

City of Selah
Council Minutes

November 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, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt,
Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Pete McNew

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex VanBeek, United Methodist Church, led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

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 and Study Session October 25, 2005
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- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 46260 – 46260 for a total of \$10,000, Claims check nos. 46261 – 46327 for a total of \$248,179.21, Claims check nos. 46328 – 46329 for a total of \$6,800 and Payroll check nos. 57269 – 57364 for a total of \$143,603.80.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as written. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Accepting the 2005 Street Maintenance Project Construction Contract as Complete and Authorizing the Close-Out of the Project and Release of Bond to Superior Paving Subject to Conditions

Public Works Director Joe Henne addressed Resolution M-1, noting street improvements are complete. He asked Council to accept the Resolution with the conditions included.

Mayor Jones praised the quality of the work done on the streets.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Accepting the 2005 Street Maintenance Project Construction Contract as Complete and Authorizing the Close-Out of the Project and Release of Bond to Superior Paving Subject to Conditions. Councilman Schmid seconded the motion. Roll was called: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Notify the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments of the City of Selah’s Intent To Continue Participation at the Specified Assessment

City Supervisor Frank Sweet addressed Resolution M-2, encouraging Council approval of continuation of participation in the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

Councilman Schmidt moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Notify the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments of the City of Selah’s Intent To Continue Participation at the Specified Assessment. Councilman Schmid seconded the motion. He noted Selah's assessment is only up 1.9%, and that YVCOG is working hard to remain within their budget. He explained that the City of Moxee's assessment went up 21.5% because of their growth in residential housing. Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selah and the City of Moxee Regarding City Attorney Services

City Attorney Bob Noe addressed Resolution M-3, explaining that the City of Moxee contracts with the City of Selah for city attorney services. He stated the proposed interlocal agreement includes a 10% increase in fees to be paid by Moxee. He stated if the item passes here, then it will go before the Moxee Council.

Councilman Kobes moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selah and the City of Moxee Regarding City Attorney Services. Councilman Larson seconded the motion.

Councilman Harris asked how much time the City Attorney spends for Moxee.

Bob Noe responded Moxee is very conservative in his use, he estimated only 15-20 hours this year.

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

4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a 2006 Correction/Detention Agreement with the Yakima County Department of Corrections

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez addressed Resolution M-4 and asked Council approval.

Councilman Schmidt moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a 2006 Correction/Detention Agreement with the Yakima County Department of Corrections. Councilman Kobes seconded the motion. Roll was called: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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 2006

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski spoke to Ordinance N-1 setting taxes to be levied on properties located within the City. He stated this is a 1% increase in property taxes (\$2.83 down 3 cents from the previous year).

Councilman Larson stated the reason the dollar amount has gone down 3 cents is because the valuation has increased. New construction is in addition to regular property tax.

Mr. Novobielski stated we've grown and property values have increased as well.

Councilman Schmid 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 2006. Councilman Larson seconded. Roll was called: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman Schmidt – 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 - September 2005
 - b. Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Report - 3rd Quarter 2005
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes of October 4, 2005 – Approved
 - d. Planning Commission Minutes of October 18, 2005 - Approved

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported attendance figures for the Teen Center and Skateboard Park. He stated they have been well attended primarily right after school. He thanked the Council for their support. He reported some use both facilities while others use only one. He stated the ages of participants range from 10/11 to 18.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported Council budget meetings will begin next Monday at 2:00pm.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing November 1 and will hold the next one November 12. He stated the next meeting would be November 15, and they may have another before the Comp Plans are transmitted to the City Council.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis reported the Fire Commissioners met last night and adopted their budget. He expressed appreciation for the City funds that provide support for the Fire Department.

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez reported he has arranged a tour of the Wapato jail next Monday at 11:00. He invited the Mayor and Council Members Schmid and Kobes as well as City Supervisor Sweet to tour the facility.

City Attorney Bob Noe thanked the Council for their thoughts and condolences on the death of his father. He reported the flowers arrived in Anchorage, and his brother took pictures of them, which were included in the funeral Friday in Tennessee.

Councilman Scott Smeback reminded the Council that it's been two years since skateboarding was eliminated Wixson Park. He noted it's nice to see the kids' work come to fruition. He said, "Hats off to the young men who made this happen."

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Hagler said the Skate Park is not finished yet.

Mayor Jones stated we could come up with a load of dirt for fill around the pad.

Councilman Brian Harris praised Selah sports and how well the teams are doing.

Councilman Herb Schmidt pointed out that the Police Department monthly report provided some interesting reading.

Councilman Kobes agreed with Councilman Smeback and mentioned Tom Smith who sponsored Skate Board Club. He suggested the Council should recognize the kids and sponsors for their success.

Councilman Allen Schmid asked Jeff Hagler to invite them back to a Council Meeting. He expressed his disappointment in the participation (or lack there of) at Planning Commission's Comp Plan Hearings. He stated he is interested in the way other communities have developed designs and standards for downtowns, multi-family units and single-family units. He said he would like to see the City proceed with something like this.

Community Planner Dennis Davison the Planning Commission didn't want to spend a lot of time doing research and developing proposals if the Council wasn't interested in doing it.

Councilman Herb Schmidt predicted the next public hearing will have 15-20 people attending.

Councilman Schmid stated it is important to do everything we can to inform the public.

Mr. Davison stated he advertised meetings on the City web site, mailed 8,000 flyers, put the message on City utility bills. He said some people called to ask what it was about, and we have had some hits on the website.

Councilman Schmid stated the past two months at every opportunity Dennis Davison has announced that these meetings would be happening. Those announcements have been carried on YPAC.

Mayor Jones reported he and Fire Chief Jerry Davis attended an Emergency Medical Services board meeting and worked on budget. He stated he is also on the Emergency Management Board. He praised Jim Hall's management, noting a \$360,000 budget paltry when put against the potential of an emergency like they had in New Orleans. He stated there will be a drill in the first part of December. Everybody has a backup.

Allen asked if the budget meeting tomorrow at 2:00 could be moved to 3:00. Mayor Jones stated the Mayor Pro Tem and City Supervisor could easily cover that meeting in his absence.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmidt moved and Council Member Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Gerald Kobes, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

(Excused)

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