

**City of Selah
Council Minutes
of
January 14, 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 4:03pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Ron Deatherage, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt; Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Jerry Kobes, Keith Larson, Pete McNew

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Jeff Hagler led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lowell Welker led the group in prayer. The Council, staff and visitors observed a moment of silence in memory of Jack Green, former Selah Police Chief.

D. Agenda Changes

Item L – 1 Reconsideration of Burke/Hilltop Associates Short Plat Amendment was withdrawn from the Agenda.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Notice from Yakima Waste Re. Rate Increase

b. Letter from Charter Communications Re. Rate Increase

H. Proclamations/Announcements

1. Proclamation Designating January 20 through 26 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Week in the City of Selah

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Schmidt read the Proclamation.

I. Consent Agenda

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

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2002.
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 40006 - 40086 for a total of \$89,828.16, Claims check nos. 40087 + 40089 – 40176 for a total of 150,885.80, Claims check nos. 40088 + 40177 – 40213 for a total of \$86,740.32, Payroll checks nos. 50194 – 50222 for a total of \$51,519.38, Payroll checks nos. 50223 – 50293 for a total of \$92,300.14, and Payroll checks nos. 50294 – 50373 for a total of \$112,911.65.

Councilman Schmid asked that the following items be added to the Consent Agenda:

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign an Agreement between the City of Selah, the Civic Center and the Chamber of Commerce
- 2. Resolution Revising Rates for the Collection of Solid Waste
- 3. Resolution Authorizing the Modification of Goodlander Subdivision

Councilman Smeback suggested Item K – 1 Reappointment of Keith Larson to Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board also be added to the Consent Agenda.

The Items were added without objection.

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

Councilman Schmid 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

- * 1. Reappointment of Keith Larson to Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board

L. Old Business

- ~~1. Reconsideration of Burke/Hilltop Associates Short Plat Amendment - Withdrawn~~

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign an Agreement between the City of Selah, the Civic Center and the Chamber of Commerce
- * 2. Resolution Revising Rates for the Collection of Solid Waste
- * 3. Resolution Authorizing the Modification of Goodlander Subdivision

4. Resolution Adopting Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2002-3 (Harlan)

Community Planner Dennis Davison informed the Council that the property in question is fifteen and a half (15 ½) acres owned by Otis Harlan which lies directly east of and contiguous to City-owned property known as the “Marudo” property. He explained that the Comprehensive Plan designated the property for industrial purposes, and the City’s designation has already been changed. He noted this Resolution and Ordinance N – 2 both refer to recommended changes for the same property.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Deatherage seconded to approve the Resolution Adopting Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2002-3 (Harlan). Roll was taken: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign a Partial Release of Right of First Refusal of Selah School District Property Lot B of Short Plat 84 - 164

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted this agreement will allow the School District to sell this property to someone other than the City but the District will still have the right to purchase property the City owns in the area should it come up for sale.

Councilman Schmid ask if buyers are aware that traffic is a concern in the area. He cited the need for a road between Weems and McGonagle.

Councilman Smeback moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign a Partial Release of Right of First Refusal of Selah School District Property Lot B of Short Plat 84 - 164. Roll was taken: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Establishing the 2003 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees

Councilman Schmid asked what percentage increase is represented. City Supervisor Frank Sweet responded that the increase is 2.5% except for one position which increases an additional 5% due to certification that was obtained by the employee.

Councilman Schmid asked if the 2.5% is the same for everybody, represented and unrepresented. The City Supervisor responded that that is correct, noting that the Public Works employees have approved the salary package and the Police have not.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Deatherage seconded to approve the Ordinance Establishing the 2003 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees. Roll was taken: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 420 Zoning Map Amendment No. 2002-3 Rezone to General Business (B-2)

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Deatherage seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 420 Zoning Map Amendment No. 2002-3 Rezone to General Business (B-2). Roll was taken: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Deatherage – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
 - a. Selah Municipal Court Monthly Report – December 2002
 - b. Planning Commission Minutes – December 3, 2002 – Approved
 - c. Police Department Monthly Report – November 2002
 - d. Wastewater Treatment Monthly Report – November 2002
 - e. Building & Code Enforcement 2002 Year End Report
 - f. Wastewater Treatment Monthly Report – December 2002

Councilman Smeback asked how the anti-icing agent is holding out. Public Works Director Joe Henne reported there are approximately 1100 gallons left. He noted the material comes ready to use, and if they keep it circulating, it will also work as a dust palliative. He noted there have been no accidents in freezing rain since Public Works has been using it.

Councilman Schmid praised Code Enforcement Officer John Gawlik on his report. He praised the Police Department report, particularly commending Officer Martin for her work on child abuse cases. He praised the Fire Department “bible.” He commended the Mayor Pro Tem.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported he is working on the draft of the fee schedule which will complement the zoning ordinance

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported he has been meeting with the state on coordinating some projects. He stated he has met with Huibregtse to review over 2003 projects and will meet with the Public Works committee on February 5. He stated his department will soon decide what fertilizers to apply on public parks, particularly to tolerate foot traffic at Carlon Park. Councilman Smeback asked if South 1st will have grind and overlay. The Public Works Director responded he doesn't know where that is going to go at this point.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler called the Council Members' attention to the *Yakima Herald* article about Teen Center. He noted he is pleased with the way things are going there. He reported the Chamber of Commerce Office has moved to Civic Center and the new Chamber Secretary started yesterday. He concluded by reporting the Selah Pool Committee will have a public forum at Lince Auditorium at 7:00pm tomorrow evening.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis reported on negotiations with the Department of Transportation about putting messages on highway signs when there is a wreck or fire. He reported Fire Marshal Jim Martin and Fire

Investigator Rod Rath went to Ellensburg last weekend to help out and received a nice letter from the Ellensburg Fire Dept. He noted he will bring some District issues when they are ready.

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez reported his Department is wrapping up last two cases from 2002. The Citizens Academy is in its second week with about twenty-five participants. He reported that they will be at Naches High School with Rusty to give a presentation for their forensics class.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Gawlik reported the 2nd Street piles of rubble that used to be residences at 106 and 108 should be excavated by Thursday or Friday. He further reported that a letter has been sent to Mr. Laurvick regarding his construction permits application stating that the plans are back from the plan reviewer and he can pick up permit, but that it includes provisos, additional permit requirements for mechanical designs for the clubhouse kitchen, hvac, etc.

Police Chief Gutierrez noted that new Officer Tony Valencia doing really well, participating last night in “taking down a chop shop” on Southern Avenue where they recovered Jake’s stolen truck, dismantled, but complete.

Councilman Deatherage asked if the City can anticipate another rate increase for solid waste next year. The City Supervisor responded that Superior increased its rate to meet the “tipping fee” of the Yakima County landfill’s rate increase, so another increase should not be necessary.

Mayor Pro Tem Herb Schmidt reported he and his wife are attending the Police Academy where they saw a video on drug usage. He noted if what the video showed is an example of what we face in our community, we are in very serious trouble. He suggested the film’s use in schools.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported he spoke with Mayor Jones during Study Session. He conveyed the Mayor’s greetings to the group.

The Mayor Pro Tem noted his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the Mayor’s absence.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Deatherage seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

Ronald Deatherage, Council Member	Herb Schmidt, Mayor Pro Tem
(Excused) Gerald Kobes, Council Member	(Excused) Keith Larson, Council Member
Allen Schmid, Council Member	(Excused) Peter McNew, Council Member
	Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer