

City of Selah
Council Minutes

October 25, 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 4:05pm.

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; 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 Kobes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Doug Perkins from the Selah Nazarene Church led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

The following items were added to the Agenda:

Correspondence G – 2 – a Yakima Transit September 2005 Report and Resolution M – 2 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the 2005 Advertising Contract with the Yakima Visitor and Convention Bureau

E. Public Appearances

Mayor Jones introduced Dave Edler and Neil McClure, members of the Yakima City Council.

Dave Edler stated they are visiting other cities and groups regarding a regional aquatic center, because the City of Yakima has had to close two pools in the last year. Mr. Edler said they want to sit down with representatives of other cities to talk about this issue.

Mr. McClure confirmed that they are looking for a first meeting of parties who might be interested. He cited Moses Lake, Ephrata and Pendleton as examples of aquatic centers.

Mayor Jones asked them to send him a schedule of meetings, stating he will appoint a committee to follow up on this.

Councilman Schmid suggested they contact the Selah Parks & Recreation Service Area Board who represent a larger taxing area than the City alone.

Mayor Jones called Alice Fielder forward from the audience, noting this is one of his favorite roles as Selah's Mayor. He presented her with a Community Pride Award for her work with the senior nutrition program. He stated that for the past eight years she has volunteered, setting up, serving and cleaning up after the senior lunches provided at the Civic Center. Her daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Bob Meade presented her with flowers. Members of the Council congratulated her. The Mayor praised the value of volunteerism to students in the audience.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Yakima Transit September 2005 Report

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 11, 2005
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 46178 - 46259 for a total of \$139,404.53 and Payroll check nos. 57115 – 57268 for a total of \$147,062.87.

Councilman Kobes moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to add Resolution M-2 to the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

J. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for the 2006 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski stated that by law the Council is required to hold a public hearing to discuss revenue sources. He stated estimated revenues for the operating fund are \$12,955,000, and of that \$4,140,000 is property taxes. The City is looking at a 1% increase in property taxes and new construction which is \$38,000 more than we had last year. He stated we also should receive \$120,000 in

public safety tax, \$100,000 of which will be allocated to the General Fund for two positions in the Police Department one existing officer and one office person. He stated the remaining \$20,000 will go to the Fire Department to help make up for revenue lost several years ago with I-695. He estimated sales tax revenues at \$605,000, water fund \$2,700,000, sewer fund at \$3,500,000 and garbage at \$570,000. He stated utility charges on water will increase by 8% and sewer by 6%, with no increase in garbage anticipated at this time.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted these estimates could change in the coming month.

Administrative Assistant Julie Gray encouraged the Mayor and Council to read a feature story in the Yakima-Herald Republic about the Clerk/Treasurer's son Kelly.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one rising to comment, he closed the Public Hearing.

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Awarding the Contract for Carlon Park Improvements to Stephens and Sons Construction, Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Contract Documents

Public Works Director Joe Henne addressed Resolution M-1 noting four bids were received for Carlon Park. He recommended the bid be awarded to Stephens and Sons.

Councilman Allen Schmid moved approval of the Resolution Awarding the Contract for Carlon Park Improvements to Stephens and Sons Construction, Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Contract Documents

Councilman Herb Schmidt noted it appears that this bid is \$200,000 over what the engineers estimated.

Mayor Jones stated the price of materials has gone up because of storms. Councilman Larson stated there was more excavating than projected.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet said the project includes some site improvements not originally expected.

Herb Schmidt assured those present he is not opposed to improving facilities, but wonders if this is the best bid that could be obtained.

Frank Sweet stated the staff discussed rebidding the project, but there is no guarantee that we'd have the bid come in this low.

Mayor Jones stated we have not seen the end of the impact of these major storms.

Councilman Kobes referred to the detail of site improvements. He 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 Sign the 2005 Advertising Contract with the Yakima Visitor and Convention Bureau

N. Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance Amending the 2005 Budget for Improvements to Skateboard Park

City Supervisor Frank Sweet addressed Ordinance N-1, noting it ratifies a prior action by the Council to provide financial support for the skate park. Mayor Jones noted the skate park is being well used.

Councilman Kobes moved approval of the Ordinance Amending the 2005 Budget for Improvements to Skateboard Park. Councilman Schmid 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. Wastewater Treatment Plant Quarterly Report – 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2005

Mayor Jones announced that City Attorney Bob Noe's father passed away today.

Community Planner Dennis Davison referred to information he handed to Council Members quoting the Code providing that more than one vehicle cannot be parked on property with a for sale sign. Councilman Kobes asked what if a vehicle is parked on property that is not theirs. Mr. Davison responded that the car could be towed.

Councilman Harris stated if the property is posted, the vehicle owner has to pay.

Councilman Schmid stated we're trying to encourage businesses in community, not those who go around business and/or zoning regulations.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported the delivery date for booster pump is sometime in the first half of November. He stated his department is getting ready for winter, and has done the final meter reading.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis said he found the firefighter ducks when he returned from vacation. He thanked any who had anything to do with that and promised to float them one of these days. He reported his department has put wildland engines to bed. He reported they had a save yesterday, a 54-year-old suffered cardiac arrest, and they brought her back to life.

Police Chief Gutierrez reported his department is getting ready for Halloween night and Whispers of Christmas.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported he is still working on the Comprehensive Parks Plan and will meet with the Parks & Rec Service Area Board November 2 at the Credit Union building. He stated in next month or so he will be bringing that plan to the Council for final approval.

Community Planner Dennis Davison reported the Planning Commission will hold its first meeting regarding the Comp Plans next Tuesday, November 1.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported he, the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer have completed meetings with department heads. He stated they are anticipating water and sewer increases and urged Council members to look through the budget because the current expense fund is out of balance in the amount of \$75,350. He stated these are difficult times with limitation of revenues. He stated everyone should be ready by November 7 to start meeting with the Council. He pledged that the City will continue to provide services to its citizens. He emphasized that we will not allow expenses to exceed revenues.

Councilman Harris stated his pleasure in seeing the bid for Carlon Park awarded to Yakima firm. He stated we should keep Pete McNew in our prayers, and he'd like to see flowers and card go to Pete and to Bob Noe.

Councilman Herb Schmidt stated his agreement with extending our feelings for a fellow Council Member and City Attorney, as well as his appreciation for Council support for V&C advertising. He stated we can anticipate a new look to their publication.

Councilman Kobes thanked Supervisor Frank Sweet for the WWTP Report and stated he would like to see how we're doing relative to limits.

Councilman Schmid reported he attended the YVCOG meeting last week and that they approved the budget for next year. Selah's increase of 1/6% assessment. He compared that increase to Moxee's. He praised the group for their effectiveness.

Mayor Jones reported the towns in the Lower Valley were upset that \$1.2million stayed north of Union Gap. He suggested there should be more diversity on that board in future years. Councilman Schmid stated the Executive Board of COG still has to approve it. The Mayor further reported he, Jim Morrison and Chuck Lantz planted 30 dogwood trees on North Wenas. He stated that earlier this fall he judged a menudo contest, and Saturday he judged a tamale cook-off. He said it was interesting, and they were very good. He reported Wapato holds a festival around Labor Day and now has this one at this time of year.

Councilman Schmid reported he has had several people comment about cleaning up between Goodlander and Harrison Road (County) North Wenas. He asked if someone could get hold of the County to clean that up.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Kobes seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.

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