sergeant. He commented that Sergeant Farrell has been great to work with and a mentor to his fellow officers. He stated that Sergeant Farrell has served the citizens of Selah well during his years of service. He finished his remarks by reading the plaque aloud.

Sergeant Farrell expressed his thanks, saying that he has another item to pack now.

Police Chief Dwarshuis asked where he will be moving to.

Sergeant Farrell replied that he and his wife will be moving to Lehigh Acres, Florida to help their daughter and son-in-law in their endeavor to build a small church. He commented that he hopes to be involved with the Sheriff's Department in some capacity, even though he is not up to chasing criminals anymore.

Councilman Gawlik told a funny story about himself and Sergeant Farrell searching for a stolen vehicle several years ago. He noted that when they found the car in the middle of the river, Sergeant Farrell divested himself of his gun belt and emptied his pockets, then remarked at the edge of the water that he really hated this part. He commented that Sergeant Farrell lost his glasses in the water, as he had not removed them prior to entering the river. He said that he will never forget that, adding that it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with him.

Councilman Tierney said that he can relate to Police Chief Dwarshuis' remark about looking up to the sergeants, as he himself had done so while still in law enforcement.

Mayor Jones thanked Sergeant Farrell, saying that Selah has been a safer place to live because of him.

Sergeant Farrell remarked that they love Selah, but feel that God wants them down in Florida.

2. Presentation by Dakota Doan and Darin Heine

Mayor Jones welcomed Dakota Doan and Darin Heine and invited them to speak.

Mr. Doan stated that he and Mr. Heine have been working with Mayor Jones on a science project for the past six months, noting that they picked the City sewer lines and blockages as it is a topic that the community can benefit from. He talked about blockages in the sewer lines caused by people flushing non-biodegradable waste and the effects it has had on the environment.

Mr. Heine talked about the scientific testing done over the last few months, including the measurement of waste coming out of the filter machines. He went on to say that a positive change would benefit the environment and the City.

Mayor Jones asked about the PowerPoint.

Mr. Doan replied that the PowerPoint was simply pictures to be displayed while they talked, but they opted not to use it.

Mayor Jones thanked them both for their presentation. He commented that this community has a problem with towels in the sewage system, which creates a blockage that can back up in houses and result in financial payouts from the City for damages. He said that he enjoyed working with the young men on their project stated and noted that they want to make the public aware of the damages caused by towels in the sewer system.

G. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Jones opened the Public Meeting.

Kathy Hoffert, 606 Southern Avenue, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She stated that she was glad that the contracts had been removed from the agenda, noting that she had prepared a lengthy correspondence about those items citing numerous RCWs. She went on to say that, although she and Mayor Jones haven't seen eye to eye on most things over the last several years, she acknowledges his sixteen years of service to Selah and hopes that the City will continue to look as good as it does at this time. She commented that the Mayor is good with the youth of our City and hopes that he will continue to work with City after his term. She finished by saying that she would pray for him on his next endeavor in the future.

Mayor Jones responded that he was unsure was to say in response. He remarked that they assassinated his character in the past and he is not able to simply forgive that.

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

2. Written

a. 2011 Water System Improvements at North Reservoir

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 and Council Meeting December 13, 2011

* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 72509 – 72591 for a total of $138,063.73
Claim Checks Nos. 59338 – 59385 for a total of $ 77,701.63

* 3. Old Business L – 1 Council Findings Adopting Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-8 (Van Alstine)

* 4. Resolution M – 1 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Selah and the Selah School District regarding the School Resource Officer dated September 22, 2009

* 5. Resolution M – 2 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract between the City of Selah and Teamsters Local No. 760 for the Selah Public Works and Parks Departments Effective January 1, 2012

* 6. Resolution M – 3 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Contract between the City of Selah and Teamsters Local No. 760 for the Selah Police Department Effective January 1, 2012

* 7. Resolution M – 4 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Legal Advertising Contract with the Yakima Herald-Republic for the 2012 Calendar Year

* 8. Resolution M – 5 Resolution Approving Payment of Invoice Submitted by Yakima Basin Environmental Education Program for Stormwater Education Services Provided under the Terms of Their Professional Services Agreement with the City of Selah

* 9. Resolution M – 8 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) for Technical Assistance for 2012

* 10. Ordinance N – 1 Ordinance Amending the 2011 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments

* 11. Ordinance N – 2 Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-8 (Van Alstine)

**Councilman Jorgensen 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

1. Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-1 and Official Zoning Map Amendment 914.79.11-01 (Graf Investments)

Community Planner Davison addressed J-1. He briefly spoke about the proposal by Graf Investments for building a multi-unit complex on the property located at 204 West Valleyview, and their request to change the zoning from changed from moderate density to high density residential to allow for the building project to take place. He said that the Planning Commissioners held a Public Hearing on December 6th, and after reviewing the proposal they unanimously voted to recommend amending the Comprehensive Plan and changing the Zoning map.

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

2. Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-2 and Official Zoning Map Amendment 914.79.11-02 (Graf Investments)

Community Planner Davison addressed J-2. He said that this proposal is similar to the previous one from Graf Investments, the difference being that the subject property is located on South 3rd Street. He went on to say that Graf Investments is requesting a change in the Comprehensive Plan from moderate density to high density, and in the Zoning map from two family residential to multiple family residential. He stated that the Planning Commissioners held a Public Hearing on the matte, and after reviewing the proposal they unanimously voted to recommend amending the Comprehensive Plan and changing the Zoning map.

Councilman Schmid asked how many units are proposed.

Community Planner Davison responded that the number is eight.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.

Jane Williams, 701 South Southern, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She expressed concern regarding the ingress and egress out of the property, as there have been no improvements made on Southern to accommodate heavier traffic. She asked Community Planner Davison what the property address is.

Community Planner Davison replied that the address for the subject property is 611 and 613 South 3rd Street.

Ms. Williams went on to say that the majority of those residents would likely be coming down Southern to an unimproved intersection. She noted that it is on a seven year plan, but that traffic in the area is getting heavier all the time and there is no traffic light at present time. She commented that she is neutral on the proposed development but feels that the area should be looked at with regards to the increased traffic flow.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, he then closed the Public Hearing.

3. Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-3 and Official Zoning Map Amendment 914.79.11-03 (Graf Investments/Dean Waldbauer)

Community Planner Davison addressed J-3. He noted that this is similar to the two previous proposals, although this one is from Graf Investments and Dean Waldbauer. He indicated the subject property, located at 615 South 3rd Street, and went on to say that they are requesting an amendment of the Comprehensive Plan from moderate density to high density and a change in the Zoning from two family residential to multi-family residential. He stated that the Planning Commissioners held a Public Hearing on the matte, and after reviewing the proposal they unanimously voted to recommend amending the Comprehensive Plan and changing the Zoning map.

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

K. New Business

1. Selection of 2012 YVCOG General Membership Designated Member and Alternate

City Supervisor Sweet addressed K-1. He said that this item is coming before the Council at this time because the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments needs to have the information prior to the next scheduled Council Meeting. He assured the Council that this is on today's agenda simply to comply with their request.

Mayor Jones said that it should be up to the new Mayor to appoint representatives.

City Supervisor Sweet responded that it just needs to be done prior to January 5th.

Mayor Jones told Councilman Gawlik that he will need to have that done before January 5th.

L. Old Business

* 1. Council Findings Adopting Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-8 (Van Alstine)

M. Resolutions

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6. Resolution Regarding Closure of the Selah Swimming Pool

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler addressed M-6.He read aloud the main part of the Resolution and noted that the pool will be open for a full ten week season in 2012. He remarked that the Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board will be meeting in the near future to discuss running a bond to generate funding for the pool.

Mayor Jones thanked Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler. He explained to those in the audience that there are approximately 24,000 people within the Selah School District, but only the 7,000 of those people live within the City limits pay for the maintenance and operation of the pool. He went on to say that they are looking to create a partnership with the whole School District to alleviate some of the costs of the pool. He said that the first bond will be for the maintenance and operation of the existing pool, and in the future another bond may be presented to replace the old facility with a new one.

**Councilman Tierney moved, and Councilman Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Resolution Regarding Closure of the Selah Swimming Pool. Roll was called: Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid – no; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney - yes. Motion carried with 6 voting aye and 1 voting no.**

7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Use Agreement for J. Frances Swimming Pool at Wixson Park with the Selah Dolphins Swim Club

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler addressed M-7. He said that this is an update to the agreement with Selah Dolphins, noting that the changes are to have the swim team, rather than the City, pay for lifeguards for their swim meets and swim practices.

Councilman Schmid asked if the Dolphins have agreed to the amendment.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler responded that he has met with the president to discuss this. He said that the president commented that it would be difficult, but they will do what is they need to for the swim team.

Councilman Smeback wondered if it is a State regulation or something devised by the City's Parks & Recreation Department.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler replied that is not a State regulation the City provide lifeguards.

Councilman Smeback clarified that he was referring to having a lifeguard on the premises during swim practices and swim meets. He said that with over 100 kids on the swim team, it doesn't make sense to pay for an additional person to be a lifeguard.

Mayor Jones remarked that he has made the same observation.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if they would provide the lifeguard or reimburse the City for providing a lifeguard.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler replied that it could be done either way, noting that during the budget process it was decided to pass on this expense to the swim team.

Councilman Jorgensen wondered if there would an issue over the swim team providing their own certified lifeguard.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler replied in the negative, noting that they just need to have a certified lifeguard on the premises.

Councilman Smeback opined that they could have a coach become certified.

Councilman Jorgensen remarked that a coach could not be the lifeguard during a swim meet.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler concurred, saying that the lifeguard cannot be someone who is also coaching.

Councilman Schmid commented that the person has to be a lifeguard only.

Councilman Tierney remarked that they need undivided attention.

Councilman Jorgensen asked for confirmation that they have the option to provide their own lifeguard rather than simply reimbursing the City.

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

**Councilman Smeback moved, and Councilman Tierney seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Use Agreement for J. Frances Swimming Pool at Wixson Park with the Selah Dolphins Swim Club. Roll was called: Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

* 8. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) for Technical Assistance for 2012

9. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Agreement for Police Chief

**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

10. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Contract for City Supervisor

**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

N. Ordinances

* 1. Ordinance Amending the 2011 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments

* 2. Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2010-8 (Van Alstine)

3. Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-1 (Graf Investments) as Recommended by the City of Selah Planning Commission

4. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 of the Selah Municipal Code Zoning Map Amendment No. 914.79.11-01 Rezone to Multiple Family Residential (R-3)

Community Planner Davison addressed N-3. He recommended that Ordinances N-3 and N-4 be considered together as one motion and Ordinances N-5, N-6, N-7 and N-8 together as one motion. He noted that there were no significant issues brought up during the Public Hearing and recommended approval of the Ordinances.

Councilman Overby commented that he would like to consider the Valleyview property and the South 3rd Street properties separately.

Councilman Tierney concurred.

**Councilman Larson moved, and Councilman Overby seconded, to approve both the Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-1 (Graf Investments) as Recommended by the City of Selah Planning Commission and the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 of the Selah Municipal Code Zoning Map Amendment No. 914.79.11-01 Rezone to Multiple Family Residential (R-3). Roll was called: Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney - yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

5. Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-2 (Graf Investments) as Recommended by the City of Selah Planning Commission

6. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 of the Selah Municipal Code Zoning Map Amendment No. 914.79.11-02 Rezone to Multiple Family Residential (R-3)

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8. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 of the Selah Municipal Code Zoning Map Amendment No. 914.79.11-03 Rezone to Multiple Family Residential (R-3)

Community Planner Davison addressed Ordinances N-5, N-6, N-7 and N-8. He recommended approval of the four Ordinances in one motion.

Councilman Tierney asked if this was for the 3rd Street properties.

Mayor Jones replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Schmid commented that a new study should be done on the intersection of 3rd and Pleasant at stop sign, and also the intersection of 3rd and Southern, regarding the traffic increase and what impact these three proposals will have in that area.

Councilman Tierney echoed that, saying that he feels there should be additional studies done for Southern and State Highway 823.

Councilman Jorgensen asked Public Works Director Henne for information on the roads.

Councilman Smeback commented that those items are on the Seven Year Plan.

Councilman Tierney remarked that they need to be moved up to a higher priority.

Public Works Director Henne said that Huibregtse, Louman Associates is working on a comprehensive study for south Selah. He noted that it should have been finished already but there was a delay in getting information from another government agency they are working with. He went on to say that it looks at all the intersections, along with existing and projected land uses. He deferred to Ted Pooler from Huibregtse, Louman Associated for further comments, saying that the projected completion date is the end of January.

Mr. Pooler said that they will make sure that these zoning changes are incorporated into the study, and agreed that they are planning for project completion by the end of January.

Councilman Jorgensen inquired if appropriate signage was posted on the subject properties prior to the Public Hearing.

Community Planner Davison responded that the signs were posted and those within six hundred feet were notified by mail.

**Councilman Larson moved, and Councilman Smeback seconded, to approve the Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-2 (Graf Investments) as Recommended by the City of Selah Planning Commission, the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 of the Selah Municipal Code Zoning Map Amendment No. 914.79.11-02 Rezone to Multiple Family Residential (R-3), the Ordinance Adopting the 2005 Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2011-3 (Graf Investments/Dean Waldbauer) as Recommended by the City of Selah Planning Commission and the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 of the Selah Municipal Code Zoning Map Amendment No. 914.79.11-03 Rezone to Multiple Family Residential (R-3). Roll was called: Council Member Gawlik – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Overby – no; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney - no. Motion carried with 5 voting aye and 2 voting no.**

O. Communications

1. Oral

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

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor

Mayor Jones stated that he loves this community and enjoys helping wherever he can. He wished Mayor Elect Gawlik the best of luck as he starts his term. He went on to say that he won't forget those people who assassinated his character during the campaign, and noted that he has donated thousands of hours and thousands of dollars to the youth and activities in the Selah. He reiterated that he loves this community, but observed that you don't get things done without powerful friends to help out. He said that it has been a great run and thanked everyone. He commented that being Mayor for sixteen years was

equivalent to a sixteen year college education, as one needs to know a little bit about a lot of diverse things. He commended the dedication of the City crews, saying that over time some people were let go, including some friends of his, and were replaced with others who had the skill sets needed. He remarked that he is very firm about wanting the stop signs to stand up straight and thanked everyone for their patience with him.

2. Council Members

Councilman Tierney had no report but expressed his thanks to Mayor Jones for his years of service to the community. He went on to say that he and his wife moved here because Selah is a clean and safe city. He finished by thanking the Mayor for all he has done both as the Mayor and a volunteer Firefighter. He wished him all the best in his new endeavors and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Larson said that he has been in Selah his whole life, but didn't really didn't get a chance to know the Mayor until he joined the City Council. He went on to say that the Mayor has put his heart and soul into the community, and he feels lucky to have had him as the Mayor and lucky to have him in his life, He expressed his thanks to Mayor Jones.

Councilman Jorgensen remarked that he wasn't sure how he was supposed to follow that, and that Councilman Larson's story is the same as many of us. He thanked Mayor Jones for who he is and his service as the Mayor. He said that he looked forward to having him as mentor in the future.

Councilman Smeback commented that he remembers that Dodge Super Bee and how he could smoke the tires. He stated that the position of Mayor requires a lot of leadership and forethought. He went on to say that Mayor Jones brought energy to the table, and although City Supervisor Sweet may not have liked it at first, he has brought a lot of good things into the Community. He said that Selah has a lot of nice things in our community that aren't normally in small communities, and that it takes energy and a positive attitude to push those through.

Mayor Jones remarked that you can make a change if you push hard enough.

Councilman Smeback replied that the results show it.

Councilman Overby agreed with what was previously said, noting that Mayor Jones' sixteen years of service constitutes almost half of his life. He said that, speaking for his generation, many of the people who have grown up in Selah and graduated from Selah High School have a hard time differentiating Selah from Mayor Jones. He stated that he will be missed. He noted that the future up in the air right now and we will be going through a major transition period. He commented that the Mayor is leaving behind some big shoes to fill; he's done a lot of great work and made positive changes in the community. He wished the Mayor good luck and thanked him.

Councilman Schmid thanked Mayor Jones, on behalf of citizens of Selah, for his dedication to the City of Selah. He went on to say that a very important part of community, the youth, are indebted to him, as he has done so much for the youth. He acknowledged the Mayor's dedication to the betterment of the community and putting the community first. He noted that he hasn't always gone down the popular road, but the vision of North Park and what is has become is due to the efforts of both the Mayor and City Supervisor Sweet. He opined that the community should be proud of North Park. He remarked that the Carlon Park facility is the premier facility in the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest for girls Fastpitch softball, bringing 70,000+ people to Selah every summer. He noted that visitors to the field say

that Selah has a gold mine in that complex. He went on to say that the Mayor has taken his vision for the community and for the City and made Selah the place it is today. He commented that no one can raise volunteers for a project like Mayor Jones, and one only has to look at the look at our clean and safe community to see what he done in the last sixteen years. He observed that children can play, ride their bikes and walk to pool safely, which is something the Mayor has provided to the community. HE said that he tips his hat to Mayor Jones and his wife Judy with what they've gone through, and salutes him for a job well done.

Mayor Jones responded that it is a team effort, starting with the City Council who make the decisions and set the budget, and then moving on to myself, City Supervisor Sweet, and the rest of the staff. He commented that he gave Councilman Schmid the task of getting the ball fields ready one November, with the directive that he wanted to see people playing ball in April. He went on to say that Councilman Schmid met once a week with the crew and in April those fields were in use.

Councilman Gawlik said that he made a statement to Julie Gray a number of years back that the words Bob Jones and Selah were synonymous, you can't think of one without the other, and that it still holds true today.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Fire Chief Davis commented that he has brought a little history to the meeting today. He said that years ago in the Fire Department they had make & break teams, and he briefly explained what those teams did. He went on to say that Selah took 1st place in 1972 and listed the team members, one of which was Mayor Jones. He shared a picture of the team and displayed the trophy won, noting that the trophy is kept in the trophy case at the Fire Department. He observed that they should have taken first place another year, but didn't realize that the rules had been changed. He went on to say that when he joined the Fire Department thirty-five years ago, you had to be sponsored and voted on, but couldn't come on board until there was an empty peg. He said that he was notified just before Christmas that they had an empty peg, and when he asked whose it had been was told that it had belonged to Bob Jones.

Mayor Jones said that he had a 1969 Dodge Super Bee that he could light the tires on all the way in and slide right into a parking stall. He commented that he would come in from King's Row and that he made a lot of calls. He went on to say that those were great times, noting that volunteerism begins with the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Davis remarked that they still have a fair number of volunteers in addition to the six career firemen. He thanked Mayor Jones on behalf of the Yakima County Fire District No. 2 Fire Commissioners, saying that they appreciate his time and efforts on behalf of the Fire District.

Police Chief Dwarshuis said that he had no report, but wanted extend thanks to Mayor Jones on behalf of himself and the Selah Police Department. He remarked that he has made Selah a better place to work and to live, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Jones told Police Chief Dwarshuis that he made his term when that old murder was finally solved. He spoke briefly about the case and complimented the Police Department.

Mr. Charles Lance asked to address the Council.

Mayor Jones agreed that he might do so.

Mr. Lance started by saying that he was here two weeks ago to address the Council and didn't receive any answers to several comments he made. He noted that there is still a conflict between the City administration and the Police Department. He went on to say that the incoming Mayor has some big shoes to fill and wondered if there are some skeletons in the closet. He noted that there is over 40 years of experience between City Supervisor Sweet and Police Chief Dwarshuis. He requested that the conflict be left behind, and suggested that they focus instead on taking care of the City. He commented that if it isn't broke don't fix it; it's a safe and respected community drawing in new businesses. He complimented the Public Works Department and expressed his hope that Councilman Gawlik can come in and fill these shoes. He recommended that he leave grievances behind and said that only you can change the future.

Mayor Jones remarked that it's easy to talk the talk but tough to walk the walk.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler thanked the Council and the Mayor for approving the Pool Resolutions, saying that he appreciates their dedication to help keep the pool open and going. HE expressed his thanks to Mayor Jones for all he has done.

Public Works Director Henne observed that he and Mayor Jones have had some good discussions over the years. He remarked that after one heated discussion, he walked out of his office to discover that several water managers from the area were in a meeting. He said that they asked if he was meeting with the Mayor and if all their discussions were as heated as that, and he responded that they always worked something out. He commented that the new Maintenance Facility will not be finished by Friday and wondered if the Council wanted to come down then or wait.

Mayor Jones remarked that it is a nice facility.

Public Works Director Henne expressed his appreciation for the Mayor's support of the new facility and the various pieces of equipment purchased over the years.

Mayor Jones told a quick story about his first year in office, when Selah had a large snowfall and he discovered that none of the City vehicles were available to plow the streets. He said that his friend Gary Fife rode a grader all the way from Walla Walla to come clear all the streets of all that snow. He remarked that every City truck is a four wheel drive and has a blade for plowing.

Public Works Director Henne expressed his thanks to Mayor Jones.

Community Planner Davison remarked that he doesn't have any great stories to tell, but said that he has enjoyed working with Mayor Jones on projects. He commented that he will have an opportunity to work with Councilman Gawlik in the future and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He cautioned against shopping at Shopko as they already have Valentine's Day merchandise out.

Mayor Jones asked how many years he has been with the City.

Community Planner Davison replied that he has been here for nineteen years.

Mayor Jones said that he was on the Planning Commission when Community Planner Davison came in to interview for his position, and remarked that he was stunned when Community Planner Davison told

him that he was currently employed at the local 7-Eleven. He commented that Community Planner Davison had undergone two brain surgeries and wasn't quite back in his prime, but said that it was a benefit to the City to have found him and that he has done a great job.

City Supervisor Sweet stated that Mayor Jones has been a tremendous asset to the community, that he has appreciated working for him even though they didn't always agree on things. He told Mayor Jones that he has done an outstanding job and wished him the best in his retirement.

City Attorney Noe said that he has enjoyed working with the Mayor and wishes him all the best. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Jones

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

**Council Member Larson moved, and Council Member Schmid seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

John Gavlik, Mayor

Keith Larson, Council Member

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