

**City of Selah
Council Minutes**

March 8, 2005

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 3:59pm.

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; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; John Gawlik, Code Enforcement Officer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek led the group in prayer. Roll was called.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones welcomed high school students to the meeting and announced the addition of Resolution M-4 to the Agenda.

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Letter from Mayor Norm Childress, City of Grandview

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 February 8, 2005
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 44758 – 44840 for a total of \$125,117.38, Claims Check nos. 44841 – 44914 for a total of \$167,883.33, Payroll check nos. 55494 – 55585 for a total of \$130,071.52 and Payroll check nos. 55586 – 55671 for a total of \$135,933.10.

Councilman Herb Schmidt requested Ordinance N-2 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Jerry Kobes requested the addition of Resolution M-1 to the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Scott Smeback suggested the addition of Resolutions M-2 and M-3.

Councilman Kobes moved and Councilman McNew seconded to amend the Consent Agenda by adding M-1, M-2 and M-3 and removing N-2. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilman McNew moved and Councilman Schmid 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 to Surplus Miscellaneous City Hall & Police Property
- * 2. Resolution Establishing Public Hearing Date To Consider Terry Lane, between Goodlander Road and Lyle Avenue, Right-of-way Vacation Petitioned by The Crest at Goodlander, L.L.C., Charles and Delores Haase and Charles and Marlene Allan (File:919.42.05-02)
- * 3. Resolution Establishing Public Hearing Date To Consider Terry Lane, South of Apple Way, Right-of-way Vacation Petitioned by Paulson and DP Land (File:919.61.05-01)
- 4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Selah Civic Center Operating Agreement and the Civic Center/Senior Citizen Use Agreement

City Supervisor Frank Sweet explained this is an opportunity to renew the contract for another five years.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Selah Civic Center Operating Agreement and the Civic Center/Senior Citizen Use Agreement.

Councilman Allen Schmid reviewed changes to be made in Civic Center. The question was called.

Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jerry Kobes spoke on behalf of seniors who appreciate the use of the Civic Center.

Councilman Allen Schmid expressed concern about people getting into the back room when seniors are not in there.

Councilman Keith Larson stated he would bring that issue up at the next Civic Center Board Meeting.

N. Ordinances

- * 1. Ordinance Amending the 2005 Budget for Court Wages & Personnel Benefits
- 2. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1643 – 2005 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees for the Purpose of Establishing the Position of Teen Center Youth Assistant

Councilman Herb Schmid asked about City's financial commitment to the Teen Center, noting the program's success. The City Supervisor stated the financial commitment is from Selah CAN.

Councilman Kobes stated Selah CAN is looking for funds to support the Teen Center. He noted attendance is up sufficiently to need another staff person. Councilman Schmidt emphasized the success of the program and expressed his hope the City could provide some financial support.

Mayor Jones stated that girls' softball is about to start. He noted the problem with girl's softball from the beginning was that there were no restroom facilities at Carlon, so girls could use the Teen Center. Discussion ensued about whether it would be too far for girls to go to the restroom by the track. Councilman Smeback noted a player could miss an entire inning going all the way to the track to use the restroom.

Councilman McNew moved and Councilman Larson seconded to approve Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1643 2005 Salary Schedule for Management, Confidential and Unrepresented Employees for the Purpose of Establishing the Position of Teen Center Youth Assistant Roll was called. Councilman Smeback - yes; Councilman Schmid - yes; Councilman Schmidt - yes; Councilman McNew - yes; Councilman Larson - yes; Councilman Kobes - yes; Councilman Harris - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

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

- a. Police Department Monthly Report – January 2005
- b. Selah Civic Center Year End Report

Fire Chief Jerry Davis reported a disaster preparedness community forum will be held next Monday night. He urged Council Members to attend. He stated his department had a transmission and a core converter go out resulting in a cost of \$5,500. He stated he will likely be back before the Council with a budget adjustment. He stated his department began working on a new grant yesterday for Homeland Security Emergency Funds for \$100,000 for station renovations. He reported they have received a Homeland Security radio grant to provide for EOC ham radio equipment.

Mayor Jones suggested Selah is an obvious spot for an EOC, particularly when the new Public Works building is completed.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported Public Works is still moving ahead with the reservoir project and have been doing weed eradication, opening bathrooms, and getting the parks ready for spring. He stated there will be a grind and overlay bid opening the 15th and 16th of this month. He expressed his hope that the Council will discuss the Yakima transit proposal.

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez stated the Police are conducting firearms training this week and offered an open invitation to participation in the simulator.

Councilman Jerry Kobes praised Chief Davis for the nice job on the annual Fire Department report.

Councilman Herb Schmidt reiterated the importance of generous support for the Teen Center.

Councilman Brian Harris praised the work Penny Pittman did toward the passage of legislation regarding sex offenders.

Councilman Scott Smeback stated he and Councilman Harris will be gone next Council Meeting. He stated girls' softball is an issue on the fields at Carlon, noting the hard work the girls and their families have done there, and anything the City can do to help would be appreciated.

Mayor Jones said the school is the biggest problem because for them it is a capital facility issue. Councilman Smeback stated Councilman Larson will report on the next Parks & Rec Service Area Board meeting March 15 or 16.

Mayor Jones reported Yakima Transit's proposal is to provide bus service from Union Gap to Selah. The proposal is to use grant monies to fund two years of providing bus service to Selah, and from that point the City would have to come up with money.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated the Council would probably want a study session to discuss the transit proposal, particularly because in two years the City would be on the hook for the funding. He stated there are also some questions about the route.

The Public Works Director stated Yakima Transit is open for suggestions about route.

Mayor Jones stated the Council will have a study session. There ensued discussion about the proposed route, whether usage would be sufficient. It was generally agreed that it would be helpful to have the Yakima Transit Route Manager attend the Study Session.

Councilman Smeback noted Don Skone is retiring from the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments. He noted Don had served on the Planning Commission prior to going with the COG.

Mayor Jones asked for a reminder. He praised the Prayer Breakfast, noting he regrets having forgotten to mention the hard work of the Planning Commission. He reported he emceed the Ducks Unlimited Banquet & Fundraiser Saturday evening. He noted he received many compliments on the renovations to the Civic Center at both activities.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member McNew seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Gerald Kobes, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Peter McNew, Council Member

Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer