

**City of Selah
Council Minutes
of
April 8, 2003**

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Pro Tem Herb Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Ron Deatherage, Jerry Kobes, Pete McNew, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt

Members Excused: Keith Larson, Scott Smeback

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Jerry Kobes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lowell Welker led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Item M-3, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County, was added to the Agenda. Item M-2, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Offer To Purchase by Garner Construction, was withdrawn.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Letter from Charter Communications General Manager Gary Bailey

Councilman Allen Schmid asked if Charter Communications has to file rate increases with the FCC. Councilman McNew and the City Supervisor responded affirmatively.

- b. Letter from United Way of Yakima County Campaign Chair Craig Mendenhall

The Mayor Pro Tem read the letter and the certificate.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

1. Proclamation – Workforce Week – April 21-26, 2003

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Schmidt read the Proclamation declaring April 21 through 26, 2003 as Workforce Week. He noted the Mayor will sign the proclamation.

I. Consent Agenda

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

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2003
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 40640 - 40726 for a total of \$203,440.77 and Payroll checks nos. 50834 - 50918 for a total of \$121,525.32.

Councilman Schmid requested that Item M – 3 be added to the Consent Agenda. Without objection, the Item was added.

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Schmidt read the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman McNew 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 Declaring Lots at 106 and 108 South Second Street as Surplus

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted this property is of no immediate use to the City, and the City will publish its availability and put it out to bid.

Councilman McNew moved and Councilman Deatherage seconded to approve the Resolution Declaring Lots at 206 and 208 South Second Street as Surplus and put the property out for bid for a period of two weeks from the publication of availability. Roll was taken. Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman McNew – yes, Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. ~~Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Offer To Purchase by Garner Construction~~ - Withdrawn

- * 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County

N. Ordinances

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor
- 2. Council Members
- 3. Boards
- 4. Departmental
 - a. Selah Municipal Court Report – March 2003

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported that Public Works crews are working at the intersection of 3rd and Naches putting in wheelchair ramps. He asked those present to get requests for Community Days projects to Public Works ASAP.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported there will likely be no activities scheduled for McGonagle Park this year to give the grass some time to become established.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported that proposed amendments to the Selah Municipal Code are available. Information will be published on Sunday to the effect that they are available on the City web site and there will be copies in Selah Library and the Yakima Library. He further reported the Planning Commission has scheduled three hearings prior to the amendments' consideration by the City Council. He projected the Planning Commission should be able to forward amendments to Council the last week of May. He stated he will schedule a Public Hearing on a June Council Meeting agenda

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported he is in the process of closing the March books. He stated that in the first 25% of the year, the City has expended 22% of the General Fund budget.

Councilman Jerry Kobes reported that plans for Community Days are progressing and suggested Council and staff drop by the Old Fire Hall.

Mayor Jones stated he is glad to be back from Philadelphia.

Q. Executive Session

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Deatherage seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. At 4:29pm the Council moved into Executive Session to discuss real estate.

R. Adjournment

At 4:42 the Council moved back into General Session. Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member McNew seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Ronald Deatherage, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Gerald Kobes, Council Member

Peter McNew, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer