

City of Selah
Council Minutes
April 8, 2008

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Summer Derrey, Keith Larson, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Herb Schmidt; John Tierney

Members Excused: Brian Harris

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones noted the addition of Items G-2a and N-2 to the Agenda.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

Vern Larson, 1621 Pleasant Hill Road, President of Selah Civic Center, addressed the Council. He reported he's received \$28,000 from the City toward Civic Center improvements. He noted they've also received from Ron Deatherage & Alice Fisher memorials amounting to about \$2,000. He reported the furring and insulation of the walls cost about \$600, and they spent about \$20,000 on marmoleum flooring, tile and Formica. Plumbing was \$3,500, and powder-coating of partitions was about \$500. He said the 200 hours of volunteer labor were priceless. He said his son, Councilman Keith Larson - his right-hand, and Mayor Jones, Councilman Paul Overby and former Council Member Allen Schmid got renovation done. He expressed his frustration at having no response from highschool students needing

Community Service. He expressed his thanks to the City on behalf of the Civic Center, noting they still need to do the kitchen. He said they have about \$4,000 left which should be enough to do the kitchen.

Mayor Jones thanked Vern Larson for this quality improvement. Mr. Larson further reported they installed projectors in the ceiling that will work with DVD's and Powerpoint.

Wayne Pederson, 631 West Selah-Naches Rd., commended the City for painting the crosswalks, and said he spoke with Jack O'Dell at the Selah Police Department inquiring about how many tickets had been given to those who do not stop at crosswalks. He said he has stood at crosswalks, waiting for people to stop and even police cars have not stopped. He asked how much would the ticket be if a violator were cited.

Police Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshuis responded that it would be \$124.

Mr. Pederson surmised how much money could be raised by ticketing offenders. Another example he cited was how many tickets could be written on red light runners at Naches and First Streets. He asked what sort of safeguards we have in place.

Lieutenant Dwarshuis said the law is enforced, but he doesn't know how many tickets have been written. He explained that if you are in a crosswalk on 4-lane, people who are in the opposing lanes do not have to stop until you are within one car length of their lane. He further clarified that if the pedestrian is on the sidewalk waiting to cross, no one is required to stop.

Mr. Pederson asked if there is a record of violations, and, if so, could he see a copy.

Mayor Jones expressed his concern about one person stopping and another going through the intersection on a four-lane. He suggested Selah may have to put cameras on intersection light posts.

Mr. Pederson said he never once has seen a cop near a school intersection.

Lieutenant Dwarshuis gave Mr. Pederson his business card and cell phone number and asked Mr. Pederson to call him tomorrow.

Patrick Knittle introduced himself as a Life Scout in Troop 200 working on his Eagle Scout project, which is installing irrigation and planting grass on Harlan Landing close to the Greenway. He distributed handouts, noting the overall cost estimate is a little under \$1,300. He explained that neither he nor his parents are allowed to help fund the project. He stated he was given permission by Al Brown at the Greenway, and the project was designed by Akland Pump. Mayor Jones noted that while this property is not within the boundaries of the City of Selah, it is a noble project.

Councilwoman Nichols said she knows Patrick intends to attend the Yakima Council meeting. She asked if he also plans to go to the County. She asked what fund-raising efforts he has made thus far.

Patrick responded that he talked to Akland Pump.

Councilman Schmidt suggested Patrick contact Southwest Rotary.

Patrick said he intends to call the Elks.

Councilwoman Nichols suggested Selah Kiwanis.

Mr. Knittle thanked the Council for their attention.

Mayor Jones and others thanked him for coming.

Mayor Jones noted additions to the Agenda including written correspondence from Allen Schmid showing lots of tagging removal.

2. Written

- a. Memo from Allen Schmid – Areas of Tagging Cleanup for the Month of March 2008

Allen Schmid addressed the Council, noting he has started dating his anti-tagging activities so as to track recurrence of tags. He said the biggest item now is stickers; he takes them to the police. He said he had a conversation recently with Jerry Sweesy, who suggested coating signs with Armor-all, making them more resistant to paint or stickers. He said the City is currently pretty clean.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Mayor Jones moved to the Consent Agenda. The Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda and corrected. He read the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Keith Larson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilman Schmidt seconded. By voice vote, Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously.

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

- * 1. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Payroll 8 Checks Nos. 63080 – 63188 for a total of \$119,702.17 and Claim Checks Nos. 51523 - 51525 for a total of \$6,800.00 and Claims Checks Nos. 51526 – 51618 for a total of \$161,035.60.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

1. Approval of Minutes as corrected – Council Meeting March 25, 2008

Councilwoman Denise Nichols moved approval of the corrected Minutes of the March 25 Council Meeting. Councilman Schmidt seconded. By voice vote, the Minutes were adopted unanimously.

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Communications Equipment Repair and Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Selah and the City of Yakima

Lieutenant Dwarshuis addressed Resolution M-1, stating the Police Department has never had any regularly scheduled maintenance on electronic equipment. He said he spoke with Wayne Wantland from City of Yakima, and that Mr. Wantland's technicians have been out. He expressed his belief this is a wise move to have them come in for scheduled maintenance. He noted there is funding.

Councilman Schmidt said he is not opposed to the theory, but wonders if it should go out to bid.

Frank Sweet said he doesn't think we'd have to go out to bid, because we already have interlocal agreements with the City of Yakima.

Councilman Paul Overby noted the term of the contract begins January 1, 2008. He asked if the Police Department has used the City of Yakima's services between the first of the year and the date of adoption of the agreement.

The Lieutenant responded that they have been coming in without charge. He noted Day Wireless' shop fee is \$80 an hour. He noted there was no additional charge for adding the video camera.

Councilman Schmidt moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Communications Equipment Repair and Maintenance Services Agreement between the City of Selah and the City of Yakima. Councilman Tierney seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Amending the 2008 Budget for Roof Repairs to Civic Center Rental Property

Public Works Director Joe Henne addressed N-1 the Ordinance Amending the Budget for Roofing at 204 Park Avenue. He explained that this house is City-owned and the property manager identified problems with the roof. He reported he contacted three roofing contractors and had them revise their estimates to include prevailing wage. He said he wants to proceed with replacement and that funds will come from the capital replacement fund to the Civic Center Fund.

Councilwoman Nichols asked how much property the City owns and why.

Mayor Jones said the Fire Commissioners own a house near Fire Station #1 and the City owns this one on Park Avenue, which eventually will go to Civic Center parking.

Councilwoman Nichols moved approval of the Ordinance Amending the 2008 Budget for Roof Repairs to Civic Center Rental Property. Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance Creating Municipal Code Section 8.70.057 Entitled “Park and Ride Facility” Designating the Parking Lot at Carlon Park a “Park and Ride” Facility for Mass Transit and Commuter Purposes

City Attorney Bob Noe addressed Ordinance N-2, noting Steve Sziebert presented Park & Ride information as part of the Carlon Park Paving Project presentation at the last Council Meeting. He stated that parking lot has been traditionally used for Park & Ride, and this designation will save the City between \$20-25,000.

Mayor Jones asked about the Civic Center parking lot which is also commonly used for Park & Ride.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Ordinance Amending the 2008 Budget for Roof Repairs to Civic Center Rental Property. Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

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

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported he briefly spoke with the Hearing Examiner yesterday who is trying to get his decision on the SEPA Appeal and Land Use Appeal out today or tomorrow. The Hearing Examiner said he wants to review the entire court opinion. He further reported that last night the Planning Commission considered comprehensive Plan Amendment 2006, the South Selah Neighborhood petition to change the Comprehensive Plan designation for the three properties on Southern Avenue from high-density residential to low-density residential and change the zoning from R-3 to R-1. The Planning Commission voted a unanimous recommendation to deny. He asked if Council Members are receiving project lists. The response was affirmative.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported Columbia Asphalt has started on Carlon Park and is trying to get a handle on the afternoon invasion of students. He noted the Contractor will need to put up some signs. He noted tonight he will meet with Mr. Pooler and Pastor Rex Van Beek to consider how to get water to the Methodist Church. He said there may be an item on the next Council Agenda to deal with that.

Police Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshuis reported last week he met with the Lead Task Force because he needed TV's for the PD meeting room. He said he begged and was able to get two.

Deputy Fire Chief Gary Hanna reported Fire Chief Jerry Davis and Firefighter/EMT John Shipley left this morning for Ogden, Utah to pick up a surplus vehicle. He said the vehicle cost was the cost of trip down.

Mayor Jones reported that the Public Works crew has moved the old tractor, and put it on a concrete pad that Utility Worker Warren Peters built.

At 4:53 Mayor Jones declared a short recess before the Executive Session. At 4:59 the Council moved into Executive Session.

Q. Executive Session

1. Personnel – 15 Minutes
2. Litigation – 45 Minutes

At 5:39pm Councilwoman Nichols moved and Councilman Overby seconded to go back into general Session. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Summer Derrey, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

(Excused)

Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

John Tierney, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer