

Study Session
Selah City Council
June 22, 2010
3:00pm

Mayor Jones introduced Jim Milton, noting he has been with the Department of Ecology for 26 years, with Tri-County Water for 10 years and more recently with Yakima Basin Water Resources Agency, Salmon Recovery and Watershed Management.

Mr. Milton reviewed his background of work in the Yakima River Basin Watershed, citing treaties and court decisions that have shaped water policy in the Basin. Describing the Yakima River Basin as "in Crisis," he explained that it is over appropriated because of 1905 Bureau of Reclamation surface water withdrawal and post 1905 surface and ground water withdrawals. This over-appropriation has been exacerbated by droughts through the years, with those in 1994 and 2001 reducing pro-rationing of water supply to as low as 35%. He noted that as we look to the future we are uncertain that there will be enough in-stream flows for fish restoration and enough water available for Industrial, Municipal and Rural uses. Global climate change creates a need to be flexible to address possible impacts.

Citing a statement from the U.S. Geological Survey, Mr. Milton stressed that ground water and surface water are a single resource and as such must be managed conjunctively. Taking into consideration the many challenges to water supply, it becomes necessary to focus on solutions for "new" water supply. That could mean strategies for additional storage, water reallocation, conservation, aquifer storage and recovery, changes in use, or all of these.

Mr. Milton noted most municipal water rights are senior to others so cities like Selah will likely continue to have adequate supplies, but basin-wide there will be issues for rural water users.

He concluded, saying he doesn't know where it's going. Ecology has pulled funding for his position, so he will likely be doing some consulting in the coming years.

He responded to Council Member questions, and the Study Session concluded at 3:42pm.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Milton for his presentation and for his years of service to water interests.

City of Selah
Council Minutes
June 22, 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: Keith Larson, Paul Overby, Summer Derrey, John Tierney, John Gawlik

Members Excused: Dave Smeback, Kevin Jorgensen

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Keith Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Hagler led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

The Parks and Recreation Director introduced new Parks & Recreation intern Jake Greve.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Citizen Letters to the Police Department

Mayor Jones praised the work of the Police Department as evidenced by this correspondence. He moved to the Consent Agenda.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Study Session & Council Meeting June 8, 2010
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 68704 – 68789 for a total of \$139,465.26
Claim Checks Nos. 56385 – 56385 for a total of \$ 1,123.01
Claim Checks Nos. 56386 – 56461 for a total of \$164,944.07

Councilman Larson moved and Councilman Tierney seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

J. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Year 2011 to 2016

Public Works Director Joe Henne said each year the City is required to adopt a 6-year transportation improvement program. He noted priorities can be changed as funding becomes available. He read projects in order of priority.

1. Valley View Avenue – from South 1st (SR 823) to South 3rd
2. East Goodlander Road – from North 1st to North Wenas Road
3. Park Avenue – from South 1st to South 3rd
4. Southern Avenue – from South 5th to South 1st
5. West Goodlander Road – from North 1st to Goodlander Drive
6. South 3rd Street – from Naches Ave. to Southern
7. East Naches Avenue – from Wenas Road to Railroad Ave.
8. North 4th Street – from Fremont Ave. to West Naches Ave.
9. Valley View Avenue & South 5th Street – from South 3rd
10. South Wenas Avenue – from East 5th Ave. to East 11th Ave. to 1st St.
11. Overlays – Various locations
12. Purchase PM 10 Compliant Street Sweeper
13. Southern Avenue Corridor Study – from South 1st St. to West City Limits
14. South Selah Pedestrian/Bike Path Study
15. North 1st Street Grind & Overlay – from Fremont Ave. to Goodlander Road
16. West Fremont Avenue Grind & Overlay – from North 1st St. to West 16th St.
17. South Rushmore Road Improvements – from E. Naches Ave. south 1530 feet

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

Councilman Tierney asked why the starting dates are blank for 2012 and 2013.

Mr. Henne responded that some of those projects will be done next year and prices are relative to estimates for year of construction.

Councilman Tierney noted priority #4 Southern Avenue is placed before priority #13 Southern Avenue Corridor Study.

Mr. Henne said if the money comes forward for a study, they will do the Corridor Study.

Mayor Jones moved to K – 1.

K. New Business

1. Tree Top Inc. – Lot Depth to Lot Width Ratio Variance (File #915.84.10-01)

Community Planner Dennis Davison referred to the map on page 7 of the Planning Commission packet illustrating four lots of Tree Top property proposed due to the realignment of South Wenas Avenue. He explained Tree Top would like to short plat those properties so that they can be sold for business purposes. He said the long, narrow lot (Lot 1) is proposed to be sold to Mr. McLain. He said the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the variance. He expressed his belief that Tree Top will not proceed if the short plat is not approved.

Jack McLain said he is looking for more parking and would like to pick up 18 more parking places.

Councilman Larson moved and Councilwoman Derrey seconded to approve the lot width ratio variance. Roll was called. Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilwoman Derrey – yes; Councilman Tierney – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support was unanimous.

2. Wixson Park Playground Equipment – Special Project

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Hagler called Council Members' attention to their packets which include a picture of playground equipment and a schematic of a sonic screen. He introduced Brad Albin from Northwest Recreation. He said Council Members may have seen signs advertising CityFest around the community. He said Selah churches have agreed to be a part of the funding for this equipment and the Selah Parks Foundation has dedicated \$8,000. He said he is proposing that the City provide 50% of the funding. He drew their attention to pictures of existing playground equipment saying it has been there about 15 years and has seen lots of wear and patching.

Councilman Overby asked if Mr. Hagler has seen this screen in action.

Brad Albin, salesperson, explained it has a limited range. He explained decibel frequency is dedicated to only be heard by 13 – 25 year olds. He said this equipment consists of a video camera, light and sound with an effective range of about 50 feet. He said cameras are directed to police, and noted liability issues can be solved through use of this equipment.

Councilwoman Derrey asked if Parks has looked at other programs.

The Parks & Rec Director said no, because the Parks Department has worked with this company through the years. He said NW Recreation is doing a bunch of this below their cost.

Councilman Tierney asked if it could be set up to go directly to a mobile unit.

Mr. Albin responded positively.

Councilman Tierney asked if it would withstand an audit test without having gone through a competitive bidding process.

Mr. Albin said no one is on state bid now, but HDAC is free.

Councilman Gawlik said he had the same concerns at Councilman Tierney regarding audit and asked how the Council could possibly take action on this now.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said the most we could do is come back to the Council after Northwest recreation is on state bid.

Councilman Gawlik moved and Councilman Larson seconded to table this issue to July 27. Without objection, the item was tabled.

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2011 to 2016

Public Works Director Joe Henne said if money becomes available or if the City decides to fund a Corridor Study, it can be done. If not, no deal. He explained that if an item is not on the TIP the Council would have to go back and amend the TIP to include it on the list.

Councilman Tierney said it just doesn't make any sense to do Southern without having done the Corridor Study.

The Public Works Director said he could put it on the list wherever the Councilman would like.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said it would make sense to reorder the list.

Councilman Tierney said it would make more sense to the public. He said his other question was what happened to 2012 and 2013 cost estimates.

The Public Works Director said he hasn't got cost estimates back from consultant yet.

Mayor Jones said basically this would show what we agree on the streets that are included on the TIP. He praised the Public Works Director's ability to find state and federal funding for street projects.

Councilman Gawlik echoed the Mayor's comments, saying he agrees with items on the list, but he noted residents on Speyers are concerned about the intersection of Speyers and Fremont. He said he's surprised there have been no accidents there. He said he would like to put this issue on the TIP to study possible reconfiguration of that intersection. He said he would like to go on record of support for that.

Mayor Jones said that intersection was reconfigured with the Speyers Road construction. He said he wanted to send Jimmy the butcher up there to trim back bushes.

The Public Works Director asked if the Council wants him to move the corridor study to a higher priority.

The consensus was to make that change.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2011 to 2016, including prioritizing the Southern Avenue Corridor Study ahead of Southern Avenue Construction. Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called. Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilwoman Derrey – yes; Councilman Tierney – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support was unanimous.

2. Resolution Establishing July 27, 2010 as the Date To Conduct a Public Hearing To Consider an Amendment to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2010 to 2015

The City Supervisor suggested changing the date to July 27, 2010 to conduct a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the 6-year TIP for the years 2010 to 2015 since there will be no meeting July 13.

Councilman Overby moved approval of the Resolution Establishing July 27, 2010 as the Date To Conduct a Public Hearing To Consider an Amendment to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2010 to 2015. Councilman Larson seconded. Roll was called. Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilwoman Derrey – yes; Councilman Tierney – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support was unanimous.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Customer Requested Work Agreement between the City of Selah and Pacific Power for Pole Relocation on Railroad Avenue

Councilwoman Derrey recused herself from consideration of Resolution M - 3.

The Public Works Director said this is part of the reconstruction of Railroad Avenue to relocate power poles along Railroad Avenue. He said DOT will reimburse the City for the amount of this contract with Pacific Power.

Councilman Tierney moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Customer Requested Work Agreement between the City of Selah and Pacific Power for Pole Relocation on Railroad Avenue. Councilman Gawlik seconded. Roll was called. Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilman Tierney – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support of those present and voting was unanimous.

Councilwoman Derrey returned to the Council Meeting.

N. Ordinances

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental

- a. Planning Commission Minutes May 4, 2010 – Approved
- b. Yakima Transit – May Billing and Ridership

Mayor Jones asked Parks & Recreation Intern Jake Greve to address the Council. He said he just graduated from Central Washington University with a college major in recreation management and a minor in geography. He said he will be serving a 600 hour internship with the Summer in the Parks program and will starting skating lessons soon and is planning a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. He said he'll be working in Selah through Labor Day.

Community Planner Dennis Davison said he will submit petitions for the James/Smith annexation north of the High School tomorrow. He said he's been notified by the Boundary Review Board that the Johnson Snodgrass annexation on the north side of Speyers has been approved. It said he will bring back an ordinance to finalize it and incorporate that annexation into the City on July 27, 2010.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported they have had some start-up problems with Well 8. He noted the out-of-area contractor recently awarded a bid has housed his employees at North Park Lodge, eaten at River Ridge and generally helped the City's economy.

Mayor Jones praised that construction crew, noting when they button up at the end of the day the site is tidy.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported that 27 teams were in town last weekend for a softball tournament and another is planned for this coming weekend. He reported the Pool is up and running.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis urged those present to be safe over the 4th. He reminded all that fireworks are illegal in Fire District.

Councilman Overby asked Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski for a short report on anticipated revenue.

The Clerk/Treasurer said in 10 more days he'll have a more accurate report because sales taxes don't come in until the end of the month. He said for May they were behind about 5% from last year. He said Charter Communications and Cascade Natural Gas are both down from previous years.

Mayor Jones reported the County is putting together a gang task force, and he has asked Allen Schmid to serve on that. The Mayor said he will serve as Mr. Schmid's alternate.

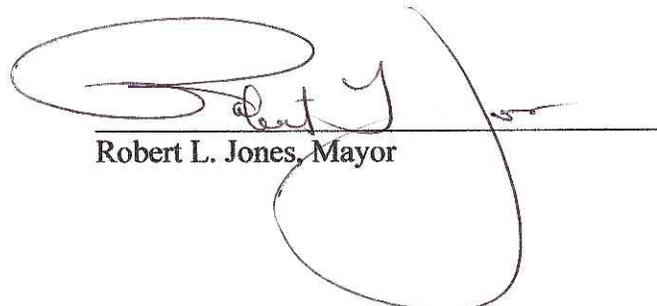
Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was scheduled.

R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.



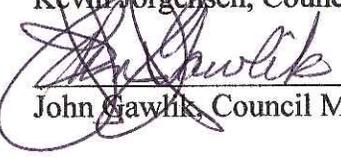
Robert L. Jones, Mayor

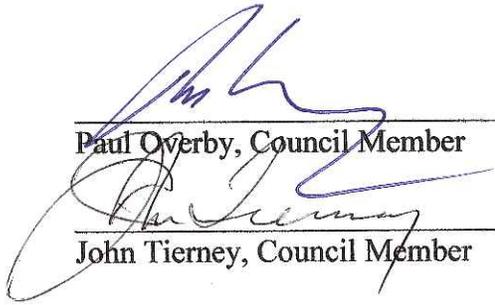
Keith Larson, Council Member


Summer Derrey, Council Member

(Excused)

Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member


John Gawlik, Council Member


Paul Overby, Council Member

John Tierney, Council Member

(Excused)

Dave Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer