

City of Selah  
Council Minutes

October 24, 2006

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

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; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Rick Gutierrez,  
Police Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison,  
Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Denise Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Doug Perkins led the group in the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

Geraldine Landowski, 1007 West Fremont, addressed the Council, representing 95 petitioners, residents of community, objecting to the body piercing of minors without parental consent. She stated the business that does this is a detriment to community. She asked the Council to revoke the business license of this business.

Mayor Jones asked her to let him know the name and address of the business.

Mrs. Landowski responded that the business is at 17 North 1<sup>st</sup> street, and is called Tranquil Spirit. She noted the owner is Lisa Egan.

2. Written

- a. Letter from Greg Copeland, Captain, Yakima Police Department

Mayor Jones remarked on the nice letter from Greg Copeland thanking Selah's Police department for their help.

- b. Participation Summaries Parks & Rec Annual Sports Programs

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler noted this report shows the growth of youth sports from 2002 to the present.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Smeback moved to add item M-6 to the Consent Agenda. Councilman Schmidt suggested adding M-2 and M-3. That was accepted as a friendly amendment. Councilman Keith Larson seconded. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilwoman Denise Nichols moved and Councilman Allen Schmid seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda.

By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting September 26, 2006
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 48457- 48546 for a total of \$161,774.60, and Payroll checks nos. 59556 – 59696 for a total of \$136,039.79.

J. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for the 2007 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski noted the law requires a Public Hearing on potential revenue sources. He stated the primary sources of revenue to Selah are sales and property taxes, which constitute 19 and 30% respectively, nearly 50% of funding for departments in the General Fund. He stated according to Dave Cook, County Assessor, the City's estimated revenues received from a property tax increase of 1% will be \$11,400 on a total levy of \$1,176,594. He stated the new construction component of that would be \$25,194, noting the estimated tax rate will be \$2.65 per thousand of assessed property valuation, a reduction of 21¢per thousand. He stated he estimates \$635,000 in sales tax will be received with the preliminary 2007 budget showing 84% going to the General Fund, 12% to streets, and the remaining 4% to the Civic Center. He said of the \$1,176,000 in estimated property taxes, 71% will go to the General

Fund with 19% to Fire Control and the remaining 10% to streets. In the Enterprise/utility funds, the recommendation is for a 4% water increase which (on the winter reads) would change the monthly fee from \$16.86 in 2006 to \$17.54 in 2007, a 6% sewer increase which would move from \$31.00 a month in 2006 to \$32.86 in 2007, and a 4% garbage increase, which would result in a 60-gallon toter going from \$10.92 in 2006 to \$11.36 in 2007, resulting in a total \$2.98 monthly increase over current rates based on a monthly residential winter water estimate usage.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing and invited speakers to come forward. He closed Public Hearing since no one came forward to speak.

Pastor Doug Perkins asked if the budget will be publicized.

Mayor Jones responded that all meetings are open, including Budget Meetings. He noted we're looking at major upgrades in the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

K. New Business

L. Old Business

1. Selection of Site for Skateboard Park

Jeff Hagler addressed L-1, stating he's been working on cost estimates. He referred to the information included in the Council packet, noting an estimate of \$7,900 for new concrete slab or \$16,800 for the new skateboard park. He stated without water fountain the cost would be \$4,200.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said that today the Council is looking at site selection, not budgetary amounts. That discussion will wait for budget meetings.

Jeff Hagler affirmed that he's looking for approval for the site. He called Council Members' attention to the report from Jason Brink at the Teen Center. He praised the successful skate competition held last weekend.

Mayor Jones praised Allen Schmid's work with the skateboarders.

Councilman Schmidt suggested putting a drinking fountain in when the park is built, rather than waiting.

Councilman Schmid said he thinks the Council needs to go into depth on cost issues, and, if possible, look at getting the park built now, using contingency funds or whatever might be available toward this purpose.

Mayor Jones stated he doesn't think we have time to pour the concrete before frost.

Councilman Larson asked if Councilman Schmid is looking at cost sharing with skateboarders' group.

Councilman Schmid said he'd like to look at the City's putting slab down and moving equipment over to the new site. He reviewed the fund-raising the skateboarders have done to improve the parks in the past, suggesting after the slab is down, the skaters could raise money for additional apparatus.

Mayor Jones said he has a problem with that when the City required Selah Little League to pay its own way.

Council Member Nichols reminded the Mayor that ball teams have revenue possibilities; they can charge fees and hold tournaments.

Mayor Jones said everyone in town pays a fee to participate in youth activities, but no fees are charged for skating.

Councilman Schmid disagreed, stating skaters have put \$10,000 of their money into the current park.

Councilman Smeback moved and Councilman Schmidt seconded to approve the site for skateboard park. 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. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Schmid stated he still wants to talk about money now.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated the Council knows there will be a possible cost of \$14,000, but has no real way of discussing where the money could come from.

Council Member Nichols stated she would like to discuss this issue as a part of consideration of the Parks & Recreation budget.

Councilman Overby suggested talking it over with Selah C.A.N.

Councilman Larson suggested discussing it during budget consideration.

Mayor Jones noted the Yakima Co. Swim Team Championships will be held here next summer, and we sorely need new lane ropes, which will cost approximately \$5,000.

## 2. Termination of Proposed Hagen Annexation

Dennis Davison addressed Item L-2, Termination of the Hagen Annexation, noting only one petition was returned, and it only represented 49% of the total assessed value. He noted Councilman Harris was going to go out to get signatures, but he hasn't heard back from him.

Frank Sweet stated Councilman Harris stated no one wanted to sign, and no one returned his phone calls.

Council Member Schmid moved to approve the Termination of the Hagen Annexation. Council Member 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. Motion passed unanimously.

## M. Resolutions

### 1. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Outside Utility Agreements for Schreiner, Faulkner and Lyons

Public Works Director Joe Henne addressed item M-1 stating as Yakima County plans to widen Selah Loop Road it needs to acquire right-of-way. The three parcels in question are located so that right-of-way would put set-back requirements for wells and septic into noncompliance. Yakima County will bear costs of an additional water line contingent upon Yakima County's securing signatures of these property owners.

Councilman Larson asked if sewer is a part of this proposal.

The Public Works Director responded it is not included.

Herb Schmidt asked if anyone having difficulty with current systems could tie in to this Outside Utility Agreement.

Joe Henne responded if someone has a health issue, there exists precedent for them to tie in. A question was raised as to whether Council Members have correct drafts of the resolution.

Mayor Jones suggested skipping this issue for the present, moving on to Item 4 and taking up consideration again after the Community Planner secures the correct copies.

Mayor Jones moved to Resolution M-4.

- \* 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a 2007 Advertising Contract between the City of Selah and the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau
- \* 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Municipality Tourism Promotion Management Contract between the City of Selah and the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau for the Period beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2010
- 4. Resolution Awarding the Contract for 2006 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements to Mountain States Construction Company and Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Contract Documents upon Preparation

HLA Engineer Ted Pooler addressed Item M-4 regarding the award of WWTP Improvement Project. He noted they advertised for bids in September and opened bids on Oct 17. He stated they received 7 bids with 11 contractors offering subcontracts for the work. Mountain States Construction Company's bid of \$4,417,614.83 was 5½% below the estimate. The bid included cleanup of an inert waste disposal area, but those costs came in ridiculously high, so he recommended not awarding that now. He referred to the Project Summary he handed out to Council Members, noting the Project includes additional storage area of 1,250 square feet and complete new electrical service, which will be done in stages. He noted that no matter what we do at the treatment plant, "the people upstream continue to flush."

He called Council Members' attention to Project Cost and Funding estimates at the bottom of page 2. He noted after this construction and with this and other projects in place, \$1.2 million will remain in the sewer reserve fund. He recommended awarding the bid to Mountain States and projected a timeline of ten months.

Mr. Pooler said the precon will be the week before Thanksgiving with a December 4 start date.

Council Member Schmid moved to approve the Resolution Awarding the Contract for 2006 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements to Mountain States Construction Company and Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Contract Documents upon Preparation. Council Member Nichols 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. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Jones asked Mr. Pooler about the timeline for Well 8.

He responded it is a construction project for 2007 in conjunction with Public Works Shop Plan. He said the first step would be to drill a well, do a pump test and then design a pumping facility. It may even go into 2008.

(Continuation of M-1)

Community Planner Dennis Davison passed around the correct version of Resolution M-1 as well as copies of the Irrevocable Property Covenant. Council Members took a few minutes to read the documents.

Council Member Schmidt moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Outside Utility Agreements for Schreiner, Faulkner and Lyons. Council Member 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. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution Adopting the Hearing Examiner's Conditions, Findings and Recommendations for the Preliminary Plat of Selah Business Park

Community Planner Dennis Davison addressed M-5, the Preliminary Plat of the Northpark Development. He reported a Public Hearing was held, but no one spoke for or against proposed subdivision. The Hearing Examiner recommended approval subject to conditions.

Council Member Smeback moved to approve the Resolution Adopting the Hearing Examiner's Conditions, Findings and Recommendations for the Preliminary Plat of Selah Business Park. Council Member 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. Motion passed unanimously.

\* 6. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Fire Communications Services Contract for the Years 2007 and 2008 with the Cities of Yakima and Union Gap, and Yakima County Fire Protection Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, and 14

N. Ordinances

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

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

- a. Police Department Monthly Report – September, 2006
- b. Selah Fire Department Hose Line 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2006

Councilman Herb Schmidt praised Chief Gutierrez' report. He stated the Crusher Canyon dedication was very well received; the project is a true reward to the community.

Councilman Paul Overby reported the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments approved its 2007 budget at a recent meeting, and Selah needs to decide to be a member and pay an assessment of \$5,507.

Councilman Overby moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to approve continuing membership in the Yakima valley Conference of Governments and to send a letter to the Executive Director indicating Selah's membership. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported a number of youth sports, particularly soccer, finished Saturday. He stressed the need to continue to think about soccer fields.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported he has submitted an application to the Water Conservancy Board for Well 8. He stated they have looked at sites. He thanked YPAC for showing up today for the Crusher Canyon opening. He noted the Transportation Improvement Board was pleased to see people show up.

Dennis Davison wished everyone a safe & happy Halloween.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis expressed his hope that everyone enjoyed his Hose Line publication.

Mayor Jones reported 5 cars have been stolen this month in Selah alone. He stated he has appointed a committee of Mayors and Chiefs to prioritize what we can do to solve this and other law enforcement problems. He thanked Huibregtse Louman for a wonderful job on Crusher Canyon with 8-foot sidewalks and lights last night. He noted we'll work on Selah Loop now and next Speyers. He praised TIB money, noting it is like a savings account for cities. He praised Public Works Director Joe Henne for his work securing money for projects.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmidt moved and Councilman Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.

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Robert L. Jones, Mayor

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Paul Overby, Council Member

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Denise Nichols, Council Member

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(Excused)

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Brian Harris, Council Member

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Herb Schmidt, Council Member

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Allen Schmid, Council Member

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Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer