

**City of Selah
Council Minutes
of
March 25, 2003**

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

Before the meeting began, the Mayor was presented with a birthday cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday."

A. Call to Order Mayor Bob Jones called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Ron Deatherage, Jerry Kobes, Keith Larson, Pete McNew, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt

Members Excused: Scott Smeback

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director; John Gawlki, Code Enforcement/Building Inspection Officer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Lowell Welker led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Letter from Sunnyside Mayor Ed Prilucik to the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority

Mayor Jones noted that Mayor Prilucik was the small cities' representative to the Clean Air Board and resigned because he was disgruntled about the way the Clean Air Board handled the feed-yard issue in Sunnyside. He noted that it is too bad because Ed's job at Hanford is air quality control.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

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

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2003
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 40551 - 40634 for a total of \$86,174.63 and Payroll checks nos. 50752 - 50833 for a total of \$94,128.48.

Councilman Schmid asked that Item M – 3 be removed from the Consent Agenda. The Item was removed.

Mayor Bob Jones read the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

N. Ordinances

- * 1. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase of Application Software Products Software Upgrades and IQ Report Writer
- * 2. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase of a Multi-Function Office Machine for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 3. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase and Equipping of a Scooter for Police Reserve Use

John Gawlik updated the Council on the Police Reserve Officers' fundraising, which at the time of his report equaled \$7,200. He noted the timeline for receipt of the scooters has changed. He stated the scooters will not arrive until sometime in May, so he doesn't know if they will be ready to debut at Community Days. He thanked the Council for their support for this project.

Councilman Kobes moved and Councilman Larson seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase and Equipping of a Scooter for Police Reserve Use. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

- * 4. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase of Replacement Computers & Upgrades

5. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for Professional Services for a Comprehensive Plan Update, Transportation Plan and a Feasibility Study for Providing Water/Sewer Service on Selah Loop Road

Councilman Allen Schmid asked which transportation plan this is and whether it duplicates the plan YVCOG is working on.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski stated this is the budget item that facilitates a February 25, 2003 action of the Council on Resolutions #1473 and #1474 authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with Huibregtse, Louman, and Associates for these projects.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted this transportation encompasses the entire City of Selah and will complement the YVCOG plan. He stated that his understanding is that Selah's results will be used by YVCOG, not duplicate their efforts.

Councilman Larson moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for Professional Services for a Comprehensive Plan Update, Transportation Plan and a Feasibility Study for Providing Water/Sewer Service on Selah Loop Road. Roll was taken. Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman McNew – yes, Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – 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 Caseload Report – February 2003
 - b. Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Report – February 2003
 - c. Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Monthly Report – February 2003
 - d. Police Department Monthly Report – February 2003

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported that Y-PAC will record Council meetings beginning in April, noting the broadcast dates will be published on the City's website as soon as they are available. He further stated that the funding comes from City of Yakima residents' Charter payments.

Mike Brown from Y-PAC introduced himself to the Council, stating he is here to acquaint himself with the layout and answer questions as he is able.

Mayor Jones announced he has asked Councilman Herb Schmidt to be PIO (Public Information Officer) for Selah's EOC (Emergency Operations Center) to liaison between the County Emergency Operations office and Selah. He also noted he has appointed Councilman Schmidt to be his back-up at the Emergency Medical Services, to serve in case of the Mayor's absence.

The City Supervisor announced that he and the Mayor will meet with School Board Thursday afternoon to address district strategic planning.

Councilman Herb Schmidt expressed his appreciation for being asked to serve in this capacity.

Councilman Allen Schmid stated his hope that Selah never gets into situation demonstrated in Portland today, where the Mayor ordered that US flags be removed from fire and police vehicles because some might find them offensive.

Councilman Pete McNew noted he complimented the Mayor on the flags earlier this morning.

Parks and Rec Director Jeff Hagler stated he has heard lots of positive comments on the flags.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Gawlik reported on activities in Crusher Canyon. He stated he issued a stop work order last week and then met with a representative of CAT Construction, a sub-contractor and a representative of the Department of Ecology. He stated at that time there was no current stormwater plan or erosion plan, but the company has since provided both. He stated the major issue which will be addressed immediately – a catch basin must be created which will be maintained as a drainage catch and construction roads must drain toward that catch basin. Additionally, a seed and mulch cover must be provided for dust and erosion abatement. He stated he lifted the stop work order yesterday morning.

Councilman Schmid expressed his concern that what is happening in Crusher Canyon is not the plan that was previously approved by the Council. He noted the plan should be approved prior to moving dirt and building terraces.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated that what these owners are doing is basically part of the process that would be necessary if the original owners had proceeded with their plan. He emphasized the contractors were told they must seek Council approval of any deviations from the original plan.

The Code Enforcement Officer stated that what is happening now is basic terracing and leveling of the property in advance of proceeding with their project. At that time, the contractors will submit a plan to the Council.

Frank noted Evans (who was part of the original plan) is doing leveling work and has not indicated any known change from his original plan.

Councilman Schmid stated his objection to contractors continuing for six to eight weeks without council approval of their plan. He asked about Speyers Road.

Community Planner Dennis Davison stated the City is waiting for Hearing Examiner to rule on the planned development on Speyers, and then the issue will come before Council.

John Gawlik stated Carl Torkelson is purchasing the lot he just filled. Dennis Davison enumerated modifications necessary in sewer and water lines in the area and informed the Council that Mr. Torkelson is aware of.

Dennis Davison reported roads are going in on Mr. Torkelson's other project on Southern Avenue. He stated the modified County-wide Planning Policies will come before the Council in April.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported sale taxes in March are also ahead of last year, so for the first three months we are 6% ahead of last year.

Mayor Jones praised Jim Morrison for getting the City flags up.

Q. Executive Session

Adjournment

Council Member Kobes moved and Council Member McNew seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Ronald Deatherage, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Gerald Kobes, Council Member

Peter McNew, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer