City of Selah
Council Minutes
March 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: Keith Larson, Paul Overby, Summer Derrey, Kevin Jorgensen, Dave Smeback, John Gawlik

Members Excused: John Tierney

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Jorgensen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mark Greise led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

The Mayor read the Consent Agenda.

* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting March 9, 2010
* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 68056 – 68152 for a total of $135,646.14
Claim Checks Nos. 55845 – 55936 for a total of $129,741.82

* 3. Ordinance N – 1 Ordinance Amending the 2010 Budget for Repairs to Police Department Vehicles

Councilman Smeback moved and Councilman Larson seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote the Consent Agenda was adopted with Councilwoman Derrey abstaining.

J. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing - Vacation of a Portion of East 3rd Avenue Street Right-of-Way Petitioned by the City of Selah

Community Planner Dennis Davison asked Council Members to turn to the map on Page 3 in their packet for J - 1 Public Hearing. He said the proposal is to vacate the north half of East 3rd Avenue which lies between the Villager Apartments and Treetop Warehouse 95. He said there are utilities in the south half. He said there will be no disruption of access to either of the properties. He said the Planning Commission recommends vacation.

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

K. New Business

L. Old Business

1. Bus Shelters Proposal

Councilman Overby addressed Item L, Bus Shelters, noting we have received additional bids. He said the lowest of the bids came from Daytech out of Toronto, Ontario. He said the local bidder is ASAP, noting the Council previously discussed the value of dealing with businesses close to home.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated the bench is shorter on Daytech bid, which might be reflected in the lower cost estimate. He said purchasing locally helps to guarantee that any warrantee work will be done.

Councilman Overby said he would recommend the local provider, particularly since Yakima Transit is looking at ASAP too.

The City Supervisor noted that if Yakima Transit had not thought ASAP looked like a good provider, they would not have recommended them to the City of Selah.

Councilman Larson moved to approve the proposal of Councilman Overby and City Supervisor Sweet to purchase bus shelters from ASAP. Councilwoman Derrey 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.

M. Resolutions

N. Ordinances

Councilwoman Derrey recused herself from consideration of N - 1 and left the room.

1. Ordinance Vacating a Portion of E. 3rd Avenue Right-of-Way East of So. Wenas Avenue (File:919 67-10-01)

Community Planner Dennis Davison called attention to the Findings of Fact and asked the Council to adopt those first.

Councilman Overby moved and Councilman Jorgensen seconded to adopt the Findings of Fact. Roll was called. Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilman Jorgensen – yes; Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support of those present and voting was unanimous.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Ordinance Vacating a Portion of E. 3rd Avenue Right-of-Way East of So. Wenas Avenue (File:919 67-10-01). Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called. Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Overby – yes; Councilman Jorgensen – yes; Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Gawlik – yes. Support of those present and voting was unanimous.

* 2. Ordinance Amending the 2010 Budget for Repairs to Police Department Vehicles

Councilwoman Derrey resumed her seat on the Council.

3. Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Selah Municipal Code Title 10.50.041 (Subdivision) Design Standards and Specifications

Community Planner Dennis Davison stated that Ordinance N - 3 addresses changes to Selah Municipal Code proposed by the Planning Commission and the Fire Department. He explained that these changes originated as a result of going through the process of Planned Development proposals. He said City Code did not allow for private roads inside the City, but proposed Planned Developments for a gated community might well call for private streets. He emphasized that the changes would only allow private streets in Planned Developments and that Council has the power to place rules for planned developments. He said the Planning Commission has been working on this and has held four public hearings on these proposed changes. He said the Planning Commission's recommends adoption.

Councilman Gawlik called the Planner's attention to Section 5 sub-paragraph 8 dealing with cul-de-sacs. He asked what would guide the Public Works Director in determining the width and radius of industrial and commercial cul-de-sacs. He asked if it would be Fire Code.

The Community Planner responded that the Public Works Director would likely base his decision on the required turning radius for commercial trucks.

Councilman Gawlik referred to the next page, Section 3 paragraph (a) which references minimum right-of-way in alleys. He noted it makes no reference in the existing ordinance or the amendment as to what the surface of that alleyway should be. He asked if the City is asking for a paved or impervious surface.

The Planner responded that the standard is a minimum gravel surface and it has to be approved by the PC and the Council.

Councilman Gawlik asked what the City can do to have future developments to have surfaces paved where alleyways are going to be developed. The Planner said the City could just require that on the preliminary plant.

Mayor Jones noted that in the past three years the City has paved all of its alleys. He said he likes paved alleys, but they are harder to tear up to make utility repairs.

Councilman Overby asked if Councilman Gawlik is suggesting adding that as a requirement.

Public Works Director Joe Henne noted we've already torn up two of our paved alleys for sewer connections.

Councilman Gawlik said we're going to have the mandate for dust abatement and storm water, so we should be looking ahead at that in terms of our development.

The Community Planner said we have several private streets in town, but it's still going to be up to the Council to approve Planned Developments.

Councilman Jorgensen asked if part of that consideration would be whether those streets are connectors with other public streets. He suggested the Planner was primarily referring to gated communities.

Planner Davison gave the example that if someone wanted to put in a planned development and block off access up 16th Street, staff would obviously oppose that. When asked whether the Council should go ahead and adopt this or take it back to the Planning Commission, Mr. Davison said he would prefer adoption now. He said the Planning Commission can then work on amendments, and he will bring those back to Council.

Councilman Overby moved approval of the Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Selah Municipal Code Title 10.50.041 (Subdivision) Design Standards and Specifications. 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.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

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

a. Yakima Transit – February Billing and Ridership

Police Chief Dwarshuis renewed his invitation to Council Members to participate in Friday's training.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported that the Yakima River Canyon Marathon this weekend, the 10th anniversary. He reported the hotel is full for this weekend.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported that Public Works is still working on the control room for Well 8. He state this week is the first reading for utilities. He said the East Goodlander Road Project is not dead; they are waiting to see if the news jobs legislation will be passed. He noted he wants to apply for 2nd round CMAQ money for dust abatement and is talking with the County about South Rushmore Road south of East Naches. He said the surface transportation money is coming back, so he's working on an application to reconstruct Park Ave from First to Third. He noted that unfortunately would eliminate some parking.

Councilman Smeback asked if those monies can be used to buy additional parking.

The Public Works Director said no, noting we're utilizing our own property for our own uses.

Mayor Jones stated they took out old flowering plum trees out at Palm Park, and he recommended taking out the pine too. He praised Joe's idea for tiering at Wixson.

Councilman Smeback asked when they will repair Crusher Canyon.

The Public Works Director said there was a lot of water, but they haven't seen all of the damage there yet. He said he would rather wait to minimize the amount of asphalt they'll need.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported they have had 4 short plats approved in the last months. He said the Boundary Review Board has the Johnson-Snodgrass annexation. He noted Matson is all filed and recorded. He reported that once East 3rd Ave is recorded, that should facilitate SR 823. He concluded by saying the Planning Commission is working on more changes to the Code.

Councilman Gawlik reported having attended the COG meeting last week where the topic was EMS and data-sharing. He said an inter-agency agreement is forthcoming, and that represents an ongoing budgetary issue.

Mayor Jones reported he has been looking for a representative to Planning Commission. He said he approached two leaders from the South Selah neighborhood, and one refused, and he never heard back from the other. He reported that he recently appointed contractor Carl Torkelson to the Planning Commission. He said the Valley Mayors met the other night and the EMS Director was there and reported EMS would run an EMS levy a year early. In response to her report that they want to increase the amount of the levy, the consensus of mayors was not to raise it, rather to keep it at the same level for ten more years.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was scheduled.

R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Keith Larson, Council Member

Summer Derrey, Council Member

Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member

John Gawlik, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

Paul Overby, Council Member

(Excused)
John Tierney, Council Member

Dave Smeback, Council Member