

**City of Selah  
Council Minutes  
of  
April 22, 2003**

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

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

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Ron Deatherage, Jerry Kobes, Keith Larson, Pete McNew, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt, Scott Smeback

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; John Gawlik, Code Enforcement/Building Inspection Officer

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Keith Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lowell Welker led the group in prayer.

**D. Agenda Changes**

Item N - 2, Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1181 by Substitution Establishing Court Fees for Selah Municipal Court, was added to the Consent Agenda.

**E. Public Appearances**

**F. Getting To Know Our Businesses**

**G. Communications**

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Letter from Parent Trust for Washington Children Development Director Peter McNew

Councilman McNew reviewed the history and mission of the Parent Trust for Washington Children, noting that April is Child Abuse & Neglect month. He stated that the Trust office in King County is twenty-five years old, but the Trust only established an office in Yakima (eastern Washington) eighteen months ago.

He stated the mission of the organization is to provide intervention and prevention services for child abuse and neglect. He cited specific statistics of abuse and neglect, noting that of 77,000 cases reported in Washington state, 50% were in eastern WA (which represents 1/3 of the population of the state). He stated they have the only 24/7 Help-Line in the state of Washington, and they received 104 calls from Selah in past year. Selah currently has 5 families (9 adults and 13 children) receiving free services. He stressed that recipients of these free services do not have to have poverty qualifications and there is no waiting. He stated all funding for the organization comes from donations.

In response to a question regarding the ability of the City to participate in the Parent Trust for Washington Children, City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted that action on this item will be recommended at the next Council Meeting.

## **H. Proclamations/Announcements**

1. Proclamation – National Tourism Week May 10 – 16, 2003

Mayor Jones read the Proclamation. He noted the impact of tourism on the economy of Selah.

## **I. Consent Agenda**

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

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2003
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 40727 - 40819 for a total of \$132,623.50 and Payroll checks nos. 50919 – 51055 for a total of \$120,354.55.

Councilman Schmid moved that Items M-1, M-2 and N-2 be added to the Consent Agenda; Councilman Schmidt seconded. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

## **J. Public Hearings**

## **K. New Business**

## **L. Old Business**

## **M. Resolutions**

- \* 1. Resolution Approving the *Yakima County-Wide Planning Policy* and Recommending Adoption of Said Policy Document by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners in Accordance with RCW 36.70a.210(2)
- \* 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Agreement for Management of Biosolids from the Selah Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Cheyne Landfill Biosolids

**N. Ordinances**

1. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Receipt of a Grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs and the Purchase of an In-Car Video System

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez stated the Police Department applied for and was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Traffic Safety Committee for the purpose of buying an In-Car Video System for the canine unit. He noted his Department is eligible for the grant because of its aggressive traffic enforcement.

Councilman Kobes moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Receipt of a Grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs and the Purchase of an In-Car Video System. Roll was taken. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman McNew – yes, Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- \* 2. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1181 by Substitution Establishing Court Fees for Selah Municipal Court

**O. Communications**

1. Oral

**P. Reports/Announcements**

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
  - a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Report – March 2003
  - b. Police Department Monthly Report – March 2003
  - c. Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Monthly Report - March 2003
  - d. Fire Department Quarterly Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2003

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated 2003 Budget Books are available.

Councilman Scott Smeback stated he is glad to be back home and noted the roads and streets look very clean.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported his department is getting City parks up and running, as well as getting ready for Community Days. He stated he met with the Public Works committee to discuss putting a new reservoir on Lookout Point, and he will meet with New Horizons Development tonight on that topic.

Deputy Fire Chief Gary Hanna reported 300 second graders will go through Edith House this week.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reminded Council Members to look over draft zoning ordinances. He stated the Planning Committee will review the ordinances next week and commence public hearings on May 1.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Gawlik reported that Thursday the Planning Committee will review Ordinance governing parcel access, specifically in relation to access on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Loop.

Mayor Jones reported he and Councilman Schmidt attended the Community Leaders Breakfast this morning. He stated he was impressed with Leadership Class students, the choir and the tour of facilities. He stated he met with Valley Mayors on the topic of Clean Air last week. He further reported he attended an EMS meeting this morning where the group adopted by-laws so it can function as an advisory committee to the County Commissioners. He stated it is time to start watering on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Q. Executive Session**

(No Executive Session scheduled)

**R. Adjournment**

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Kobes seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:24pm.

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Robert L. Jones, Mayor

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Ronald Deatherage, Council Member

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Gerald Kobes, Council Member

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Peter McNew, Council Member

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Allen Schmid, Council Member

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Herb Schmidt, Council Member

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Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer