

**City of Selah  
Council Minutes**

**October 26, 2004**

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

**A. Call to Order** Mayor Pro Tem Allen Schmid 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: Bob Noe, City Attorney; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Jerry Kobes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom Smith led the group in prayer. Roll was called.

**D. Agenda Changes**

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid announced two Agenda Changes: G-2-b Written Correspondence a Resolution from the Selah Library Board and J - 1 a Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for the 2005 Budget.

**E. Public Appearances**

**F. Getting To Know Our Businesses**

**G. Communications**

1. Oral

Tom Smith, 6910 Columbus St. Yakima 98902, reported the skateboard group will host a November 12 dance for the benefit of the skateboard park. He stated they have been looking at an alternate site possibility with Selah School District.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid thanked Mr. Smith for keeping the Council up-dated on the group's activities.

Mr. Smith stated the parent base has expanded; in fact, one parent sponsor has raised \$200 on her own.

Jennifer Thomas, 804 West 5th Avenue, Selah, addressed the Council, identifying herself as the author of a letter Council Members received. She asked for an explanation of the reasoning behind a request of a list of the contents of Selah Library.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet responded the request was made because the City wants to know what books and materials are in the Library.

Mrs. Thomas asked if that was because the City wants to find out what it will lose if it does not annex into the YVRL.

Mr. Sweet stated the Library has never documented the materials and books in our Library and assured Mrs. Thomas that the Library would not close.

Mrs. Thomas asked if the information was thought to be helpful if the City were to run a private Library.

Mr. Sweet acknowledged it would be.

She stated her opinion that the only materials that would belong to the City in such a case would be what belonged to them in 1977 when the original contract was signed.

The City Supervisor invited her to attend the study session, which will be held in advance of the next Council Meeting.

2. Written
  - a. Letter from Jon Mulvenon, Cascade Natural Gas
  - b. Resolution from the Selah Library Board

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid noted the next item is a letter from Jon Mulvenon of Cascade Natural Gas. He invited Mr. Mulvenon to address the Council.

Jon Mulvenon, 3504 Marks Rd., Yakima, stated the CEO and President of Cascade Natural Gas is resigning to take a position with the Board of Directors. He stated the selection process will take three to nine months. He acknowledged the presence of Cascade Manager Sheila Ross.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid stated the City appreciates Cascade's contributions to the City of Selah.

## **H. Proclamations/Announcements**

### **I. Consent Agenda**

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

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2004
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 44053 44125 for a total of \$119,275.12 and Payroll check nos. 54640 – 54794 for a total of \$131,176.87.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid introduced the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Kobes proposed adding M-1 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign the Yakima County Fire Protection Districts and Cities Mutual Aid Agreement. Councilman Smeback seconded.

Councilman McNew proposed adding N-1 Ordinance of the City of Selah Adopting by Reference the Attached Building Fee, Inspection Fee, and Fire Fee Schedule; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date. Councilman Larson seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid read the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilman Schmidt proposed adding N-2 Ordinance Amending Section 8.70.020 of the Selah Municipal Code, "Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets"; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date. Without objection, that item was added.

Councilman Larson and Councilman Smeback seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid announced a Study Session to be held at 3:00pm November 9 where the Library Board Resolution will be considered. He moved to item J – 1.

**J. Public Hearings**

1. Public Hearing on Revenue Sources for the 2005 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski stated he has drafted a preliminary budget for 2005 and he, the Mayor and City Supervisor will meet with Department Heads beginning next week. Currently estimated revenues for 2005 are slightly more than \$9,770,000. He stated revenues include a 1% increase in property taxes plus allowance for new construction. He stated they will also be looking at utility rate structures during the budget process.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid called for comments. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing.

**K. New Business**

**L. Old Business**

**M. Resolutions**

- \* 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign the Yakima County Fire Protection Districts and Cities Mutual Aid Agreement

**N. Ordinances**

- \* 1. Ordinance of the City of Selah Adopting by Reference the Attached Building Fee, Inspection Fee, and Fire Fee Schedule; Providing for Severability; and Establishing an Effective Date
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## **O. Communications**

### **1. Oral**

Jerry Henry, 81 Taylor Loop, Selah, stated he was happy to be here to update the Council on Selah Community Days float activities, to thank the Council for their support and to present the program for 2005. He introduced Miss Selah Jennylyn Aganda and Little Miss Selah Meghan Lunning. Little Miss Selah presented the Council with a framed print of the Selah Community Days 2004 logo with the following message:

Wow! What a year! – 19 parades so far, 15 of them judged – 18 awards won (1 double, 1 triple) – 8 of them the top award given - all are first place or better. Thanks for your support. Signed Jerry & Gerry  
Henry Selah Float 10/26/04

to the Mayor Pro Tem. Meghan Lunning and Jennylyn Aganda handed out award list to Council Members and staff.

Mr. Henry stated the trophies are in the Old Fire Hall across the street from City Hall. He stated this year's float was in honor of the men and women of 737<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company Medium Truck Patrol Yakima Training Center. He stated the families of that unit have asked the committee to keep the float together until February when they hope the unit will be home. Mr. Henry said the unit may or may not be home by then, but they will keep it through February and then plan to modify the float with two eagles. A large ribbon saying "God Bless America" will be raised to the top of the float. He stated he would like to get council approval of the proposed design.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid stated he can't say enough for what Jerry and Gerry do on the float. He thanked the Henrys for bringing "helpers" Jennylyn and Meghan along with them today.

Councilman Kobes asked if there was any objection to showing "God Bless America" on the float.

No objection was voiced. The Councilmen voiced their support for the 2005 theme.

## **P. Reports/Announcements**

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
  - a. Fire Department Quarterly Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2004
  - b. Police Department Monthly Report – September 2004

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported Public Works is getting equipment ready for winter and winterizing water meters. He reported next week will be fall clean-up. The pre-construction conference with MRM on the new reservoir will be held Friday, October 29.

Parks & Recreation Director, Jeff Hagler reported that fall soccer is finished and basketball registration will begin soon. He stated he is pleased that the Parks and Recreation Service Area Board plans to meet at least quarterly and is looking at developing long range plans for Parks and Recreation.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported preliminary budget will be available tomorrow in mailboxes. He stated everything appears to be in good fiscal shape. He reported he had an initial meeting with the unions and hopes for quick bargaining sessions.

Councilman Keith Larson reported that he and Councilman Smeback serve on the Parks & Rec Service Area Board, and he is excited about where that group is going, noting the pool got the "cart before the horse" with that group and now they appear to be on the right track.

Councilman Brian Harris reminded Council Members and staff to vote. He stated the Little League auction will be held at the Civic Center this Friday.

Councilman Kobes thanked Jennylyn and Meghan for all of their early mornings and all of the work they have done in their roles as Miss Selah and Little Miss Selah.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid stated his appreciation for the help he has received while Mayor Jones has been gone and for this short Agenda. He invited Council Members to go to Civic Center to see the work that has been done there. He stated he is also working with Cassie to gather data on what's available and then he will work with V&C to schedule groups they can't help at the Yakima Visitor & Convention Center.

**Q. Executive Session**

**R. Adjournment**

Council Member Kobes moved and Council Member McNew seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.

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Allen Schmid, Mayor Pro Tem

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Gerald Kobes, Council Member

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Peter McNew, Council Member

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Brian Harris, Council Member

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Herb Schmidt, Council Member

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Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

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Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer