

City of Selah
Council Minutes
July 28, 2009

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Excused: Denise Nichols, John Tierney

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Derrey led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ted Pooler led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

1. Noemi Ortega, Local Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census

Not present at this time.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

Alberta Redwing, candidate for County Coroner, addressed the Council introducing herself to the Council saying she has been a chief deputy coroner for seven years and a coroner for seven years. She said she is one of only two coroners trained in weapons of mass destruction. She said the position of County Coroner is an important position. She noted officers take care of natural deaths here in Washington; the coroner only deals with unusual or criminal deaths/suicides.

2. Written

a. Email from Jeff Glaspie Regarding Carlon Park Activities

At the Mayor's request, Jeff Hagler read aloud Jeff Glaspie's email reporting athletic activities this summer. He noted that 212 teams played at Carlon Park so far this year.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

1. Proclamation July 28 – August 3, 2009 as Relay for Life Week

Mayor Jones read the Relay for Life proclamation, noting this is a very worthwhile activity. He said Police Chief Stacy Dwarshuis and he will participate in the dunking booth.

I. Consent Agenda

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda.

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

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

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting June 23, 2009
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - Claims Checks Nos. 54378 – 54378 for a total of \$ 770.57
 - Claims Checks Nos. 54379 – 54380 for a total of \$ 5,310.55
 - Claims Checks Nos. 54381 – 54493 for a total of \$ 198,239.24
 - Claims Checks Nos. 54494 – 54496 for a total of \$ 1,355.15
 - Claims Checks Nos. 54497 – 54604 for a total of \$ 166,819.53
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 66199 – 66311 for a total of \$ 193,577.65
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 66312 – 66481 for a total of \$ 178,386.73
- * 3. Resolution Accepting Well No. 6 Zone 3 Pump Station – Electrical Equipment Only Contract as Complete

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 40 HP Aerator and Accessories from Aerator Solutions for the Industrial Pre-Treatment Facility

Ted Pooler addressed Resolution M - 1. He stated the City solicited prices from three suppliers and are recommending purchase of the replacement aerator from Aerator Solutions. He said this equipment is identical to what they are replacing. He noted this is in the budget. He stated Todd LaRoche is planning a replacement of all four aerators over the next two years.

Councilman Smeback asked about the life-span of these aerators.

Mr. Pooler responded that the current aerators were purchased in 1985.

Councilman Overby moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 40 HP Aerator and Accessories from Aerator Solutions for the Industrial Pre-Treatment Facility. Councilman Jorgensen seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes, Council Member Derrey – yes. Support was unanimous.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Surplus of a 2000 Mercury Mountaineer and Authorizing its Disposal

Police Chief Stacy Dwarshuis addressed Resolution M - 2, noting the Mercury Mountaineer that he wishes to surplus has 125,000 miles, was purchased used, and has been driven hard. He said his department normally keeps vehicles for five years, but have had this one for 10 years.

Councilman Overby said his understanding was that the police department was only interested in purchasing SUV's. Chief Dwarshuis said the Taurus will be used primarily as an administrative car and has all-wheel drive.

Councilman Smeback asked if this would qualify for the "Cash for Clunkers" program.

Chief Dwarshuis said he does not believe governmental agencies can qualify for that program.

Councilman Larson asked if this purchase was foreseen in the budget last year.

Chief Dwarshuis noted it was not.

City Supervisor Sweet said this purchase is to be made out of .3 money.

Councilman Smeback moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Surplus of a 2000 Mercury Mountaineer and Authorizing its Disposal. Councilman Larson seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Support was unanimous.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2008 Ford Taurus for the Selah Police Department

Chief Dwarshuis addressed M - 3 noting the Council authorized surplus of a 1998 Expedition which he has so far been unable to sell. He then took that Expedition along with Mountaineer surplussed today and looked for best offer. He said his only criterion was that it be four-wheel or all-wheel drive. He said Pingrey Ford offered the Ford Taurus reasonably priced with all-wheel drive with the best trade-in of \$5,170.

Councilman Overby asked the Chief if it will still be his policy to purchase SUV's for line officers.

The Chief responded affirmatively with the proviso that they are still on state bid.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2008 Ford Taurus for the Selah Police Department. Councilman Jorgenson seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Support was unanimous.

- * 4. Resolution Accepting Well No. 6 Zone 3 Pump Station – Electrical Equipment Only Contract as Complete
- 5. Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Speyers Road Improvements, ARRA-4708(001) and Authorizing the Mayor To Enter into a Contract with Soto & Sons for that Construction

Public Works Director Joe Henne addressed Resolution M-5 noting Soto & Sons submitted the low bid and met all of the requirements. He reported HLA researched the company and found them to be legitimate. He asked the Council to award the contract to Soto in the amount of \$1,258,290.00, which is \$66,510.00 under the engineer's estimate.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Speyers Road Improvements, ARRA-4708(001) and Authorizing the Mayor To Enter into a Contract with Soto & Sons for that Construction. Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Support was unanimous.

Mr. Henne reported that they will start August 10 and hope to finish by the first of November. He reminded the Council that they put the water and sewer lines in first, and it was going to cost them about \$85,000 to overlay that, when they planned to redo the road with stimulus money. He said they decided that overlay was a waste of money. He noted Pacific Power will start moving poles this week.

Councilman Smeback asked if the School District is up to speed on the timelines. Mr. Henne said he will keep them notified.

- 6. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Upper Yakima Valley Automated Metering Evaluation between the City of Yakima, Nob Hill Water Association and the City of Selah

The Public Works Director addressed Resolution M-6, noting a lot of communities are going to automated meter reading system where, depending on the type of system you have, you can either drive by and read the meters or read them from central location (ie. City Hall). He explained that with this agreement Nob Hill Water, City of Yakima with us will hire consultant Gray and Osborne. He said our cost would be about \$4500. He explained that the consultant will help the city avoid the possibility of buying a system and then finding out we don't like it.

Councilman Overby asked if Fund 411 is the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Henne said 411 is the Water Fund.

Mayor Jones pointed out that meter reading is very labor intensive, taking 3 guys 3 days, about 10 days total to complete the reads and rereads.

Mr. Henne said the installation time to switch to the new program may not be able to be done in a year. He said the new software will cost \$25 - 30,000 and each meter will cost \$150 - 200 to retrofit.

Mayor Jones said Naches, Tieton, Toppenish, Kittitas and Grandview are already going to them.

Frank Sweet asked about having a say in increasing the budget. There ensued discussion regarding whether Yakima could increase without Selah's approval. It was agreed that the Resolution states \$4,500 as though it is a cap.

Councilman Jorgensen moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Upper Yakima Valley Automated Metering Evaluation between the City of Yakima, Nob Hill Water Association and the City of Selah with a cap of \$4500 as Selah's portion. Councilman Larson seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Support was unanimous.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Amending SMC 8.70.015 Three-Way/Four-Way Stops

The Public Works Director addressed Ordinance N-1, explaining that traffic at the corner of Terry Lane and Lyle Ave has been increasing and residents have requested to put in a four-way stop.

Councilman Overby asked how that need is determined.

Mr. Henne said the traffic is pretty much equal at this intersection; there is not one heavily trafficked street.

Councilman Smeback moved approval of the Ordinance Amending SMC 8.70.015 Three-Way/Four-Way Stops. Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called. Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Jorgensen – yes; Council Member Derrey – yes. Support was unanimous

O. Communications

1. Oral

Noemi Ortega, Local Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census, addressed the Council. She passed around information re. US Census. She invited Selah to join the census and to issue a proclamation. She discussed the importance of census to funding. She asked the City to form Complete Count committees to ensure a complete count. She said it's common not to get info back because of diversity, linguistics, geography. She said this year there will be only ten questions making it easier than in previous years. She said initially they will send a questionnaire to each home; however, if the address is a P.O. Box, they will send out enumerators to make direct contact.

Councilman Larson asked what qualifications there are for jobs as enumerators.

Ms. Ortega said they prefer applicants be bilingual, and they have to be 18.

Mayor Jones thanked Ms. Ortega, stating that Selah hopes to have an accurate count.

Community Planner Dennis Davison explained to the Council that during the 2000 census they compared maps against house numbers and then made sure every house number was included in the census. He said they did send enumerators out, and he is sure we got an accurate count. He said when the time gets nearer, we'll contact Kiwanis to see if they will go out to double check the addresses and compare those with the census files. Mayor Jones praised the job that Dennis did on the census and said he's glad to have him doing it again.

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
 - a. Selah Fire Department Hoseline – 2008 Annual Report
 - b. Transit Report – Ridership Count for the Week of June 22, 2009
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes June 2, 2009 – Approved
 - d. Parks & Rec Board Minutes June 15, 2009 – Approved

Mr. Davison further reported that the Planning Commission heard the Matson Fruit Rezone Comp Plan Amendment again, and they will meet again August 4, and then their recommendation will come to the Council. He said he hopes they will get that sometime in August. He stated the Hearing Examiner heard the Short Plat on 503, and the attorneys have until July 31st to submit their final arguments. He said the appeal date on 605 will expire July 30, and Mr. Torkelson has applied for a short plat at the south end of South 7th street. He said in addition to those he's been working on Code changes and adopting a flood plain ordinance.

Public Works Director Joe Henne thanked the Council for their support on the items he brought to them, and said Public Works needs to finish the equipment contracts on Well 6.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler said he felt concerned about the pool project at this point, concerned that we may be spinning our wheels. He said he didn't anticipate some of the comments that came up today. He said it's important that we come up with a plan.

Mayor Jones suggested Jeff get hold of the pool manager in Astoria to find out costs of that pool and its maintenance.

Dave Smeback suggested that the bubble concept might be one that the high school could get involved in. The City Supervisor said the bubbles look good.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis said he submitted a scaled-back annual report this year. He reported that his department received their FEMA grant for their new SCBA's. He noted wildland season has been busy, not only in the City but also the District. He said we've got lightning in the Wenas.

Stacy Dwarshuis thanked the Council for the car. He stated he applied for a grant for speed signs and received a \$10,000 grant, which with the help of the .3 money, will buy two. He said he wants to get those going before school starts. He reported National Night Out will be next Tuesday. He passed around information regarding .3 expenditures and balances. He said he will attend an AWC budgeting class next week.

Councilwoman Summer Derrey said she is looking forward to Relay for Life this week.

Councilman Dave Smeback reported he got to meet some fire fighters on July 4 for the "barbeque" on Crusher Canyon.

Councilman Keith Larson said he applauds Jeff's efforts on the swimming pool. He told the Chief that the signs are a great idea.

Mayor Jones said he also applauds Jeff. He suggested that while the swim team is still active, to put some lists together. He said it's one of two choices either build a pool here or go into Yakima.

Q. Executive Session

No Executive Session is scheduled.

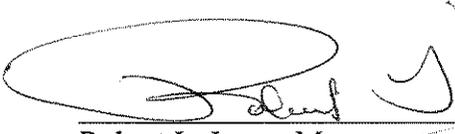
R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.



Paul Overby, Council Member



Robert L. Jones, Mayor



Summer Derrey, Council Member

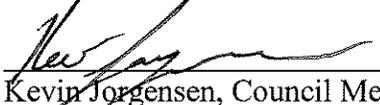
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Denise Nichols, Council Member

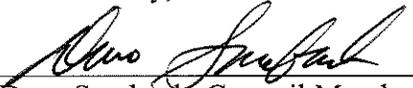
Keith Larson, Council Member

(Excused)

John Tierney, Council Member



Kevin Jorgensen, Council Member



Dave Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer