

**City of Selah  
Council Minutes**

**January 25, 2005**

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

**A. Call to Order** Mayor Pro Tem Schmid called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Members Excused:

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

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll was called. Councilman Kobes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler led the group in prayer.

**D. Agenda Changes**

Mayor Pro Tem Allen Schmid welcomed those present and announced there would be no agenda changes.

**E. Public Appearances**

George Chappell, incoming President/CEO of the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce introduced himself to the Council, noting he will officially take office on June 30. He said he hoped to use these next few months to meet people and make himself aware of problems and concerns in the area. He noted we share the greater Yakima Chamber, with efforts not limited to any one city or area. He stressed his roots in the area.

The Mayor Pro Tem called high school students Blaine Hewitt, Brady Linden and Brandon Green forward.

Council Keith Larson presented the Community Pride Award to Selah High School students Blaine Hewitt, Brady Linden and Brandon Green in appreciation for their volunteer service working on the floor at the Selah Civic Center. He explained that the students removed the old carpet. Both Councilman Larson and the Mayor Pro Tem noted how difficult and time consuming the removal of carpet was.

**F. Getting To Know Our Businesses**

**G. Communications**

1. Oral

Jon Mulvenon, Regional Director for Cascade Natural Gas, 3504 Marks Road, Tampico, addressed the Council regarding the franchise Cascade Natural Gas has had with the City of Selah for the past twenty years. He noted in October his company will propose a ten year renewable contract, renewable every five years after that.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid moved to Written Communications.

2. Written

- a. Letter from Greg Huylar, President Tri-Valley Construction, Inc
- b. Letter from J. Randal Lee, General Manager Charter Communication
- c. Letter from Peter Dell, Secretary, Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board

City Supervisor Frank Sweet expressed his hope that the Council, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor concur with the reappointment of Keith Larson to the Parks & Rec Service Area Board. The Mayor Pro Tem said the Mayor has indicated that Councilman Larson would be his choice.

**H. Proclamations/Announcements**

**I. Consent Agenda**

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

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting January 11, 2005
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 44597 – 44678 for a total of \$62,033.36, and Payroll check nos. 55256 – 55412 for a total of \$130,814.94.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid read the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**J. Public Hearings**

**K. New Business**

**L. Old Business**

**M. Resolutions**

- \* 1. Resolution Approving the Amendment of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the year 2005 to 2010

**N. Ordinances**

- 1. Ordinance Amending the 2004 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments

Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer addressed the Council stating the final budget adjustments included in this Ordinance allow him to close the books for 2004. He explained that he is able to move money between line items within a department to cover some appropriations, but this Ordinance reflects additional changes that were required. He reviewed changes in employee compensation, professional services, City Hall improvements, regulatory billings, employee overtime, recreation program activities, insurance premium increases, Civic Center admin payments, debt service fund expenditures, City Hall site land acquisition, construction and other expenditures which were not anticipated in the 2004 budget.

Councilman Kobes asked about professional services under solid waste. Mr. Novobielski responded that expenditures for solid waste were underestimated, but will be fine this year.

Councilman Scott Smeback asked what the bottom line for all of the adjustments.

The Clerk/Treasurer responded there is no effect on the General or the Fire fund balances because revenues exceeded expectations in both those areas. He noted the Street fund required a transfer from reserves. He noted the Building and Property Reserve fund took a hit.

Councilman Smeback moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2004 Budget for Miscellaneous Adjustments. Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**O. Communications**

1. Oral

**P. Reports/Announcements**

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

- a. Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Report - 4th Quarter 2004

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported the Hearing Examiner heard one preliminary plat yesterday and will hear another next week.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported sales tax payment down about 5% from January of 2004. He also noted the first quarterly payment of utility tax from Pacific Power is down from last year.

Public Works Director Joe Henne passed out information on the grind and overlay project on South 1st Street. He stated he will have an article for the April Selah Signals and will meet with Selah Chamber. He stated the sidewalks will be completed before Community Days and the streets after. He noted he is working with the State DOT to tag on to one of their projects. He noted the state estimate is \$125,000, significantly lower than HLA's estimate of \$180,000. He reported Congress did not set the new federal funding appropriation for transportation, and he is working with Doc Hasting's office to get that funding underway. He stated Public Works will be proactive on weeds this year. His department will assess

needs and spray and then will request citizens to follow suit. He stated he will put another article in Selah Signals on that topic.

Code Enforcement Officer John Gawlik called attention to his year-end report. He shared information about Lince school reporting that today additional slippage of the roof assembly was found. Russell Crane will be raising the roof assembly to look for additional structural damage.

The Mayor Pro Tem expressed concern about use of the hallway between the cafeteria and rest rooms. Mr. Gawlik said he has been assured by engineers that the hallway is safe.

Councilman Brian Harris complimented Jeff Hagler and Donna Garner on their presentation on the Teen Center. He advised those in attendance that the Teen Center could use donations.

Councilman Jerry Kobes reported that the Selah Chamber Business after Hours will be held at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service 5-7pm Thursday, January 27.

The Mayor Pro Tem thanked students for attending the Council Meeting. He again thanked the Community Pride recipients for helping at the Civic Center.

**Q. Executive Session**

**R. Adjournment**

Council Member Kobes moved and Council Member Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

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Allen Schmid, Mayor Pro Tem

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Gerald Kobes, Council Member

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Peter McNew, Council Member

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Brian Harris, 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