

City of Selah
Council Minutes

January 12, 2010

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Pro Tem Larson called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Jorgensen, Keith Larson, Paul Overby, John Tierney, Summer Derrey,
Dave Smeback, John Gawlik

Members Excused:

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Paul Overby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Mark Griesse from Peace Lutheran Church led the group in prayer.

1. Swearing in of Council Member Gawlik

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski administered the oath of office to Council Member-Elect John Gawlik.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

The Mayor Pro Tem asked Mr. Mahugh if he would like to address the Council on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 275.

Jim Mahugh identified himself as Scout Master of 275 noting members of his Troop can earn a merit badge for attending a City Council Meeting. He thanked Council Members for service to community. Without objection Troop members were seated on the floor at the center of the Council Room.

2. Written

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

The Mayor Pro Tem moved on to the Consent Agenda, reading those items designated.

Councilman Paul Overby moved to add items M - 1 and M - 2 to the Consent Agenda. Councilman Kevin Jorgensen seconded. By voice vote the Consent Agenda was unanimously amended.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting December 22, 2009
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 67550 – 67639 for a total of \$178,558.45

Claim Checks Nos. 55409 – 55409 for a total of \$ 500.00

Claim Checks Nos. 55410 – 55477 for a total of \$262,921.43

Claim Checks Nos. 55478 – 55506 for a total of \$ 23,331.50

- * 3. Resolution M – 1 Declaring Selah Police Department Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal
- * 4. Resolution M – 2 Approving the Valhalla Heights Water System Reimbursement Agreement and Authorizing City Officials To Record That Agreement with the Yakima County Auditor

Councilman Tierney moved and Councilman Overby seconded To Adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Gawlik – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

1. Selection of 2010 Mayor Pro Tem

City Supervisor Frank Sweet explained that every January the City Council selects a Mayor Pro Tem to take the Mayor's place in his absence.

Councilman Paul Overby said he remembers a discussion about moving selection to December or providing for a two-year term.

Mr. Sweet said the Council talked about that but did not make either change.

The Mayor Pro Tem said he remembered Councilman Tierney saying that the Pro Tem serves the "new Council" not the previous one. He said he served two years and it has been a great learning experience. He said between the Mayor, City Supervisor and Department Heads the City runs really well. He said he'd recommend it to anyone who wants to try.

Councilman Dave Smeback moved to select John Tierney as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Gawlik seconded.

Since there were no other nominations, the Mayor Pro Tem closed nominations. By voice vote, support was unanimous.

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Declaring Selah Police Department Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal
- * 2. Resolution Approving the Valhalla Heights Water System Reimbursement Agreement and Authorizing City Officials To Record That Agreement with the Yakima County Auditor

N. Ordinances

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

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

- a. Planning Commission Minutes of November 17, 2009 - Approved

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported that a couple of Council Members have been working with some staff members on the Development Agreement. He said the Public Hearing on that will be held on February 9. He reported he spoke with Mayor Jones yesterday and conveyed his good wishes to everybody, noting he'll be back in February.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis reported his department ended 2009 with 1257 calls, about 52 calls over the previous year. He said he's been working on his "State of the Union" address that he will give to his "troops" tomorrow night when they'll also celebrate the 70th "birthday" of the department which happened January 8. Keith Larson explained to those assembled that we have a unified Fire Department between Fire District and City of Selah.

Councilman Dave Smeback asked the Chief to explain what it takes to become a volunteer for the Fire Department.

Chief Davis said you have to turn 17 during your junior year and you can serve on the Cadet Program, where you'll have no live fire fighting but may go in on mop up. He said there's a year probationary period where grades are important. He said they are proud that lots of their volunteers have gone on to become professional firefighters.

Public Works Director Joe Henne welcomed Councilman John Gawlik and congratulated John Tierney on his selection as Mayor Pro Tem. He reported that on January 21st they hope to have their Well 8 pump house bid opening and DOT has scheduled the 27th for the 823 project bids. He said the first phase will begin when they conclude work on Railroad Avenue, sometime around the first part of August. He noted that work on North Wenas will include a traffic light at Fremont and Wenas.

Community Planner Dennis Davison congratulated Councilmen Gawlik and Tierney, but had no report.

Parks & Rec Director Jeff Hagler reported they started youth basketball with 350 kids. He noted that takes a lot of volunteers. He said they are working on their online registration program which should be in place next month. He further reported that the Yakima Valley Sports Commission meets this week and he will attend that meeting.

Councilman John Gawlik said he is honored to be here working with his fellow Council Members for the betterment of the City.

Councilman Paul Overby extended his congratulations to John and John.

Councilman John Tierney congratulated John Gawlik, noting his Council race was very close. He thanked the Council for their support saying he will do his best to fulfill the needs of that position.

Councilman Kevin Jorgensen said he would jump on the congratulation to the "Johns" bandwagon. He reported that a member of the Selah community has been emailing him information about the Yakima Warriors arena football team.

Councilman Dave Smeback said welcome aboard to Councilman Gawlik.

Mayor Pro Tem Keith Larson extended his congratulations to John and John. He reported the Senior Center has some money and wants to use it to improve bathrooms at the Civic Center.

Wayne Pedderson reported that Lince is in 7th place in US Cellular contest and Friday the Mariners at Lince. Councilman Smeback announced that voting will continue to 5:00pm Friday.

Keith Larson thanked Troop 275 for attending the Council Meeting. He commended the Scouts for their work.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session was scheduled.

R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:26pm.

Keith Larson, Mayor Pro Tem

Paul Overby, Council Member

Summer Derrey, Council Member

John Tierney, Council Member

Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member

Dave Smeback, Council Member

John Gawlik, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer