

City of Selah
Council Minutes
July 24, 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 6:30pm.

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; 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

Councilman Overby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mark Griesse led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

1. Remove the following:
 - a. Executive Session – Potential Litigation

E. Public Appearances/Introductions/Award Presentations

1. Presentation of US Flag to Selah Veterans
 - a. PFC. Jacob L. Lunceford

Mayor Gawlik invited PFC Lunceford to the front and read aloud a brief biography. He presented PFC Lunceford with a United States of America flag and framed Certificate of Authenticity.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen thanked PFC Lunceford for his service to his country.

Mayor Gawlik introduced Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen, saying that he had meant to do this prior to the first presentation.

b. SPC. Evan Mettie

Mayor Gawlik invited Denise Mettie, SPC Mettie's mother, up to the front.

Mrs. Mettie read aloud the story of his injury, and the long journey he and his family went through following his injury.

Mayor Gawlik presented SPC Mettie with a United States of America flag and framed Certificate of Authenticity.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen thanked SPC Mettie for his service to his country.

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

G. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the Public Meeting.

Norma Smith, 906A Speyers Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She thanked the Mayor and Council for honoring SPC Mettie and PFC Lunceford, and welcomed Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen to Selah and the Yakima Training Center. She encouraged everyone to send in their ballots by August 7th. She mentioned that she is on the pool levy committee and encouraged everyone to vote yes for the pool maintenance and operations levy, noting that they need a minimum of 60% to vote yes for the levy to pass.

Mayor Gawlik thanked Ms. Smith for her efforts regarding the levy.

Council Member Tierney remarked that people should vote early and vote often.

Ms. Smith replied in the negative, saying that they can't vote often, only once.

Council Member Tierney commented that Mayor Gawlik is from Chicago and understands the concept.

Mayor Gawlik responded that he does understand the concept.

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

2. Written **None**

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. July 10, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes; June 12, 2012 Study Session & Council Meeting Minutes
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 73881 – 74030 for a total of \$191,986.96
 - Claim Checks Nos. 60498 – 60568 for a total of \$149,616.53
- * 3. Ordinance N – 1 Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington, amending sections of Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.06 Council Meetings

Councilman Jorgensen moved, and Councilman Smeback 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

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to approve an increase in the scope of work for engineering services under the General Consultant Agreement for professional consulting engineering services with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. Task Order No. 2011-2 for the design and construction of the Railroad Avenue and Wenas Road/Bartlett Avenue Improvements

Public Works Director Henne addressed M-1. He said that, during the course of the design and construction of the North Railroad Avenue extension, there was additional work done due to the need to move the road to the west to accommodate forklift traffic. He commented that Les Schwab informed him of an agreement with the City regarding truck access. He went on to say that they had water from Taylor Ditch running into the utility trenches, and they had to lower the water level and replaced a section of pipes. He stated that Huibregtse, Louman Associates is requesting additional fees for design time.

Council Member Tierney inquired as to the amount of the original bid from Huibregtse, Louman Associates.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it was approximately \$70,000.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Finch seconded, to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to approve an increase in the scope of work for engineering services under the General Consultant Agreement for professional consulting engineering services with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. Task Order No. 2011-2 for the design and construction of the Railroad Avenue and Wenas Road/Bartlett Avenue Improvements. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Council Member Finch – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Application, Various Water System Improvements – DM12-952-093

Public Works Director Henne addressed M-2. He said that in February an application was made to the Washington State Department of Health for \$1.54 million in to replace approximately 5800 feet of water main, replace 117 water services, replace fire hydrants, replace some ladders going into a reservoir and to update said reservoir so that it will fill from the top instead of the bottom. He went on to say that the loan is for 1% for twenty-four years, with a \$15,400 loan fee. He asked the Council for their approval, so that he can send it back for them to sign and return, at which point we will start designing the project.

Council Member Tierney inquired about provisions for early repayment of the loan.

Public Work Director Henne replied that he did not think there were any.

Council Member Schmid moved, and Council Member Overby seconded, to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Application, Various Water System Improvements – DM12-952-093. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Council Member Finch – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

N. Ordinances

- * 1. Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington, amending sections of Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.06 Council Meetings

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 invited Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen to stay after the meeting adjourns to meet the rest of the Council Members. He said that Council Member Overby has requested a fifteen minute Executive Session at the end of the meeting for clarification on some issues with the potential litigation. He went on to say that the golf tournament this weekend has become a well-known activity around the Pacific Northwest, and that in talking with the organizers he learned that they are expecting three to four hundred golfers in addition to spectators. He remarked that that they asked him to make the opening statement and hit the first ball, and noted that his family has also been affected by cancer.

Council Member Tierney asked if that was similar to the opening pitch.

Mayor Gawlik replied in the affirmative.

2. Council Members

Council Member Finch extended a welcome to Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen, saying that he has big shoes to fill.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen replied that he has heard that.

Council Member Schmid thanked Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen for attending today, saying that he had an opportunity to meet him at the Public Works open house. He welcomed him to the community and wished him a good three years' stay.

Council Member Overby had no report.

Council Member Smeback put in a plug for the annual Commander's Cup put on by the Yakima Training Center, saying he has attended their fundraiser three last couple of years. He noted that each team that plays is assigned a soldier, and that is always nice to meet the gentlemen stationed there.

Council Member Jorgensen commented that both the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and the Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board met yesterday, and commended Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler for the tremendous job he is doing. He reminded the Council that the Fall Festival and Tree Top barbeque will be September 8 and 9, and that the Army base race is scheduled for September 15th. He said that he is amazed at the effort being put forth for the pool levy, and thanked both Norma Smith and Michelle Bannister for their hard work, along with the parents of the Selah Dolphins. He remarked that it is pretty inspirational to see the effort being put into this, and that he hopes it will pass.

Council Member Larson thanked Mayor Gawlik for recognizing those who have served our country, saying that it is easy to take for granted the life we lead because of those soldiers protecting our freedom. He extended a welcome to Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen.

Council Member Tierney thanked Public Works Director Henne, Public Works Administrative Assistant Turner and Executive Assistant Lake for their hard work on the Open House, saying that they did an outstanding job. He said that he regretted not being able to attend the follow-up luncheon.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that Public Works Administrative Assistant Turner and Executive Assistant Lake did all the work.

Council Member Tierney went on to say that they did a great job and there was a wonderful turn-out. He remarked that he had the opportunity to meet Lieutenant Colonel O'Steen and his wife at the open house. He observed that there is no signage for either the City parks or the pool on our main drag, and that we should consider installing signage on Highway 823 that will direct people to our parks and pool, for picnics and recreation. He expressed his thanks to Mayor Gawlik for honoring our veterans, noting that he has a grandson, who is a combat engineer, riding the 50 caliber just like SPC Mettie was.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler said that the pool had been temporarily closed due to a chemical imbalance, but that it should be open again tomorrow. He passed around copies of an email from Today in America, noting that they have completed the production phase and are entering the post-

production phase. He went on to say that it will be approximately six to eight weeks before the entire segment is finished, at which point we will have the opportunity to will be able to view it via the internet, and that roughly six to eight weeks after that, around the end of October, it should air nationally.

Council Member Jorgensen inquired if we would need to wait until it airs nationally before we can use the video for our own purposes.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler replied that he assumes that is the case, although they have not told him that.

Mayor Gawlik remarked that we don't know when we'll be taking possession of the final product, but that it will likely be after we approve the final cut.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler agreed.

Council Member Jorgensen commented that it is exciting.

Community Planner Davison said that he currently has two annexation requests, a Class 2 review for an apartment complex on South 5th Street, and an application for a planned development on Riverview Avenue. He commented that he is currently working on the current mapping project.

Public Works Director Henne said that he met with the Selah School District last week for a third design meeting, where they reviewed the criteria for accessibility, fire flow, the utility layout for water and sewer and some traffic concerns. He went on to say that they received a draft traffic analysis and should receive the final report towards the end of next week. He remarked that someone stole the asphalt out front last night.

Mayor Gawlik commented that they can have it.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it was dumped down behind the new shop, and they bladed it out today to use in stead of buying new gravel. He said that the sidewalk and apron are in, and once it has cured they will out in the joint sealer. He noted that they just finished scrubbing and sonic shocking Well No. 5, and will start test pumping tomorrow. He described the test pumping, saying that they will start at 300 gallons a minute, then up to 500 gallons a minute, and hopefully to 900 gallons a minute before seeing where it will stabilize. He went on to say that the North Reservoir is down to a quarter gallon a minute leak and he is waiting on a report from the sealing company before proceeding on the project. He commented that the construction company found a railroad tie under the old asphalt, and he has no idea why it is there.

Council Member Tierney remarked that it's probably a historical marker.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the negative.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski had no report, remarking that things are steady as she goes. He commented that he has enjoyed interacting with the City Administrator over the last couple of weeks, noting that communication has been more frequent than it had been the last few years.

Fire Chief Davis thanked Public Works Director Henne for putting up with him during this process.

Mayor Gawlik commented that Public Works Director Henne says it was difficult.

Fire Chief Davis thanked the Council for approving the money to do the sidewalk as well. He remarked that there is a cancer fundraiser at River Ridge this weekend, adding that there will be things to do even if you don't golf.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that he wouldn't have let the Fire Department do hose tests and at the new facility, and use their water, if he was harboring any ill feelings.

Fire Chief Davis said that they are team players.

Mayor Gawlik commented that there's talk about a hose tower.

City Administrator Kelly asked whose water that was.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it is City water, although he treats it like it is his own.

City Administrator Kelly observed that he works for the City.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that he is pretty protective.

Council Member Smeback commented that it came out of the natural pond down there.

Fire Chief Davis noted that they will also be starting on hydrant testing.

Police Chief Hayes said that the citizen's academy is going well, noting that they will be taking them out to the Tieton range to shoot one on one, i.e. one officer per citizen, and let them shoot a gun.

Mayor Gawlik inquired if they had enough ballistic vests.

Police Chief Hayes replied that he will be wearing one. He thanked the Council for recognizing the two young men today.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

City Administrator Kelly said that he has been enjoying getting to know everyone and that Public Works Director Henne loves him right now.

Public Works Director Henne remarked that it's all good.

City Administrator Kelly went on to say that he would like to schedule a time to talk with each Council Member, and requested that they stop by after the meeting to set up an appointment. He commented that he and his family are enjoying their time in Selah, and that he is glad to be here.

Mayor Gawlik observed that they are also glad he is here.

Q. Executive Session

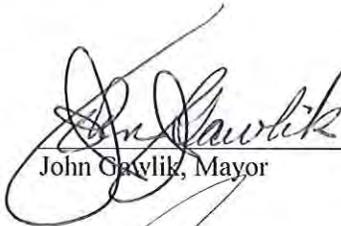
Council took a fifteen minute recess, and then entered into an Executive Session for fifteen minutes to discuss Potential Litigation.

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

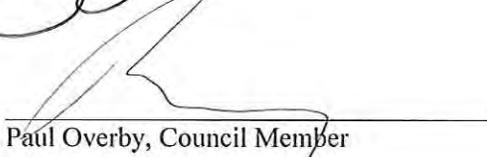
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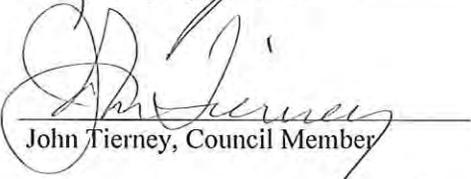
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ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer