

City of Selah
Council Minutes

April 10, 2007

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Keith Larson, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt,

Members Excused: Brian Harris, Scott Smeback

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Herb Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Doug Perkins of the Nazarene Church of Selah led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones noted one Agenda change. Item N-1 will be removed from the Agenda.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Letter from Bob Ruyle Re. Citizens Academy

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Study Session and Council Meeting March 27, 2007
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 49415 - 49497 for a total of \$529,591.30 and Payroll check nos. 60608 – 60691 for a total of \$153,733.26.
- * M-2 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Accept the Crusher Canyon Street Improvement Project as Complete and Authorizing the Close-Out of the Project and Release of Retainage

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilwoman Nichols seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Change Order Number 3 for the 2006 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements

Engineer Ted Pooler addressed the Council on item M-1. He noted Change Order No. 3 reflects the rule of supply and demand. He stated both concrete strength and durability are concerns in wastewater facilities because of the corrosive nature of sewage. He noted fly ash is also used to defray the reactive aggregates commonly found in the Yakima Valley. He said in the past it has not been necessary to stipulate the use of fly ash because contractors regularly used it to achieve the high quality concrete. Now, however, fly ash is more expensive than cement, so the contractor chose not to use it for this project. The use of fly ash will be required.

Councilman Schmidt asked Mr. Pooler to explain what "fly ash" is.

Mr. Pooler explained that fly ash is the residue of burning coal.

Councilman Schmidt moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Change Order Number 3 for the 2006 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

- * 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Accept the Crusher Canyon Street Improvement Project as Complete and Authorizing the Close-Out of the Project and Release of Retainage

3. Resolution Approving Payment to Mountain States Construction Company for Work Performed through March 30, 2007

Ted Pooler presented Item M-3 reviewing pay estimate #4. He reported during the month of March the sludge-holding tank was completed and the main portion of the clarifier has been poured, and Mountain States has completed the flow distribution box, underground piping, backfill within the bio-solids treatment building and has begun installing electrical conduit. He noted the concrete slab should be completed by next month, and the project is on schedule.

Councilman Overby stated he had quite an impressive tour of treatment plant this afternoon. He said he is amazed that only three people take care of that facility.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Approving Payment to Mountain States Construction Company for Work Performed through March 30, 2007. Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Ted Pooler again invited all present to tours the facility, and reminded them to pick up a hard hat first.

N. Ordinances

1. ~~Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1693 – 2007 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees for the Purpose of Adding a Part Time Teen Center Supervisor and Reflecting the Promotion of a Police Sergeant to Lieutenant~~
2. Ordinance Providing for the Annexation of Apodaca-Garner Property by the City of Selah and Incorporating the Same within the Corporate Limits Thereof and Zoning said Real Property Industrial (M-1)

Community Planner Dennis Davison addressed Item N-2. He called Council Members' attention to exhibits at their seats, which include a map of the area.

Councilman Overby asked where the actual property line is located.

Mr. Davison stated "Pritchard" Avenue is entirely on the properties north of the annexation and provide access only to those properties.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Ordinance Providing for the Annexation of Apodaca-Garner Property by the City of Selah and Incorporating the Same within the Corporate Limits Thereof and Zoning said Real Property Industrial (M-1). Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

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

a. Police Department Monthly Report – March 2007

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported that Yakima County has told him that they will not be doing anything more than rough grading on Selah Loop this year. He said that has prompted him to meet with Ted Pooler to discuss installation of water and sewer lines on Speyers this year. He noted he would need to talk to property owners about easements. He reported Public Works has started work on the hood in the Civic Center kitchen. He noted they are using deicing brine for dust abatement.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported that we should start seeing some businesses moving in to Frankie Lee's new commercial building on North 1st. He reported the Driscoll Road annexation has gone to the Boundary Review Board.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported they are busy in the Parks; the first big softball tournament of the year will be held next weekend.

Police Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshius reported that plans for the new police facility will be finished tomorrow; they will do a final walk-through by Friday, and go out to bid the first of the week.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet asked Community Planner Davison what businesses are going in on North First.

Administrative Assistant Julie Gray reported the businesses are Play n' Trade, Selah Fitness Express, and the Ice Cream Factory.

Councilman Herb Schmidt praised the police report. He said he was not informed on progress of the elevator in new police building.

Stacy Dwarshius said the elevator has been framed up. He noted they should occupy the new building shortly after July 1. He noted they are going with energy efficient lighting. He stated they have not started on the fiber optics line.

Councilman Paul Overby reported he toured WWTP and new drying facility. He noted his appreciation for Todd LaRoche and Frank Sweet's time.

Joe Henne reported that when he was at the grocery store a lady thanked him for graffiti removal. He passed that praise on to Allen Schmid.

Mayor Jones thanked members of the community for cleaning up their property. He reported that Code Enforcement Officer Roy Brons has been sending letters to property owners, and that seems to be working. He noted the Public Works guys have been painting cross-walks. Joe Henne reported that Spring Clean-up week begins April 23 and carriers will haul away yard waste free of charge.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was held

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved, and Councilman Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

(Excused)
Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

(Excused)
Scott Smeback, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer