City of Selah
Council Minutes
September 11, 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; Kevin Jorgensen; Dave Smeback; Allen Schmid; Brooke Finch

Members Excused: John Tierney

Staff Present: David Kelly, City Administrator; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Eric Steen, Police Sergeant; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Finch led the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was held for the victims of 9/11. Pastor Mark Flippin 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. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the Public Meeting.

2. Written

a. Well No 5 Redevelopment Progress Estimate No. 2

b. W. Fremont Avenue and W. Naches Avenue Improvements Progress Estimate No. 2

c. Wastewater Treatment Clarifier Upgrades Progress Estimate No. 4

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: August 28, 2012 Council Meeting

* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 74238 – 74342 for a total of $195,920.72
Claim Checks Nos. 60742 – 60823 for a total of $402,223.21

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

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the City of Selah Public Works Maintenance Facility Project as Complete

Public Works Director Henne addressed M-1. He said that the contractor has finished all paperwork regarding payroll, L&I, and Department of Revenue, including an L&I audit on prevailing wage on a couple of subcontractors. He went on to say that both the architect and engineer have submitted letters to the City advising that the project is complete, and that this is the final step prior to a sixty day wait for release of the retainage bond.

Council Member Overby moved, and Council Member Schmid seconded, to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the City of Selah Public Works Maintenance Facility Project as Complete. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid; Council Member Finch. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

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 he had the honor of meeting Major General Shinichi Tezuka, commander of the Japanese forces, last week. He commented that they are currently doing joint exercises and training at the Yakima Training Center. He went on to say that they exchanged amenities and talked about our area, and that Major General was impressed with the agriculture. He stated that the Major General has been in the army for thirty years. He remarked that one of the Major General's aides had forgotten to bring a gift that was to be presented, and that his own experience in the military allowed him to recognize a military butt-chewing when he saw one, even in a different language. He ended by saying that it was a great honor to meet the Major General and his aides.

2. Council Members

Council Member Larson had no report.

Council Member Jorgensen had no report.

Council Member Smeback had no report.

Council Member Overby had no report.

Council Member Schmid commended Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler for his efforts with the event, saying that you missed out if you didn't get down to the barbeque. He went on to say that Fire Chief Davis and he enjoyed many samples from the competitors Sunday, and that it was interesting to see the various types of cookers and barbeques these guys brought in to cook on.

Mayor Gawlik commented that they are very serious about their barbeque.

Council Member Schmid recommended that those who didn't attend this time make an effort to attend next year. He commented that those visiting from out of town preferred this location over where it was held in the past. He said that this is the best barbeque contest in the Pacific Northwest, noting that there were sixty-five competitors and four different times for the different meats to be presented for judging. He complimented the Police Department for their visibility at the event.

Mayor Gawlik commented that he got a kick out of the horse-drawn shuttle.

Fire Chief Davis remarked that Helms Hardware ran out of fire extinguishers during the event.

Council Member Finch had no report.

3. Boards

4. Departmental

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler passed around some pictures of the Skewered Apple Barbeque and Fall Festival. He noted that there was a Discover Selah booth at the event, and that the apple pie easting contest was such a big crowd pleaser that they plan to do it again next year. He commented that the Army Base race will be this coming weekend at 8am and showed off the second place trophy, an actual mortar shell, and participant bag. He went onto say that there will be a cannon shot to signal the start of the race, and that the number of participants has greatly increased, from seventy-eight runners last year to just over five hundred this year. He remarked that three hundred Japanese soldiers are participating in the race, and that this should be a great event. He encouraged the Council Members to drive by Carlon Park Saturday morning and watch the start of the event. He finished by saying that soccer camp is starting next week, with five hundred fifty kids enrolled this year.

Mayor Gawlik said that it never ceases to amaze him how many activities Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director Hagler is involved with.

Community Planner Davison had no report.

Public Works Director Henne said that there is a fence around the east shelter in Wixson Park because they are making repairs to the roof, and that they hope to have repairs finished by Saturday. He commented that they are doing some patching around town in an effort to get it completed before winter sets in. He went on to say that the preparatory work on pool bathhouse is almost complete; it has been pressure washed, the paint was cleaned off, it has been primed, and the windows have been caulked. He noted that the Kiwanis are scheduled to paint the building on Saturday. He finished by saying that the budget process has started.

Mayor Gawlik extended his thanks to the Public Works crew for their efforts in making the City shine for least weekend's event.

Police Sergeant Steen had no report.

Fire Chief Davis said that fire season is still going throughout the state, noting that our biggest one was all four days of Labor Day weekend. He noted that approximately 1400 acres burned, and one residence and a few outbuildings were lost, although there were no firefighter injuries. He commented that they utilized two bombers and five helicopters to fight the fire, noting that he hasn't received the bill for their services as of yet.

Mayor Gawlik inquired about a couple tires that were lost off of some apparatus.

Fire Chief Davis replied that they were lost this weekend while the department was helping fight a smaller grassfire at Burnview Flats in the White Swan area.

Mayor remarked that it was an appropriate name.

Fire Chief Davis noted that he will be attending a Fire Commissioners' meeting at Station One tonight.

City Administrator Kelly said that he is beginning to work on job descriptions, as well as taking a preliminary look at the personnel manual. He commented that budget season is upon us and that information will be brought to the Council Members in the near future.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

Q. Executive Session **None**

R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.

John Gawlik, Mayor

Keith Larson, Council Member

Paul Overby, Council Member

EXCUSED
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