

City of Selah
Council Minutes
May 8, 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; Paul Overby; John Tierney; Kevin Jorgensen; Dave Smeback; Allen Schmid; Brooke Finch

Members Excused:

Staff Present: 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 Jorgensen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Griesse led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Add the following item:

1. New Business K – 1 Designate Funds for the Walk of Honor

E. Public Appearances/Introductions

1. Officer Mathew Lennon, Selah Police Department

Police Chief Hayes introduced Officer Lennon to the Council and invited them to ask him questions.

Councilman Tierney asked where he was from.

Officer Lennon replied that he is from Yakima, but has been working for Bainbridge Island for the last several years.

Councilman Larson welcomed him back to the area.

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

G. Communications

1. Oral

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

2. Written

- a. Letter from Basin Disposal of Yakima, LCC re: Recycle Data Report for the 1st Quarter of 2012

H. Proclamations/Announcements **None**

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Schmid noted a correction for the April 20, 2012 Council Retreat Minutes; he was erroneously listed as present instead of excused.

Councilman Overby moved, and Councilman Jorgensen seconded, to add N – 2 to the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

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: April 24, 2012 Council Meeting & April 20, 2012 Council Retreat
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 73391 – 73499 for a total of \$192,289.54
 - Claim Check No. 60058 for a total of \$ 1,191.57
 - Claim Checks Nos. 60059 – 60145 for a total of \$145,207.93
- * 3. Ordinance N – 2 Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington changing all references in the Selah Municipal Code from "City Supervisor" to "City Administrator" and amending Selah Municipal Code section 1.10.015 to reflect the change

Councilman Smeback 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. Public Hearing – Consider the Extension of an Emergency Ordinance that Regulates the Filing of Applications for Development Permits and Licensing of “Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens”, and the Production, Processing, or Dispensing of Cannabis within the City of Selah

City Attorney Noe addressed J-1. He observed that the Council previously voted to extend the moratorium, which requires that a Public Hearing be held within sixty days on the extension.

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

K. New Business

1. Designate Funds for the Walk of Honor

Councilman Tierney addressed K-1. He stated that the installation of a series of monuments around Selah to recognize veterans throughout the community has been a topic of discussion for the past year and a half. He noted that the City will need to set aside approximately \$21,400 as seed money to keep the project moving forward. He went on to say that they will then solicit participation from various veterans groups to acquire a cadre of names to place on the stones, at which point the project will be turned over to the Parks Department. He gave a brief description of the 3 basalt stones that each monument will be comprised of, noting that they will use approximately nine feet of stone per monument, at a cost of \$65 per foot, for a total cost of approximately \$1,075 per three stone monument. He gave figures for ten monuments, which would list thirty veterans, and twenty monuments, which would list sixty veterans. He expressed his desire to have approval for funding in the amount of \$21,400 for twenty monuments to start the project, noting that future monuments would be paid for by veterans groups or citizens who wish to recognize a veteran.

Mayor Gawlik said that there is request to Council for approximately \$20,000 to start the process and asked the Council Members for their opinions on the matter.

Councilman Overby wondered where exactly the funds would come from.

Councilman Tierney said that that is a good question.

Councilman Larson said that the Finance Committee met just prior to the Council Meeting to discuss the debt service on the Marudo property, and that there are some questions to be answered before any funds are earmarked for further projects.

Councilman Overby said that he is suffering from sticker shock on this, noting that the City has been struggling to fund necessary City operations that were less than half of the expense of this project. He went on to say that, compared to some projects that need to be done but were sacrificed during the last budget process, the price is a bit steep and that this level of funding is not appropriate for the taxpayers to fund.

Council Tierney remarked that the main reason he is requesting the funds is for seed money to get the project started and encourage organizations to participate. He went on to say the designating \$10,000 in funds would also be acceptable, as he wants to have some designated monies prior to recruiting participation from various groups.

Councilman Schmid wondered when the Finance Committee would have their review completed.

Councilman Larson replied that it will be a few months, and that he would like to see the next budget started as a part of this process.

Councilwoman Finch agreed that a couple months would be appropriate. She remarked that this project is something that will be of benefit to the City, but that other issues need to be dealt with first.

Mayor asked for confirmation that the Council wishes to table the discussion for two or three months.

Councilman Tierney suggested the first meeting in August.

Councilman Jorgensen said that this is a wonderful project, but noted that there have been a number of expenditures approved that were not in the original budget and he would like to see an adjusted budget to see what kind of shape the City is in.

Councilman Smeback asked why the design changed from a powder-coated pedestal to basalt stones.

Councilman Tierney responded that it became a safety issue, and that basalt is native to the area.

Councilman Jorgensen wondered if this could be promoted using the Parks & Recreation or Tourism websites, as \$350 to recognize a family member or loved one who is a veteran is not an unreasonable amount of money for a monument.

Councilman Tierney said that he will work with Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hagler on something to be posted on the website, and also develop a letter to be sent out to various veterans groups.

Councilman Tierney moved, and Councilman Smeback seconded, to table the discussion to the first Council Meeting in August. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

L. Old Business None

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Establishing May 22, 2012 as the Date to Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider a Telecommunications Franchise for Lightspeed Networks, Inc. dba as "LS Networks"

Public Works Director Henne addressed M-1. He said that Lightspeed Networks has expressed their desire to do business in Selah, and that they need a franchise agreement to do so.

City Attorney Noe remarked that he received an email from Lightspeed Networks asking whether the Council would like to have a representative attend the Hearing, and that he will let them know the Council desires to have someone in attendance.

Council Member Larson moved, and Council Member Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Resolution Establishing May 22, 2012 as the Date to Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider a Telecommunications Franchise for Lightspeed Networks, Inc. dba as "LS Networks". Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilwoman Finch – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award the Construction Contract to Hurst Construction LLC for the Railroad Avenue and Bartlett Avenue Improvement Project

Public Works Director Henne addressed M-2. He said that when the City and Matson Fruit signed the original Development Agreement, certain road improvements, including this one, were to be provided by the City. He noted that an improvement to the turning radius on Bartlett Avenue and Wenas Avenue was also part of the agreement, and that the City is currently negotiating with Matson Fruit on other options to satisfy that requirement. He went on to say that the State will be done with their project by mid-May, and that he would like to complete the City's project before fall harvest. He requested that Council award the contract for Schedule A to Hurst Construction, noting that the project cost will be paid for in equal amounts by both City funds and the SIED grant.

Councilman Tierney asked what benefit the City gains by doing Schedule A.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it will increase the ability of truck traffic to navigate from the facilities to Naches Avenue, and it allows for easier access.

Councilman Tierney specified that he was wondering about the benefit gained by the work from Les Schwab to Bartlett Avenue.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it fulfills the Development Agreement.

Councilman Tierney asked if this was the agreement with Matson Fruit.

Public Works Director Henne confirmed that that is that agreement he was referring to. He went on to say that Matson Fruit donated the right of way and the City is obligated to do the construction.

Councilman Tierney asked if the road bed on South Park Drive is of sufficient strength to handle loaded truck traffic.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative.

Ted Pooler explained that this will allow South bound truck traffic a way to reach the light at Naches from State Route 23, and that the purpose of this is to reduce the number of left-hand turns onto State Route 823 aka Wenas Avenue.

Councilman Overby wondered how each party's compliance of the terms was being tracked.

Public Works Director Henne said that the previous City Administrator tracked it, and he only got involved about six months ago. He went on to say that the City is out of compliance with the terms in the agreement and hope to resolve some of those issues with an addendum to the agreement that will be brought to Council at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Overby commented that things fall through the cracks with any change in management and that the City does need to be reminded of its obligations.

Public Works Director Henne agreed, saying that they will be reminded of the terms in a few weeks.

Mayor Gawlik stated that the main reason that the City is out of compliance is due to a lack of response from the property owner, and that they have discussed the problem with Matson Fruit. He went on to say that Matson Fruit is willing to accept the terms of the Addendum because of this.

Councilman Schmid asked who the property owner is.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the property on the corner of Bartlett Avenue is owned by a number of folks who have a loan through HUD.

Mayor Gawlik remarked that it did not slip through the cracks; rather, that the City had no control in this matter.

Public Works Director Henne said that they will be moving the fence back approximately 17 feet, and that customers will exit at either the north end or the south end. He went on to say that he has sent a Right of Way Use Agreement to them twice, which they claim not to have, but noted that he will be cutting down and moving the fence irregardless.

Councilman Schmid stated that he is on the City's right of way.

Public Works Director Henne confirmed that, saying that the City's right of way goes up to the base of the building.

Councilman Schmid said that he is using the City's property at this time.

Public Works Director Henne answered in the affirmative.

Councilman Smeback asked if this would effect any previous discussions on where truck traffic will be allowed as it relates to South Park and the retail area.

Public Works Director Henne replied that they will be coming out of Matson Fruit onto Bartlett Avenue, then down Bartlett Avenue to South Naches Avenue. He said that a change order regarding the curbing will be brought before Council at a later date, and noted that work on this project will probably start next week if Council approves awarding the contract.

Councilman Smeback asked for confirmation that this is the lower bid on the project.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Jorgensen inquired if City Attorney Noe has looked at the Development Agreement.

City Attorney Noe responded in the affirmative, saying that he has recently attended a meeting with Matson Fruit and reviewed the document prior to the meeting. He went on to say that the agreement states that Matson Fruit will do their best to access their facility from Naches Avenue onto Railroad Avenue, while acknowledging that some northbound traffic may be exiting out Bartlett Avenue on to Wenas Avenue. He said that the acute angle at the intersection of Bartlett Avenue and Wenas Avenue is difficult for trucks to navigate, and that they discussed a possible alternative route which would allow northbound traffic to exit from Larson Avenue onto Wenas Avenue, as this is not part of the retail area.

Councilman Schmid remarked that trucks are not allowed to travel north at the present time.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the truck restriction will remain in effect.

Councilman Jorgensen remarked that the driveway configuration going into Matson Fruit, which is part of the Development Agreement, was specifically designed so that south bound traffic could not use that as an access point.

City Attorney Noe said that the access point had a restricted physical configuration to prevent a right turn onto South Park Drive from the Matson facility, and that in the interim the City could allow the northbound traffic to access Wenas Avenue via Larson Avenue.

Councilman Smeback commented that one of the selling points for the lot north of Les Schwab was not having heavy seasonal truck traffic in front of their property.

Public Works Director Henne said that there are no restrictions on that.

Councilman Jorgensen said that it sounds like both of the access points as stated in the Development Agreement will not be used by Matson Fruit, and that they will access their facility however they choose to.

Public works Director Henne replied n the negative.

City Attorney Noe responded that they are responding to the City's inability to make modifications to the Bartlett Avenue intersection, and that both parties are looking for alternatives. He went on to say that, according to the agreement, Matson Fruit has agreed to use Railroad Avenue as much as possible, but that they use a large amount of contractors with GPS units that may lead them out onto Larson Avenue.

Councilman Smeback remarked that the modifications to Bartlett Avenue should not be abandoned, as the intersection will still need to be done.

Council Member Jorgensen moved, and Council Member Schmid seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award the Construction Contract to Hurst Construction LLC for the Railroad Avenue and Bartlett Avenue Improvement Project. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilwoman Finch – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award the Construction Contract for TIB Grind & Overlay of West Fremont & East Naches Avenues and to Replace the Sidewalk and Concrete Apron in Front of the Selah Fire Station

Public Works Director Henne addressed M-3. He said that the City applied for, and received, funding from the Transportation Improvement Board to grind and overlay sections of both Fremont Avenue and Naches Avenue. He went on to say that they decided to include both the replacement of the apron in front of Fire Station No. 1, and the lowering of the sidewalk in front of the station to make it ADA compliant. He briefly reviewed the four schedules, including the amount over budget on the individual items.

Fire Chief Davis commented that he had budgeted \$58,000 for this project, but that it will need to go to Fire Commissioners for approval of funds for the sealer

Councilman Schmid asked exactly how much over budget the project is.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the sidewalk is over by \$2,480 and the \$38 on the street.

Councilman Smeback asked if this was the stretch of sidewalk on Fremont Avenue running from First Street to Fourth Street.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the negative, saying that it is the section running from Third Street to the last Easterly entrance into the Fire Station.

Councilman Smeback asked for confirmation that the sidewalk from Third Street to Fourth Street is not being improved.

Public Works Director Henne confirmed that the sidewalk from Third Street to Fourth Street is not part of this project.

Councilman Schmid asked fire Chief Davis how much he is over budget.

Fire Chief Davis replied \$6,076.

Councilman Schmid wondered how much was originally budgeted.

Fire Chief Davis responded that \$58,000 was originally budgeted for the project.

Public Works Director Henne clarified that the stretch of sidewalk actually starts in front of the apron and not Third Street as he previously stated.

Fire Chief Davis remarked that they have been trying to get this done for approximately five to six years.

Councilman Tierney wondered what would happen if it doesn't get sealed.

Councilman Schmid commented that it would start cracking and get weathered.

Councilman Tierney opined that not sealing it is not a viable option.

Fire Chief Davis remarked that he still needs to present this to the Fire Board Commissioners.

Public Works Director Henne stated that this would be a different sealer from the one that the City normally uses, and that it requires additional work thirty days after the initial sealing.

Councilman Schmid said that, according to the information provided, the sealer cost would be \$4,100.

Fire Chief Davis added that the total cost is \$4,879 with tax.

Councilman Schmid asked if the savings for using City employees would be approximately \$2,000.

Fire Chief Davis replied in the affirmative, but added that his proposal to the Fire Commissioners is that they pay for the labor and materials.

Councilman Schmid wondered where the sidewalk came over budget.

Public Works Director Henne responded that it was in quantity, and noted that he has \$5,000 in funds set aside for sidewalk replacement.

Councilman Smeback asked if the section will be able to handle the equipment and trucks.

Fire Chief Davis replied in the affirmative, saying that it will all be changed.

Fire Chief Davis asked for a recommendation from the City Council that he could take to the Fire Commissioners later that evening.

Councilman Schmid added that he would like to add to the motion that the Fire Department pays the \$6,076 for the costs of the sealer.

Councilman Larson remarked that the matter before them is approval of awarding the contract to Granite Construction, not to approve any over-budget amounts.

Council Member Larson moved, and Council Member Schmid seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award the Construction Contract for TIB Grind & Overlay of West Fremont & East Naches Avenues and to Replace the Sidewalk and Concrete Apron in Front of the Selah Fire Station. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilwoman Finch – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Fire Chief Davis asked for a consensus.

Councilman Schmid said that he would also like to see a consensus of the Council to recommend to the Fire Commissioners that they pay for the improvements.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if the same product would be used whether City employees or the contractor did the work.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it would be the same product either way. He went on to say that they typically used a mineral-based concrete sealer on the sidewalks that needs to be replaced every couple of years, while the other product has a greater lifespan and will help minimize wear and tear.

Councilman Jorgensen asked for confirmation that this sealer is in the bid.

Public Works Director Henne responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Schmid wondered what kind of recommendation Fire Chief Davis is looking for from the Council.

Fire Chief Davis said that Public Works Director Henne likes the idea of doing the sealer work themselves.

Public Works Director Henne commented that the contractor is responsible for the product if they put the sealer down rather than having City workers apply it.

Mayor Gawlik polled the Council for a consensus to have Fire Chief Davis request a Budget Adjustment from the Fire Commissioners regarding the improvements to the concrete apron in front of Selah Fire Station No. 1. Consensus was unanimous.

4. Resolution Awarding Bid and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with WMS Aquatics for the Construction of Improvements to the Wixson Park Pool Spray Pad

Ted Pooler addressed M-4. He reminded the Council of the discussion in March regarding the conversion of the wading pool to a spray pad, and said that they used an alternate process to solicit quotes for the construction. He went on to say that only one company submitted a bid of \$30,025 for the project, which is greater than the original estimate. He reviewed the changes and savings that Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler identified, noting that they will need approval for an additional \$625 from Fund 170. He requested that Council award the construction contract, noting that the main drain improvements were not part of the original estimate and contributed to the increase in project cost.

Councilman Tierney commented that the fiscal impact statement lists a cost of \$30,025, and wondered if there was an estimate on the additional expenses involved with removal of the existing wading pool liner, sod and concrete, and making additional electrical connections for equipment.

Mr. Pooler replied that the wading pool liner is the cost of a blade for the skill saw.

Public Works Director Henne interjected that is included labor from his crew.

Mr. Pooler responded that the Public Works crew was already scheduled to be there. He asked Public Works Director Henne if he had a price for saw cutting the concrete.

Public Works Director Henne replied that he did, and that it was somewhere in the \$400 range.

Mr. Pooler commented that the necessary electrical work is also estimated at around \$400, and these expenses add approximately \$1,000 to the total estimate.

Councilman Schmid asked for confirmation that there is approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 in amortization funds.

Mr. Pooler replied that the correct fund is the Current Expense Equipment Reserves Fund, with an allocation to the swimming pool.

Councilman Schmid wondered where that money came from, as this money simply appeared out of nowhere a month or so ago.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler responded that Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski sets aside annual amortization funds for the Equipment Reserve Fund every year, as designated in the budget, and that it has been going to the Pool Equipment Reserve Fund for the last several years.

Councilman Schmid then asked if any of these funds are designated for things such as lights out at Woods Field.

Mr. Pooler replied that he is unable to answer the question at this time, as he does not have the necessary information with him.

Public Works Director Henne commented that it is greater than \$100,000.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski said that it's a portion of that amount.

Councilman Schmid stated that he's not questioning it; he's simply unsure about as he does not recall seeing this designation before. He wondered why the Council hasn't been spending some of this money to take better care of the pool in recent years, rather than nickel and diming every little expense.

Councilman Larson remarked that it didn't make sense to spend the money on something that will be mothballed in a few years.

Councilman Schmid brought up the boiler issue and wondered why some of those funds weren't utilized to deal with that.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler commented that that is a different fund.

Councilman Schmid said that he's just questioning the recent appearance of all these monies.

Councilman Smeback asked for confirmation that the installation of the spray pad eliminates the need for one of the lifeguards.

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

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Jorgensen seconded, to approve the Resolution Awarding Bid and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with WMS Aquatics for the Construction of Improvements to the Wixson Park Pool Spray Pad. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilwoman Finch – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Amending the 2012 Budget for Waste Water Treatment Plant Staff

Public Works Director Henne addressed N-1. He said that the Waste Water Treatment Plant will start the process of clarifier replacement the first week of June. He stated that Treatment Plant Lead Operator LaRoche has requested authorization to hire a temporary worker to do some menial tasks around the plant during the course of the project, which will allow the regular staff to focus on the clarifiers. He went on to say that the second portion of the Ordinance, which relates to the mechanic's pay increase as promised in his letter of employment, amends the budget to reflect that increase.

Councilman Larson asked if the adjusted salary amount was for the remainder of this year.

Public Works Director Henne replied that it is retroactive to the first of the year.

Councilman Tierney asked for confirmation that it is retroactive.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative, saying that he cannot answer as to why but the employee was promised the pay increase.

Councilman Tierney asked if he has already been paid this amount.

Public Works Director Henne responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Jorgensen said that it was easy enough to understand, but asked for confirmation that the Treatment Plant worker is a temporary position.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if this is a one-time position.

Public Works Director Henne responded that in the past they have hired a seasonal worker, and that Treatment Plant Lead Operator LaRoche is requesting to do so again.

Council Member Larson moved, and Council Member Overby seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2012 Budget for Waste Water Treatment Plant Staff. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – no; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilwoman Finch – yes. Motion carried with six voting aye and one voting no.

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O. Communications

- 1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the meeting.

Norma Smith, Speyers Road, approached the podium and addressed the Council. She said that she found it interesting that the City purchased a supply of chlorine for a pool to be closed at the end of 2012. She went on to talk about the Maintenance & Operations levy that will be on the August 7 ballot, saying that she feels that having no pool will be a detriment to the City and that further information on the levy will be forthcoming.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler said that the Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board is the group promoting the ballot issue, and that the ballots will be mailed out to the community on July 18th.

Ms. Smith commented that there will be an informational booth during Community Days, and that the board is meeting frequently to ensure that the project is moving forward.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler noted that the Selah Parks Foundation and the election committee have been working very hard behind the scenes, and that you can expect to see a number of things show up during the pool season and leading up to the election.

Councilman Jorgensen asked what the exact amount on the ballot was; if it ended up being was 8.5 cents per thousand dollars or roughly \$17.00 on a two hundred thousand dollar home.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler replied in the affirmative, saying that it was a very reasonable rate.

Ms. Smith noted that if a family purchases a family pass, that will be more expensive than the amount needed for the levy.

Councilman Jorgensen remarked that there will no longer be a separate fee for those who live within the City versus those in the School District.

Ms. Smith said that it will be all one fee, and that giving up a latte a week would cover the cost of the 8.5 cents per thousand.

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

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor

Mayor Gawlik said that he has interviews scheduled with three to four applicants this week, and that the final three candidates will be back for a second interview with the full Council on May 17th at 1:00pm. He commented that this has been an exciting process, noting that the enthusiasm, experience and education levels of the candidates were unbelievable.

Ms. Smith asked if the meeting will be open to the public.

Mayor Gawlik replied in the affirmative.

2. Council Members

Councilman Tierney asked why South First Street is still classified as a State highway.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the City entered into a turnback agreement with the State that takes effect a year after the completion of Jim Clements Way, and noted that there will be an increase in his budget for streetlights next year because of this.

Councilman Larson had no report.

Councilman Jorgensen said that he is excited to see some activity at the former Roybal lube center and wondered what is going on there.

Public Works Director Henne replied that Brian Harris will be moving his truck lot from its present location to this property, and that he has paved it and is doing some landscaping as well.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if he will have a mini lube center as well.

Public Works Director Henne replied in the negative.

Councilman Jorgensen said that he is really happy to see that property being developed.

Councilman Smeback commented that he had the opportunity to sit in on some of the interviews for City Administrator, and that they were all high quality applicants. He said that he is looking forward to the second interview with the final three.

Mayor Gawlik remarked that it will be tough narrowing them down to three candidates.

Councilman Overby had no report.

Councilman Schmid said that he had an outstanding opportunity last month to see the Panama Canal, and recommended it as a once in a lifetime experience. He recognized a neighbor of his in the audience, Bo Costello, saying that he will be among the seniors graduating from Selah High this year.

Councilwoman Finch had no report.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Community Planner Davison said that he would like the Council Members to look at the four proposed layouts for the Crusher Canyon property that were provided for them, and requested that they call him with any comments or concerns before the next step is taken.

Public Works Director Henne commented that he has a lot of projects going on at this time. He noted that the contractor came back out to the North Reservoir and repaired several areas where the sealer didn't adhere to the concrete, and that the next step is to refill the reservoir and see if it still leaks or if there is any effect on the drain line, and then move on to the South Reservoir. He said that Granite Construction patched the dip in the street in front of Burger Ranch. He listed the various locations that the crew is painting and striping, such as the crosswalks, the Civic Center parking lot and the pool parking lot. He said that they have discussed the parade and detour routes, and noted that the new landscaping in front of the Public Works Facility is almost completed. He remarked that they hope to have an open house on the last Wednesday of May and he will keep the Council apprised.

Community Planner Davison noted that the State widened the approach to Red Apple on Jim Clements Way.

Mayor Gawlik extended his thanks to the Public Works crew for their hard work in sprucing up Selah.

Public Works Director Henne said that the guys have a routine down for getting everything done on time.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski had no report.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler commented that the new activity brochures have been mailed out, noting that the new spray pad is highlighted in the brochure. He went on to say that they are doing a youth summer program for the first time this year, thanks to the two summer interns who will be running the program.

Mayor Gawlik asked for an update regarding the Today in America filming.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler said that he has been working on the script and it is ready to send off.

Mayor Gawlik remarked that he can add scriptwriting to his resume now.

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

Police Chief Hayes said that they are advertising for another lateral hire, which will bring them back up to full staff, as well as starting up the citizens' academy once again. He noted that applications for the citizens' academy will be available on the website, at the Police Station and at City Hall.

Fire Chief Davis talked about the testing for a possible hire, contingent upon Firefighter Horton leaving to work for the City of Yakima. He said that this will be an in-house lateral from the volunteers, with written and oral testing done on Thursday, followed by a chiefs' interview next week. He noted that there is a Fire Commissioners meeting later tonight. He remarked that they have posters up at the stations, will have a booth that Community Days, to recruit volunteers.

City Attorney Noe had no report, but commented that he had the opportunity to work with the Civil Service Commission and that they are doing good work for the City.

Q. Executive Session

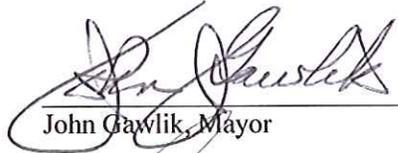
Council took a seven minute recess, and then entered into an Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss Potential Litigation.

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.

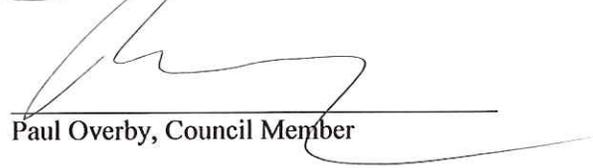
R. Adjournment

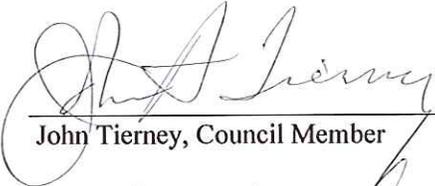
Council Member Jorgensen moved, and Council Member Larson seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried with five voting aye and 2 voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.


John Gawlik, Mayor

Keith Larson, Council Member

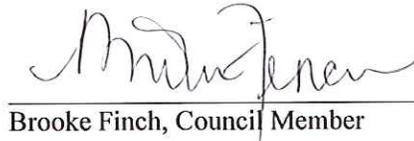

Paul Overby, Council Member


John Tierney, Council Member


Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member


Dave Smeback, Council Member


Allen Schmid, Council Member


Brooke Finch, Council Member

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer