

City of Selah
Council Minutes
December 22, 2009

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

Members Excused: Denise Nichols, Summer Derrey

Staff Present: Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner, Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

1. Bill Harris – Update on GYGSA and Carlon Park

Mr. Harris said they currently have four fields at Carlon Park. He said the practice field they had been using south of the tennis courts will now be used for soccer. He said GYGSA proposes to add an 8 and Under league, and he passed around a map of a proposed practice short-field northeast of Field 3 near the old veterinary clinic. He said the Carlon Park fields are currently used Monday through Friday, and that the addition will give them a field to practice on during the week, as well as to hold 8U and 10U games on. He said GYGSA will bear the cost of putting this field in. He said they plan to bring the backstop in to about eight feet and have it encroach up and over the players. He said they will have no outfield fences and a minimal dugout area on each side. He noted they are also looking at adding another practice field on school district property, which would give them a sixth tournament field and allow them to practice and expand the league.

Councilman Larson asked if families can use the fields at Carlon Park.

Mr. Harris responded that there is no problem with that, and some families are using them now. He said one advantage of the short-field is that younger kids do not need the depth of a full field. He emphasized that they are now at full capacity, and he is looking for the okay to put those fields in. In

response to a question from Councilman Larson, he said they may need to change the sprinkler system a little bit.

Mayor Jones interrupted Mr. Harris and moved on to the presentation of Community Pride awards.

2. Community Pride Awards

a. Bill Harris

Mayor Jones presented Bill Harris with a Community Pride award and acknowledged Bill's wife Laura for her fund raising and operation of the concession stand at Carlon Park. He read the award, "Presented to Bill Harris who with vision, enthusiasm and dedication has worked tirelessly to make Carlon Park a premier softball park in the Pacific Northwest. You make our City proud."

Bill Harris thanked the Mayor, stating this proposal enhances the complex. The consensus of the Council was to approve the GYGSA proposal.

b. Dennis Macias

Mayor Jones then called Dennis Macias forward and presented him with the Community Pride award. He read the certificate, "Presented to Dennis Macias who has refereed kids' basketball in the Selah Parks & Rec program for thirty-two years and is still going strong. Thank you for all you do for Selah's youth."

Mr. Macias said he is like Tommy Lasorda who "only had a one-year contract."

c. Sherry Dawson

Mayor Jones then called Sherry Raymond Dawson forward. He presented her with a Community Pride award, noting that she is the owner of King's Row, the business he used to own. He said he used to decorate the business, but she decorates for every holiday. He read the certificate as he presented the Community Pride Award, "Presented to Sherry Raymond for keeping the tradition of Christmas with your beautiful decorations. You light up our lives."

d. Larry Davis

Mayor Jones called Larry Davis forward, noting he and Larry go back a long way. He praised the work Larry has done for the Selah Fire Department, both as a firefighter and as a Commissioner for Yakima County Fire District #2. As he presented the Community Pride he read, "Presented to Larry Davis for your many years of service to the Fire Department and to Yakima County Fire District #2. Great job!"

Fire Chief Jerry Davis brought in Selah Fire Department staff members and Fire Commissioner Ken Pendleton. He enumerated the many accomplishments of the Department since Larry has been a firefighter and Commissioner saying he did a wonderful job for the Department. He presented Mr. Davis with a plaque on behalf of the Fire Commissioners, the career members of the Fire Department and the volunteer firefighters that read: "Presented to Larry Davis in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service as a firefighter for the Selah Fire Department and Yakima County Fire District #2. He was congratulated by members of the Council.

Larry Davis said it was almost like getting married again. He said it doesn't make sense to receive an award for something he should be doing.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

John Isom, Veterans Rep from Work Source in Yakima, and Bill Kirby, also from Work Source in Yakima, introduced themselves to the Mayor and Council, and introduced John Rimel, Family Assistance Center Coordinator for the Washington Army National Guard in Yakima. He, in turn, introduced Chief Raney and Sgt. Bright, Bravo Company 181.

John Isom and Bill Kirby, on behalf of the Central Washington Veteran's Task Force, presented a plaque to the Selah City Council thanking them for the send-off of the Bravo Company 181st Support Battalion 81st Combat Brigade held at Wixson Park August 19, 2008. Mr. Isom read: "I am sure your gestures towards the soldiers and their families were greatly appreciated. The time that the families spent with their loved ones was very meaningful. We really appreciated your commitment to our military families. This reflects the support of our community and its leaders."

The Mayor thanked Mr. Isom and Mr. Kirby, noting, "We appreciate every day what you do for our community and our country."

On behalf of Worksource, they also presented Mayor Jones with a coin to thank Selah for its efforts, and also presented Councilman John Tierney a coin from Work-Source for all he did to support the send-off.

Sgt. Rich Bright identified himself as a member of the National Guard who lives in the rural Selah community. He said whenever someone steps up and helps out locally, they like to acknowledge that. He read from a certificate that he presented to Councilman Tierney, "Be it known that the 81st Heavy Brigade Combat Commander, by virtue of authority vested in him confers honorary membership in the 81st Heavy Brigade Combat team on Mr. John Tierney." He noted the lifetime honorary membership is only awarded to individuals who have made substantial contribution to the brigade mission.

Councilman Tierney expressed his thanks for the award and for their service.

Chief Raney presented the City of Selah, its citizens and business community with a flag that flew over Camp Ramadi Iraq on July 4th 2009 and an accompanying certificate.

Mayor Jones said the community can't say thanks enough. He urged the gentlemen to visit Veterans Park, noting his pride in that accomplishment.

2. Written

- a. Certification of Returns from the General Election Held November 3, 2009 – Corky Mattingly, Yakima County Auditor
- b. Memo from J. Page Scott Re: YVCOG Member and Alternate Designation
- c. Letter from Jeff Louman, President Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc. Regarding Pursuing and Securing Grant Funding in the last Ten Years

- d. Letter from Mark Brown, Legal & Government Affairs Dept., Charter Communications
- e. Letter from J. Page Scott Re: YVCOG Outstanding Service Award Presented to MPO/RTPO Technical Advisory Committee and a Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Selah Public Works Director Joe Henne, Chair of that Committee

Mayor Jones acknowledged the award Public Works Director Joe Henne received from the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

Councilman Tierney congratulated fellow Council Members on their reelection and extended his congratulations to newly elected Council Member John Gawlik who will take office January of 2010.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Overby moved to add N – 3 to the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Larson moved to add M - 9, M - 10, & M – 11.

Councilman Tierney seconded. Support was unanimous. Items N – 3, M – 9, M – 10, and M – 11 were added to the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Larson read the Consent Agenda as amended and moved the addition of M – 12. Councilman Tierney seconded. M – 12 was added unanimously.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended and Councilman Overby seconded. By voice vote, the Consent Agenda as amended was unanimously adopted.

* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting November 24, 2009

* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll

Claims Checks Nos. 55266 – 55266 for a total of \$ 7,280.00

Claims Checks Nos. 55267 – 55267 for a total of \$ 1,148.73

Claims Checks Nos. 55268 – 55334 for a total of \$ 83,710.02

Claims Checks Nos. 55335 – 55335 for a total of \$ 316.18

Claims Checks Nos. 55336 – 55408 for a total of \$ 598,753.33

Payroll Checks Nos. 67382 – 67469 for a total of \$ 176,212.85

Payroll Checks Nos. 67470 – 67549 for a total of \$ 130,238.13

* 3. M – 1 Resolution Accepting Progress Estimate Number 4 on the Speyers Road Improvement Project

* 4. M – 2 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Legal Advertising Agreement with the *Selah-Independent* for the 2010 Calendar Year

* 5. M – 3 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Legal Advertising Agreement with the *Yakima Herald-Republic* for the 2010 Calendar Year

- * 6. M – 4 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Updated Version of the Joint Operating Agreement with Yakima County Fire Protection District #2
- * 7. M – 5 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Updated Version of the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Wapato and the City of Selah Relating to the Use of Inmate Workers
- * 8. M – 6 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Modification to the Wapato Interlocal Correction/Detention Agreement for 2010
- * 9. M – 7 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, 2010
- * 10. M – 8 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, 2010
- * 11. M – 9 Resolution Revising Rates for Water Utility Services
- * 12. M – 10 Resolution Revising Rates for Sewer Utility Services
- * 13. M – 11 Resolution Revising Rates for Solid Waste Collection Services
- * 14. M – 12 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the SR 823, Detour Route Agreement, HRD 50163
- * 15. N – 3 Ordinance Amending the 2009 Budget for Miscellaneous Expenditures

J. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing To Consider the Vacation of a Portion of South Wenas, East 1st, and 2nd Avenue Rights-of-Way Located Between East Naches Avenue and East 5th Avenue

Community Planner Dennis Davison addressed the council on Item J – 1. He called their attention to a map and reviewed the staff report on vacation of a portion of South Wenas, East 1st and East 2nd Avenues.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one rise to speak, he closed the Public Hearing. He moved on to Item L – 1.

K. New Business

L. Old Business

1. Matson Fruit Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan and Industrial Zoning Map Amendments

City Supervisor Frank Sweet explained that this item is being brought back as the Council requested, and attached is the proposed Development Agreement. He explained that the Council can approve the proposed rezone, deny it, send it back to the Planning Commission or they can set Public Hearing for

February to discuss the Development Agreement. He said the Council cannot take action on the Development Agreement without a Public Hearing. The time would be the first meeting in February.

City Attorney Bob Noe said that staff met with Rod Matson last Wednesday to discuss the draft Development Agreement. He said it's still a work in progress. He noted there are still options open to the Council. He asked Council to give them direction.

Councilman Smeback asked what the advantage of holding a Public Hearing is. He asked if there would be an opportunity for revision of the Agreement or further discussion at that Public Hearing.

The City Attorney responded that there is a potential for further revision. He said the Public Hearing is required, and at that point there could be public comment that would trigger input. For example, if staff did not have comfort with agreement, then staff would speak against it or suggest revision. He said staff would, in conjunction with the proponent, work to come up with an agreement that would be mutually "Comfortable."

Mayor Jones said the perception of the community has been that this must be done right now, and now Matson proposes a forty-year period. The City would need to set aside water and sewer utilities. He said it must be expedited much faster than forty years.

Councilman Jorgensen noted the Council is where they were the last time with the Council serving in a quasi-judicial process with no ex-parte communications allowed. The City Attorney confirmed that. Mr. Jorgensen asked how negotiating a planned development fits with that, if it would mean that the staff negotiates and the Council stays out of it completely.

City Attorney Noe responded that a planned development would be handled differently. He said representation was made at the last meeting that we would continue it to today's date and negotiate a Development Agreement that would be acceptable to the Council. Now we know that we would need a Public Hearing to consider the Development Agreement, if that's what the Council chooses.

Councilman Jorgensen asked what would happen if Matson pulled out of negotiations.

Mr. Noe said at that point it would come back to the Council for a decision on the Comp Plan amendment and the rezone request.

Councilman Jorgensen asked what would be sent back to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Noe said that is an option, but they're not suggesting that's what the Council should do.

Councilman Jorgensen said everyone in this community wants Matson Fruit to be able to move forward with their development, but the issue is what protections the City has. He said he'd rather see a Development Agreement worked out, but it seems that this is just a step toward another court case.

The City Attorney said that is a good point, the Council came back hoping that a Development Agreement could be worked out. The Council seemed willing to consider a Development Agreement if one could be proposed that addressed those concerns. He noted what we have is a draft which addresses some concerns, but not all of them.

Councilman Smeback said while he sees some improvement in the draft Development Agreement, he doesn't agree with Section 3 or Section 5. He said he doesn't see where either of those areas has changed.

Councilman Tierney asked if anything has been done to short-plat for the commercial lots.

The City Attorney answered that to his knowledge there has been no short-plat. He said his understanding is that they propose to have a boundary line adjustment for the areas that they would like to have rezoned to M-1. Then the remaining area would remain commercial and would at some point in the future be short-platted.

Councilman Tierney noted Item 5 says Matson will apply for boundary line, lot line adjustment or short plat. He expressed his disappointment that representatives of Matson haven't come forward with more help. He said he is not in favor of boundary line adjustments, which do not give the City the kind of control they want over those commercial lots. He said short-plats would best protect the City's interests.

Councilman Overby asked if there is a possibility of changing some of those things if this item is taken to a Public Hearing.

Mr. Noe said yes, that might be a possibility. He said it is up to the Council if they want to set a Public Hearing. He said he does not know how much room there is to maneuver on some of these things.

Councilman Tierney said 40 years out is inconceivable.

Councilman Overby agreed, saying 10 years is more like it.

Mayor Jones remarked that he would be 108 years old in 40 years.

Councilman Jorgensen noted the Comp Plan amendment and rezone would remain tabled if we take the Agreement to Public Hearing.

Bob Noe said the Council could hold it over until after the Development Agreement Public Hearing is completed.

Mayor Jones asked Attorney Mike Shinn if he would like to speak.

Mike Shinn, attorney for the proponent, said he hasn't had an opportunity to hear these concerns. He said there are nine development agreements in Yakima County and almost all of them have indefinite terms, with 40-year terms common. He expressed his willingness to go back to the drawing board. He said he would like to have the opportunity. He said he wants Council Members to have time to state their concerns so that he can address them.

Mayor Jones said he took exception to that because the City has expressed concerns over traffic on North Wenas turning into Bartlett. He said they brought that up when they met with Rod Matson last week.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said it is incorrect for Mr. Shinn to state that he did not know what the City viewed as concerns. He said it is absolutely incorrect.

Mr. Shinn said he knew some of them and has addressed them.

The City Supervisor said Mr. Shinn has not addressed the terms. He has not addressed the SEPA. He said he didn't want to argue with Mr. Shinn, but he wanted the Council to understand that Mr. Shinn did know what the concerns were, early on, and Mr. Shinn and Mr. Noe have been talking about those concerns. He said the first time Mr. Shinn sent Mr. Noe a Development Agreement, he got an email back immediately saying "These issues are problems" and to date those issues are still in there.

Mr. Shinn said he was hearing the City Supervisor and not the Council.

City Attorney Bob Noe asked if there is a possibility that any of these things will change, saying if there is, he would advise Council to set it over to Public Hearing. If there isn't, then it doesn't make sense to carry it over.

Mr. Shinn said the third building will not be built for twenty-thirty years out. He clarified that it will be a storage facility. He asked if it is possible to draft language to provide protection for Matson.

Mayor Jones asked what will protect the City.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if the Public Hearing process could be the vehicle for modifying the Agreement.

Mr. Noe said it is possible and there would be some input to the Development Agreement even before it gets to the Public Hearing stage. He expressed his wish for a final product to take to that Hearing.

Councilman Jorgensen asked how to get input when conversations are prohibited.

Councilman Overby asked if this proposal were rejected, whether there could still be negotiations during the litigation process.

Mr. Shinn said there is a question whether the Court would allow the Council to reconsider.

Frank Sweet asked what the timeline is before the court.

Bob Noe said the timeline is a 21-day appeal window before the LUPA.

Mayor Jones said we want to see Matson Fruit prosper, but not at the expense of the rest of the City. If it holds problems for water or for traffic, those are problems we must consider. We didn't have time to consider Mr. Shinn's changes before talking with Rod Matson.

Paul Overby said it muddies the water to directly negotiate something on which we will be making a quasi-judicial decision. He said it reminded him of the trouble the Yakima City Council got in over the Wal-Mart decision. He asked Mr. Noe for clarification.

Bob Noe said it is difficult, and he commended the Council for being aware of the importance of maintaining their professional position. He recommended Council Members come to him regarding their concerns so that he can discuss them with Mr. Shinn. He said the reason they are in this dilemma is because the Council wants to work with Mr. Matson to come to a compromise solution.

The City Supervisor said a planned development allows Council to have input, but development agreement does not allow that input. He said he is not aware of any development that does not have to go through SEPA. He expressed concern that Matson has been trying to avoid the SEPA process.

Councilman Jorgensen said his concern isn't just about what Matson wants to do if Matson built it and then operated it. Rather, his concern is if Matson doesn't own it in 10 years, it goes back to protection of the community. He said everybody may be happy about the proposal but not without safeguards.

Frank Sweet said he thinks some of that is protected in the Agreement.

Mike Shinn said they've done a fine job of addressing the Bartlett Avenue/Larson Drive issue. He urged the Council not to give up trying tonight, there's too much at stake.

Mayor Jones asked the City Supervisor if he is willing to work with the Council to resolve this issue.

Councilman Smeback stated he has no problem sitting down with Bob Noe and going through it line by line. **He Moved To Adopt a Resolution Setting February 9, 2010 as the Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Development Agreement and for Consideration of the Matson Fruit Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan and Industrial Zoning Map Amendments. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – no; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes. Motion carried 3 – 1 with Councilman Tierney dissenting.**

Mayor Jones said there had better be some movement on this by February 9 or he's going to "come out smoking." He said the City Council took a beating for Matson that was not really their problem. He gave a few moments to sign student sheets.

Council Member Larson returned to the meeting.

Mayor Jones moved on to item M-13, the Latecomers Agreement for Valhalla Heights.

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Accepting Progress Estimate Number 4 on the Speyers Road Improvement Project
- * 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Legal Advertising Agreement with the *Selah-Independent* for the 2010 Calendar Year
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- * 12. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the SR 823, Detour Route Agreement, HRD 50163
- 13. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Latecomers Agreement for Valhalla Heights

Public Works Director Joe Henne addressed Item M - 13 explaining that if you turned left at the high school on Goodlander Road and went all the way to the end of the Road, you would find Valhalla Heights. He said developers built two reservoirs and a pump station at the Goodlander Reservoir. He said another reservoir flows down through Valhalla Heights into Mr. Paulson's subdivision. He explained that we're only looking at zones 4 and 5 right now. He said Mr. Douglas and Mr. Paulson feel 7% interest is too high, but staff agrees with the 7% interest rate.

Dainard Paulson addressed the Council.

City Attorney Bob Noe read a letter from Mr. Paulson and Mr. Douglas dated December 22, 2009 to Joe Henne asking him not to extend the Latecomers time period to 20 years and to reject the 7% interest, stating they'd rather have 5%. The letter said they looked at Zones 4, 5, 6 as a whole package and wanted it to stay at 10 years with Zone 6.

The Public Works Director reported Mr. Selland and Mr. Johnson have kept the time period at 10 years.

Mr. Paulson said they said they looked at Zones 4, 5, 6 as a whole package and want it to stay at 10 years including Zone 6. He said they have a signed agreement to that effect.

Peter Sudoni, Wenatchee, said a Latecomers Agreement is similar to an LID in that buyers pay a hook-up fee that includes payment for the City for administration of the agreement and a fee to reimburse the original developers. He said the only thing that has been signed is what is before the Council and that only addresses zones 4 and 5. He said they haven't made a proposal on Zone 6 but Douglas wants 10 years. If no one hooks up in the next ten years, they get no money.

Councilman Larson asked Mr. Henne if Latecomers Agreements are usually for 10 years.

The Public Works Director responded that they are usually ten or fifteen. He noted Mr. Paulson and Mr. Douglas agreed to it.

Councilman Tierney said he is concerned about the 10 percent the City gets for administering this. He said state agencies charge 28% for that kind of service.

Mr. Henne said 10% is off the face amount plus interest.

Councilman Jorgensen asked who doesn't want it to be longer than 10 years.

Mr. Henne said it varies. The Legislature has just changed it to 20 years.

Councilman Overby Moved Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Latecomers Agreement for Valhalla Heights. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes. Support was unanimous.

- * 14. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Tilt/Dump Trailer for the Biosolids Facility

N. Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance Vacating a Portion of South Wenas, East 1st, and 2nd Avenue Rights-of-Way Located Between East Naches Avenue and East 5th Avenue

Community Planner Dennis Davison addressed item N – 1 stating the Council previously had the Public Hearing on these right-of-way vacations. He said the City will still maintain the easements and the zoning will be M-1.

Councilman Overby moved Adoption of the Findings of Fact and Approval of the Ordinance Vacating a Portion of South Wenas, East 1st and 2nd Avenue Rights-of-Way Located Between East Naches Avenue and East 5th Avenue. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes. Support was unanimous.

- 2. Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Former Yakima Valley Transportation Company Railroad Right-of-Way Petitioned by the City of Selah

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported the public hearing on this vacation was held on November 24, 2009. He said this is similar to the previous Ordinance and the Findings are included.

Councilman Larson moved Adoption of the Findings of Fact and Approval of the Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Former Yakima Valley Transportation Company Railroad Right-of-Way Petitioned by the City of Selah. Councilman Tierney seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes. Support was unanimous.

- * 3. Ordinance Amending the 2009 Budget for Miscellaneous Expenditures
- 4. Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Selah, Washington for the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Mayor Jones moved to N-4 saying everybody worked hard on this budget, and the City can plan on status quo next year.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reviewed the \$12,718,825 budget for 2010. He said the total sales tax will remain at 8.2%. He reported that Water, Sewer and Garbage will be increased by 3% in 2010, resulting in an increase to the average customer of \$2.13 mo.

Councilman Smeback moved Approval of the Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the City of Selah, Washington for the Year Ending December 31, 2010. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – no; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes. Motion carried 4 – 1 with Councilman Tierney dissenting.

Councilman Tierney noted his disagreement with the proposed use of .3 money.

Mayor Jones asked the permission of the Council to let employees off at noon on Christmas Eve.

Councilman Tierney moved approval. Councilman Larson seconded. By voice vote, support was unanimous.

O. Communications

This is a public meeting. If you wish to address the Council concerning any matter that is not on the agenda, you may do so now. Please come forward to the podium, stating your name for the record. The Mayor reserves the right to place a time limit on each person asking to be heard.

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
 - a. Transit Billing, 2009 Monthly DAR Fuel & Insurance cost plus Ridership Count for the Month of November, 2009
 - b. 2010 Council Committee Assignments

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski said he was ready to go home.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis thanked the Council for their support of the Joint Fire Agreement. He said “consolidated department” is the big buzz word these days, and Selah has been doing that since the 50's.

Deputy Fire Chief Gary reported the State Fire Marshal has notified them that the State has adopted an amendment to the Fire Code to clarify the requirements for sprinklers. He noted he was unaware of that requirement on November 24 when he responded to a question from Councilman Tierney regarding sprinkler requirements for the Garner/Bernier child care facility. He added that he has made Danny Garner aware of the amendment and the requirements.

Community Planner Dennis Davison thanked the Council for all of their approvals and denials this year.

Police Chief Stacy Dwarshuis congratulated Council Members who were elected or reelected this year. He extended holiday greetings to the Council and staff.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet thanked Council Members for their concern for the community, for what they do and how they do it.

Councilman Larson praised the grant seeking efforts of the staff, noting staff are good stewards for citizens' money.

Mayor Jones said during the last 14 years every main arterial to Selah has been upgraded because of the diligence of Selah staff and Councils.

Councilman Overby said Selah continues to be a City on the move during tough economic times.

Councilman Jorgensen extended a welcome and congratulations to Councilman-elect Gawlik. He expressed his enjoyment serving on the Council and said he is looking forward to his two more years.

Councilman Tierney said this last year has been an excellent year for the City and the council. He said we as a community are blessed with the staff we have and the way they conduct themselves. He thanked the other members of the Finance Committee for all of their hard work.

Councilman Smeback said having served on the Council years before and now getting a new start, he is particularly impressed with staff and how thorough they are with the work.

Councilman-Elect John Gawlik said his election to the Council is still starting to sink in having spent 36 years on this side of the table.

Jerry Kobes thanked each and every one for the work they do. He said he is enjoying his retirement and he appreciates the work the Council and staff do for the City.

Mayor Jones said nobody has put forth the energy Jerry Kobes has put forth for this community. He praised the Finance Committee, and their ability to keep the City in focus. He said he will be gone for the month of January but will be in constant touch with City Supervisor Sweet.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Larson moved, and Council Member Jorgensen seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed with Councilman Tierney dissenting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.



Paul Overby, Council Member

(Excused)

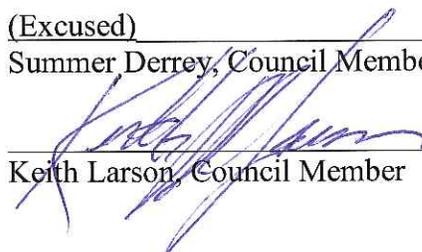
Denise Nichols, Council Member

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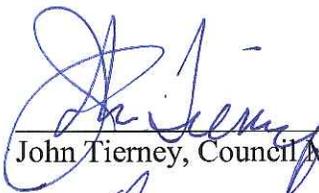
Robert L. Jones, Mayor

(Excused)

Summer Derrey, Council Member



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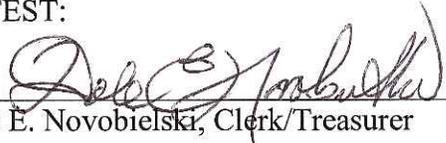


Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member



Dave Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer