

City of Selah
Council Minutes

November 13, 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 4:06pm.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Lieutenant; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Herb Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ted Pooler led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

Mayor Jones noted three Resolutions will be added to the Agenda:

6. Resolution Approving Payment to Mountain States Construction Company for Work Performed through October 31, 2007
7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Contract with Brian Sanderson, Attorney at Law, for Municipal Court Judge
8. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Grant Acceptance Intent Notice (GAIN) for an additional Stormwater Management Grant

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

1. Selah Fitness Express – Mike Moore, Manager

Mayor Jones recognized Mike Moore from Selah Fitness Express who told the Council he opened Fitness Express in June and they already have over 500 members. He noted they initiated the 2007

weight loss challenge, and they have 20 teams of 4 people each. He said their goal is to help the City become a healthier place. He stated Selah Fitness Express is open from 5:30am - 9:00pm 5 days a week, from 8:00 - 1:00 on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00. He said they have two personal trainers, one male and one female.

Mayor Jones said he's been meaning to visit there.

Councilman Brian Harris said he's heard great things about the club.

Paul Overby asked if there is a sign-up fee or monthly rate.

Mr. Moore responded that there is a one-time initiation fee of \$75.00. The rate per month for an individual is \$25.00, \$45.00 for a couple, \$65.00 for a family and \$18 for a Senior over 60.

Mayor Jones asked what it would be like to have a program for the City employees.

Mike Moore responded that there would be a corporate membership fee of \$300 for the City and employees could belong without paying the initiation fee.

Mayor Jones thanked Mike for coming.

Seeing no one rise to make an oral statement, the Mayor moved to Agenda Changes. He stated there are three Resolutions added to the Agenda, and each Council Member has a copy.

He moved to the Consent Agenda.

G. Communications

1. Oral
2. Written
 - a. Email from Jill & Don Skone

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Schmidt suggested adding M-2. Councilman Smeback suggested adding M-5, M-7 and M-8.

Councilwoman Nichols moved to add M-2, M-5, M-7 and M-8 to the Consent Agenda. Councilman Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting October 23, 2007
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Payroll Checks Nos. 62106 – 62211 for a total of \$158,362.68 and claim checks no. 50638 – 50754 for a total of \$729,001.29
- * 3. M-1 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Contract with Pacific Power to Provide Electrical services for Lights for Heritage Hills Subdivision Phase 2
- * 4. M-2 Resolution Declaring City Property, Clothing and Equipment, as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal

- * 5. M-4 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Advertising Contract with Yakima Valley Newspapers, LLC for Publication of an Advertisement in the Yakima Valley Visitors' Guide for 2008
- * 6. M-5 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Interlocal Correction/Detention Agreement Between the City of Selah and Yakima County 2008-2009
- * 7. M-7 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Contract with Brian Sanderson, Attorney at Law, for Municipal Court Judge
- * 8. M-8 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Grant Acceptance Intent Notice (GAIN) for an additional Stormwater Management Grant

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

Councilman Paul Overby expressed objection to last-minute additions to the Agenda. He asked if Council Members could get late items on the Monday prior to the meeting on Tuesday so they could have time to read contracts. The City Supervisor said he will make every effort.

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

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Contract with Pacific Power to Provide Electrical services for Lights for Heritage Hills Subdivision Phase 2
- * 2. Resolution Declaring City Property, Clothing and Equipment, as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposal
- 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Purchase Agreement for Vision Reporting Services

Frank Sweet addressed Item M-3, a request to add a software package that will allow City employees to generate selective financial reports for utility billing, accounting, business licenses.

Councilman Smeback asked for further clarification.

Mr. Sweet said this software would allow much more flexibility in reporting.

Councilman Harris asked if that program is available in Selah.

The City Supervisor responded that this program was developed by the same people who developed the accounting software program the City has used for several years.

Councilman Overby moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Purchase Agreement for Vision Reporting Services. Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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- 6. Resolution Approving Payment to Mountain States Construction Company for Work Performed through October 31, 2007

Ted Pooler, HLA, introduced himself and project estimate #11. He noted that early on in the project the City would write big checks and not see any results, but now they're writing big checks and seeing great progress. He said the great news is that today we have power. He reminded the Council that the original electrician bailed on the project, and equipment didn't get ordered; however, now everything is on site, and the biosolids building has power as does the new sludge-pumping building. He said there are wires hanging, surfaces are paved, fences are up, and the last bit of work around old pre-treatment facility is being finished. He noted the City crew and the contractor worked together to replace valves that failed in the old pre-treatment building. He noted the electrical sub-contractor's trailer is the only one left, signs are going up, and restrooms are completed, but there is no water yet.

Mr. Pooler said he is pleased with work of Mountain States and the way they've dealt with sub-contractors. He reported the other work at main plant is related to electrical system, and they don't want to take the old switch out until the new transfer switch is here. He recommended payment be made to Mountain States.

Councilman Keith Larson asked how the 423 grand total compares to the original estimate.

Mr. Pooler responded, saying that of \$60,000 to date in change orders, \$50,000 was for the de-watering problems.

Councilman Brian Harris asked for explanation of the 570% over in off-site piping equipment.

Mr. Pooler said it is similar to #5 Common Borrow - which is 943% over budget. He stated that is because materials were dumped there for years and when they dug it all out, they had to replace the dirt.

Mayor Jones explained that they needed to haul away dumped materials.

Mr. Pooler said they had to haul away nearly 100% of what was there.

Councilwoman Nichols moved approval of the Resolution Approving Payment to Mountain States Construction Company for Work Performed through October 31, 2007. Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes;

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N. Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance to Establish the Amount of Taxes To Be Levied upon Real and Personal Property in the City of Selah, Yakima County, Washington, and Fixing the Tax Levy for the Year 2008

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski spoke to the Levy Ordinance, noting 71% will go to the general fund, 19% to 003 Fire Control, and the remaining 10% to City Street Fund. He noted there is an additional levy of \$35,165 for bond redemption for bonds passed for construction of Fire Station #1.

Mayor Jones again noted that the City will continue to increase assessments by only 1% regardless of the Supreme Court decision to throw out Initiative 747.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Ordinance to Establish the Amount of Taxes To Be Levied upon Real and Personal Property in the City of Selah, Yakima County, Washington, and Fixing the Tax Levy for the Year 2008. Councilman Overby seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes; Council Member Harris – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor
- 2. Council Members
- 3. Boards
- 4. Departmental
 - a. Police Department Monthly Report – September 2007
 - b. Report on 2007 Business Registrations
 - c. Registration for Parks & Recreation Programs 2003 – 2007
 - d. Police Department Monthly Report – October 2007

Councilman Brian Harris stated it is neat to hear a new business in town experiencing success. He said it is amazing how many teams made it past regular season.

Councilman Keith Larson asked if we are back to 6% now that the 1% cap on property taxes is not legal.

Mayor Jones noted we have survived on 1%.

Councilman Scott Smeback stated he echoes Councilman Harris's comments on high school sports success. He noted that he has only two sessions left with this Council. He warned that he will make good use of it.

Police Lieutenant Stacy Dwarshuis reported the new police facility will be operational November 19 with front lobby office dispatch. He noted they will go live with the City of Yakima December 1. He promised an open house.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler called Council Members' attention to a report in the packet on youth sports over the past five years. He reported the Youth Center going incredibly well 25-30 kids per day and growing. He reported that the Youth Center's advisors are doing well.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported that next Monday and Tuesday the Hearing Examiner will hear the appeal of the South Selah Neighborhood, and Tuesday the Planning Commission will hear proposed amendments to Growth Management.

Mayor Jones announced there will only two more Council meetings this year because the second Council meeting in December falls on Christmas Day. He introduced Councilman-Elect John Tierney to students in the audience. He reported they've been planting trees by Lince and putting in the sprinkler system. He reported next spring several contractors and 20 volunteers will work to make the entrance to Crusher Canyon look like a park.

Councilman Scott Smeback noted an entrance to City should look pretty.

Mayor Jones declared a 5 minute recess to sign student slips and transition to Executive Session.

Q. Executive Session

1. Executive Session on Personnel

The Council entered Executive Session at 4:50pm. They moved back into regular session at 5:23pm.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Larson seconded to approve issuing employee longevity checks prior to Thanksgiving. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously

R. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer