

City of Selah
Council Minutes

March 27, 2007

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Keith Larson, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt, Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Brian Harris

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Stacy Dwarshius, Police Lieutenant; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bob Massey led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler introduced Park Maintenance employees. He called attention to what Jeff Glaspie, Lonny Walker, Doug Sterns and Dave Carpenter have accomplished so far this spring. Mr. Hagler praised them and their work, calling Council Members' attention to the Parks work report included in the packet as Item P - 4 - a.

Mayor Jones praised these workers, noting it is the first time grass has ever been this green this early.

Councilman Schmid commended Jeff Hagler and the Parks workers. He urged people to take a look at what they've accomplished in such a short time, stating we're fortunate to have dedicated people in these positions. He praised them for showing pride in their accomplishments.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

1. April Leslie – Banner Bank

Mayor Jones introduced April Leslie, Branch Manager, Selah Banner Bank, noting they've broken ground for their new building on North Wenas.

Ms. Leslie showed architect's drawings of their new building undergoing construction in Selah Business Park on North Wenas. She said it will be about 3600 square feet with two drive-up windows. The entrance of the facility will be on North Park Drive.

Mayor Jones stated Banner Bank's new building will be a great addition to the community.

G. Communications

1. Oral
2. Written

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Schmidt moved to include Item M-1 on the Consent agenda. Councilman Larson seconded. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Study Session and Council Meeting March 13, 2007
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 49344 – 49414 for a total of \$70,186.49 and Payroll check nos. 60521 – 60607 for a total of \$113,023.36.
- *M-1. Resolution Adopting the 2007 Comprehensive Emergency Management Program as the Official Emergency Response Plan for Selah, Washington

Councilman Overby moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Adopting the 2007 Comprehensive Emergency Management Program as the Official Emergency Response Plan for Selah, Washington
- 2. Resolution Approving the Driscoll Lane Annexation, Adopting the Findings of Fact and Directing Staff To Submit Application to the Yakima County Review Board

Community Planner Dennis Davison addressed the Council, noting that after the meeting 2 weeks ago where Council indicated that a majority of them were in favor of annexing the Driscoll Lane property, and Findings of Fact were prepared. He reviewed the Findings.

Councilman Schmid moved approval of the Resolution Approving the Driscoll Lane Annexation, Adopting the Findings of Fact and Directing Staff To Submit Application to the Yakima County Review Board. Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an SIED Application

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated Mr. Pooler couldn't be here and explained that the money from the SIED grant will allow the City to complete South Park Drive in Selah Business Park and connect it to North Wenas. He stated Les Schwab will decide when to start their construction based on construction of the street. He stated New Vision knew that the City would be coming back for funding to complete the project. He urged the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign this application.

Councilman Schmidt moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an SIED Application. Councilman Larson seconded.

Councilman Schmid asked the City Supervisor to review Page 3 of the application.

The City Supervisor stated the City is requesting a loan of \$207,000 and grant of \$207,000. He stated the local match would be \$42,4000 and \$349,600 would come from Fund 301 Capital Improvement. He stated it's an \$806,000 project. He stated the City is also requesting a two-year delay in paying back the loan to give businesses a chance to get established.

Councilman Overby asked if the \$42,400 match would also come from Fund 301.

The City Supervisor answered yes.

Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution Approving the Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2006-3 and Adopting the Findings of Fact

Community Planner Dennis Davison addressed item M-4, noting Mr. Noe came up with language to amend existing text language in Chapter 3.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Approving the Selah Urban Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2006-3 and Adopting the Findings of Fact. Councilman Schmid seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

- N. Ordinances
- O. Communications
 - 1. Oral
- P. Reports/Announcements
 - 1. Mayor
 - 2. Council Members
 - 3. Boards
 - 4. Departmental
 - a. Parks Department Work Report

Fire Chief Jerry Davis reported he will take Comprehensive Emergency Plan to the Fire Commissioners next week.

Mayor Jones noted one thing that was missing during the 1996 flood was that we were lacking documentation, and for that reason, Administrative Assistant Julie Gray was added at the most recent exercise.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted what happened today with Banner Bank isn't an accident, it is the result of the activity of this Council and its vision. He said what's happening out on North Wenas is exciting for this community and will be a tremendous economic benefit to Selah.

Mayor Jones said City Supervisor Frank Sweet deserves kudos for contacting people and encouraging businesses to come into Selah. He praised the Development Committee, noting it's a big move for the City.

Councilman Scott Smeback said it's amazing that the fields are in shape so quickly. He agreed the building going on in '07 is very exciting.

Councilman Keith Larson echoed City Supervisor Sweet's sentiments about the Selah Business Park development. He stated he was initially against purchasing the property, but is excited that it's turning out so well. He said it would be okay if people told him they told him so.

Councilman Schmidt, Chair of the Safety Committee, and Police Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshius tacked up drawings of the layout of the new Police offices on South 1st Street.

Councilman Schmidt expressed his pleasure with the Safety Committee and the way the Police Department is working together so well to prepare for this move.

Lieutenant Dwarshius walked the Council through the details of the drawing. He thanked the Council and Safety Committee for their hard work and support.

Mayor Jones noted it will be a welcome addition to the City.

Councilwoman Nichols asked Lieutenant Dwarshius to discuss safety features in the new facility.

Lieutenant Dwarshius reported all cars will be parked within the fence. He stated the owner will pave the gravel area. He reported his department had received final authorization on the \$85,000 grant for fiber-optics.

Councilman Schmidt stated interior cost has remained static throughout the process. He noted there will be ballistic glass at the entrance of the building for the protection of office workers.

Councilman Schmid asked if all of the exterior windows will be changed out.

Lieutenant Dwarshius responded that there will be shatterproof sheeting on all outside windows, but to fit them all with ballistic glass would be cost prohibitive.

Councilwoman Nichols stated the Committee had talked about signage, and she heard the Mayor wanted a fountain.

Chief Gutierrez noted Officer Reeves is looking into a sign with a speed indicator.

Councilwoman Nichols moved approval of the design of the Police Department office. Councilman Allen Schmid seconded. By voice vote, Council unanimously approved the plans.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported everyone has the February financials, and he'll begin on March on Monday.

Councilman Overby stated he is also excited about economic development, and he hopes to have the next Council Forum be well attended. He noted the topic will be Economic Development. He stated if attendance does not improve, the Council will need to reconsider the value of those forums.

The City Supervisor stated his hope that the forum about a newspaper to be held tomorrow night will be well attended.

Mayor Jones stated when a disaster forum was held, they set up 150 chairs and only 6 citizens showed up. He noted it takes years of planning and preparation to complete street projects. They don't just happen. They take a lot of work by the Council and the staff.

Councilman Schmid stated Charles Erwin does an outstanding job and suggested the Council get him to give some more training. He praised what's happening in the parks: McGonagle, Wixson and all. He stated he wants to also give kudos to Frank Sweet for working with different businesses to bring them into Selah Business Park. He praised the amount of time Mr. Sweet has spent in moving these projects along. He admitted his initial reticence about the project as well as his excitement with where it's going now. He thanked Councilman Keith Larson and the Mayor for kicking money into paint fund. He warned those watching on TV that the City has little patience with graffiti. He reported the main area of (East Bartlett and alleys) is currently painted out, and those neighbors are starting their own block watch. He thanked Helms Hardware - Brad, Troy and Leane - for being a tremendous help. He stated they are giving a 40% discount on materials. He warned kids in the audience and those watching on TV that if you buy spray paint at Helms, you'll have your name written down, so if that color shows up we may come and talk to you.

Mayor Jones praised Councilman Schmid's efforts fighting graffiti throughout the community.

Councilwoman Nichols reported she has been a student in the Police Academy for the past couple of weeks. She praised Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshius, Officer Pauli Martin, and Reserve Officer Randy Gabbard for their part in the Academy. She said it is great for a City to be able to offer such an exciting and informative course. She said she was particularly impressed by the camaraderie of the police officers.

Chief Gutierrez reported the first night of the Citizens Academy 65 showed up with 40 this week, the third week. He thanked Chief Davis for use of his facility for last 9 years. He said his department is looking forward to moving into their new building.

The Parks & Rec Director thanked Council for supporting the parks, noting it's paying off. He passed around a picture of the cover for the stage at Wixson Park agreed upon by the Community Days committee and representatives of the City. He stated the sound system for the park is also a partnership between Community Days and the City). He stated they are working on getting the swimming pool up and going. He reminded the Council that swimming championships will be held in Selah this summer. He reported he has purchased lane ropes and replaced one solar cover. He noted he also had to replace some filters in the pool. He said there is lots of activity in the Park.

Mr. Sweet noted they have requested the schools to allow parking for the swim meet similar to the way they do for Selah Community Days.

Councilman Schmid noted the supports for the Wixson stage cover will stay all year, but the cover itself will be taken down for the winter months. He further stated they have also ordered sound system for Carlon Park so each field will have its own mic and amplifier and they will also have one cordless mic with the capacity to broadcast to all fields.

Mayor Jones reported he would try to get City Supervisor Frank Sweet, Superintendent Parsons and some school board members together to discuss auxiliary power for school buildings. He noted trees on South 1st would be worked on, trimming some and removing those in front of the Civic Center.

Councilman Schmidt asked if we could save the trees.

Councilman Schmid said they can be saved, but care needs to be taken in the removal and replanting.

Mayor Jones noted he celebrated a birthday last Sunday.

Q. Executive Session

No Study Session is scheduled.

R. Adjournment

Council Member Larson moved, and Councilman Schmid seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

(Excused)
Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer