

City of Selah
Council Minutes
February 23, 2010

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 3:59pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Jorgensen, Keith Larson, Paul Overby, Summer Derrey, Dave Smeback, John Gawlik

Members Excused: John Tierney

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Jerald Smith, School Resource Officer; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Derrey led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Daniel Burrows led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Item N – 1 Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington, creating a Policy for Nondiscrimination in the City's Parks and Recreation Athletic Programs was added to the Consent Agenda.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Article "House Makes It Easier To Raise Taxes" February 18, 2010 *Yakima Herald-Republic*

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H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Keith Larson moved to add M - 1, M - 2, M - 3, and N - 1 to the Consent Agenda. Councilman Overby seconded.

Councilwoman Derrey said she would abstain from voting on the Consent Agenda since her work is related to SR 823.

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda with the proposed amendments.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting February 9, 2010
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 67870 – 67964 for a total of \$134,577.02
 - Claim Checks Nos. 55669 – 55669 for a total of \$ 498.72
 - Claim Checks Nos. 55670 – 55754 for a total of \$179,603.25
- * 3. Resolution M – 1 Approving and Adopting the 2010 Yakima County Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan, Dated January 2010
- * 4. Resolution M – 2 Initiating Intent To Vacate East 3rd Avenue Lying East of South Wenas Avenue
- * 5. Resolution M – 3 Establishing Public Hearing Date To Consider East 3rd Avenue Right-of-Way Vacation Petitioned by City of Selah
- * 6. Ordinance N - 1 of the City of Selah, Washington Creating a Policy for Nondiscrimination in the City's Parks & Recreation Programs

By voice vote, motion to amend the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Councilman Larson moved and Councilman Smeback seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

- 1. Bus Shelters Proposal – Daytech Limited

Councilman Overby moved to table consideration of NBI K - 1 to the next meeting to allow time to prepare a proposal. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. By voice vote, support was unanimous.

Councilman Overby said the next issue would be temporarily expanding the Transit Agreement to include the loop out around Speyers. He said this is well within the available funding, and they'd like to try it out for next six months or so.

City Supervisor Sweet said they're looking for a motion to approve that temporary expansion of the route.

Councilman Jorgensen moved to approve "test routes" with additional routes and "peak service" for a six-month time period. Councilman Larson seconded. Roll was called: Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilwoman Derrey – yes; Councilman Jorgensen – yes; Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support was unanimous.

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

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N. Ordinances

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O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor
- 2. Council Members
- 3. Boards
- 4. Departmental
 - a. Yakima Transit Service Totals January 2010
 - b. Amended Version of Matson Development Agreement

School Resource Officer Jerald Smith invited the Council to active shooter training tomorrow 6:00pm at Selah Junior High. He reported that this year he has had 21 calls for service, 13 arrests and 3 infractions, and that accounts for less than half the calls of the previous year.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler said Spring is nearing, and it's time to kick off sports season.

Councilman Larson welcomed Officer Smith, noting he appreciates the eye contact and waves.

City Attorney Bob Noe stated the packet contains the revised Matson Development Agreement that captures the concerns voiced by Council. He asked that they look it over and call him if they find any errors or omissions.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was scheduled.

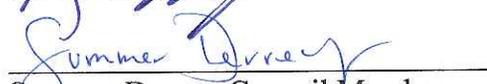
R. Adjournment

Council Member Overby moved, and Councilman Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.



Keith Larson, Council Member



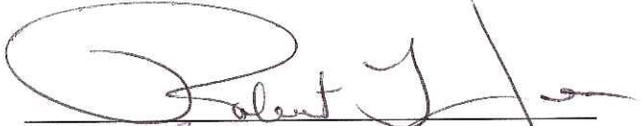
Summer Derrey, Council Member



Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member



John Gawlik, Council Member



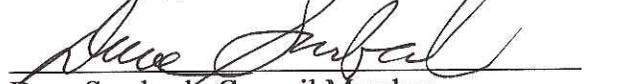
Robert L. Jones, Mayor



Paul Overby, Council Member

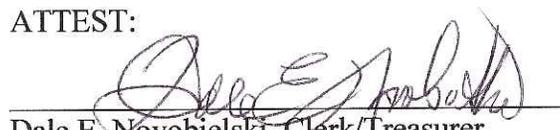
(Excused)

John Tierney, Council Member



Dave Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor Jones welcomed Wendy Mifflin, the Solid Waste Manager for Yakima County. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to represent the Solid Waste Division and the SWAC to present the 2010 Yakima County Solid and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan. She noted Paul Overby represented the City of Selah on the Committee.

Councilman Paul Overby suggested she talk about Terrace Heights Landfill since there has been some talk about that being phased out in three or four years. He noted she could cover some of the proposals.

Ms. Mifflin said the current landfill cannot be expanded outside of the current footprint because they have neighboring homes too near to allow that expansion. She said they cannot expand to within 1000 feet of a water well, so the only way left to go is up. She noted Phase 1 of the Terrace Heights landfill has capacity until 2019 if they get good compaction and if waste generation doesn't increase. She said they also have a Phase 2, where the County would like to hold back some space for emergency (5 years of capacity). She said once Terrace Heights reaches capacity, they will need to truck to Cheyne Landfill outside of Zillah. She noted they have landfill capacity there at Cheyne that will last to 2040.

Mayor Jones asked how much land they have at Cheyne.

Ms. Mifflin said they have 950 acres there, and they're currently filling a forty-acre site that will be filled in the next eighteen months.

Mayor Jones asked if they will have to pipe for methane when Terrace Heights is done.

Ms. Mifflin said they are currently doing a feasibility study on whether they have enough methane to generate power or whether they'd shoot it into a natural gas pipeline. She said she'd prefer to generate power. She said that once the landfill is closed it could not be used for a park unless it has a plastic cap.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet asked if local haulers have been in on the formulation of the Plan.

Ms. Mifflin responded that Yakima Waste participated and Basin Disposal was there and their comments were listened to.

Councilman Dave Smeback asked if there were plans for other landfills that are privately owned.

Ms. Mifflin said Terrace Heights tries to avoid taking construction waste and debris. She said their plan supports private facilities.

Mayor Jones said he likes the idea of recycling.

Ms. Mifflin said she wants to meet with cities to improve recycling because the more recycling is done, the longer the landfills will last. She said illegal dumping is a hot spot and commissioners want a task force to consider that.

Councilman Overby asked if 2015 is the cut-off of yard waste.

Ms. Mifflin noted that 2012 is the year they're looking at a ban on yard waste. She said they hope to partner with the private sector to send yard waste to compost.

Councilman Dave Smeback said he thought yard waste was being taken to a crusher now.

Ms. Mifflin said they are still having yard waste brought into the landfill as part of mixed loads. She said they do about 17,000 ton through their yard waste program now, but she suspects another 15,000 is going in the landfill.

Councilman Dave Smeback asked what equipment Lee Meling, the Manager of Superior Refuse, the City of Selah's previous solid waste franchisee, had that separated waste.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said they had a building down in Union Gap that they used for sorting.

Ms. Mifflin said the building is still there, but to her knowledge is not being used.

Mayor Jones asked if BDI sorts now.

Councilman Kevin Jorgensen said BDI has a full scale recycling facility in the Tri Cities. He asked if solid waste functions like the water and sewer.

Ms. Mifflin said yes, it's operated as an enterprise fund.

Councilman Jorgensen said he has been a strong critic of the County and the way it has managed Terrace Heights. He asked if it is possible to double the size of the 960 acres at Cheyne and start looking out 50 or 100 years or if it's impossible to generate those revenues early enough out of those capitalization funds.

Ms. Mifflin said the Councilman's criticism is justified. She said the County should have been looking at property around Terrace Heights a lot earlier than they did. She said the County owned land out near the Firing Center that did not get permitted before people started building homes there. She said there is additional property available around Cheyne, and they need to be looking at that. She said they have the cheapest rate in the state, and Cheyne is the best area they could ask for.

Mayor Jones agreed that they are much less expensive than anything he has seen elsewhere.

Wendy Mifflin said the fee at Terrace Heights is \$30.89 per ton, compared to \$72.00 in Kittitas, and over \$100 per ton anywhere on the west side.

Councilman Smeback asked about taking out-of-town waste.

Ms. Mifflin said the County has a resolution in place, but they do not want to take out-of-town waste because Terrace Heights keeps their rates low.

Councilman Dave Smeback asked what technologies they're looking at.

Ms. Mifflin said there's not a lot out there. She said Spokane has an incinerator, but that's probably not a good option for us anymore with today's pollution restrictions. She said hauling remains an option, but it is expensive.

Councilman Paul Overby said the entire plan will be on the Yakima County website, and some technologies are mentioned in it.

Ms. Mifflin said they did a feasibility study on a bio-mass plan with the Forest Service, but they couldn't get enough product to pay for itself.

Councilman Jorgensen said that people who are paying extremely high rates are more likely to find successful alternatives than those who are paying under \$45 per ton.

Ms. Mifflin said we really need to get into recycling and conversion.

Councilman Jorgensen said he recalled baled garbage.

Ms. Mifflin said they did bale in Kittitas County, largely because of the wind. She noted a baler is a high maintenance piece of equipment.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if the densities were significantly higher.

Ms. Mifflin said they were.

Councilman Paul Overby suggested that eventually it will become economically feasible to dig out those old landfills to find metals.

Ms. Mifflin said that one of the things they were doing when they built that transfer station at Terrace Heights was starting to pull metals out of it. She said last year they made over \$100,000 off of those metals. She asked if the Management Plan was on the Agenda today and if she should stay for that discussion.

Mayor Jones said there is not much we can do about it, so the City will adopt it. There ensued discussion of the days when Selah had its own dump.

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Ken Mehin, Yakima Transit, told the Council that Yakima Transit is adding a second bus to the service in Selah with 2 ½ hours of service in the morning and four hours of service in the afternoon. He said they would also be adding one extra hour to the service day starting March first. He noted he has been working with City staff to place bus shelters. He said that he brought an additional bid from a local supplier of bus shelters for the Council's consideration.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet asked if they have the solar package they had discussed earlier.

Mr. Mehin said he just learned of the local supplier and thought the City might prefer to work with a local business.

Mayor Jones said the only problem with plexiglas is that kids like to scratch it up.

Mr. Mehin said that anymore they provide designer, "pre-scratched" or patterned plexiglas.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet asked if solar lighting can be done with ASAP or could it be ordered from BRASCO. He said we need solar panels for the lights.

Councilman Overby asked if any of the bus shelters in Yakima were made by ASAP.

Mr. Mehin said no, that they just learned that ASAP could make them.

Councilman Keith Larson asked how the maintenance works. Would the City own the bus shelters? Would the City receive compensation from Yakima Transit for maintaining the shelters?

Mr. Mehin responded that maintenance is minimal.

Councilman Overby said maintenance of bus shelters is something Selah would do. He noted this is above and beyond what Yakima would supply per the contract, which would only be the minimal, basic shelters.

Councilman Keith Larson again asked if the City could receive reimbursement for taking care of those shelters, if there should be some maintenance component for our taking care of them.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said what could happen is the transit fund could reimburse Public Works for the maintenance of the shelters. There ensued discussion about the relative costs of basic shelters, maintenance costs, and potential for rebates from Yakima for maintenance or shelters.

Councilman Overby noted the basic bus shelters would require more maintenance.

Councilman Jorgensen stated ASAP is a respected firm, but wondered if that local company would provide comparable quality.

Councilman Overby noted there are several variables in construction, solid construction, bars in the middle of the benches, etc. He asked if the Council needs to hurry to make this decision.

Mr. Mehin said he wanted to give the City a few months to decide and see where the best place to position the shelters would be, particularly when they see the impact of the new routes.

Councilman Smeback asked the number of stops that are currently made.

Mr. Mehin said there were 16 stops, and the new system will add 9 new stops.

Councilman Overby asked if Yakima Transit had driven the new routes, citing sharp turns at the corner of Speyers and Eleventh Street.

Mr. Mehin said they will use 35-foot busses for these routes, and they have driven it. He said the turn is manageable in both directions. He noted Selah passengers are clean and very transit-friendly.

Councilman John Gawlik said he would anticipate an increase in ridership with the Speyers addition. He said busses may ease the gridlock on Speyers and Fremont near Selah Intermediate School.

Mr. Mehin predicted that when people realize that this will be a permanent route, they'll change their habits to take advantage of it.

Councilman Overby all of that cross-town traffic will be routed for easy movement across town. He said they are basically looking at a 5 x 10, etched glass, solid construction, bench, solar lighting with a bar.

The City Supervisor asked about the logistics of negotiating the deal with the supplier versus going through Yakima Transit.

Yakima Transit representatives said, "Either way."

Mr. Sweet said it probably makes sense to get Yakima Transit specs and then make contact with suppliers to secure quotes. He suggested an October time frame to officially amend the contract, but suggested taking some action today to reflect approval of the additional route.

Councilman Overby noted we know we have money to make improvements.

The Mayor and Council thanked representatives of Yakima Transit for their presentation.