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**City of Selah
Council Minutes**

September 13, 2005

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

A. Call to Order Mayor Pro Tem Schmid called the meeting to order at 4:11pm.

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 Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Doug Perkins of the Selah Nazarene Church led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

On the Consent Agenda, Resolution M – 2 was changed to read as follows: Resolution Awarding the Contract for North Park Drive Improvements to Superior Paving Company, Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign Contract Documents

E. Public Appearances

Mayor Pro Tem Allen Schmid presented the Community Pride Award to Wyss Logging, Jeff and Clarence Wyss, for demolition of Carlon Park buildings, removal of asphalt and other materials and payment for all labor, machinery and dump fees for a savings of \$7,500 to the City of Selah. He praised their generosity and its benefit to the Greater Yakima Girls' Softball Association and the City of Selah in the Carlon Park renovation.

Mr. Clarence Wyss accepted the award, stating that two of his granddaughters have played ball at Carlon Park for years. He stated when Bill Harris called him to help, he figured this would be a good way to pay back for what they have gained.

Molly Johnston presented a plaque in honor of her father E. R. "Mickey" McGuire who served as Chief of Police in Selah from February 14, 1949 to January 1, 1973. Chief McGuire earned the honor of being

the longest reigning Chief in the State of Washington. Police Chief Rick Gutierrez accepted the plaque, which will be displayed at the Police Station.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral
2. Written
 - a. Yakima Transit Information & Monthly Report for July

The Mayor Pro Tem noted a ridership of over 3000 from Selah on Yakima Transit in July.

Councilman Kobes stated it will be interesting to see how that is impacted by school being in session.

- b. Letter from Charter Communications Regarding Program Changes

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 August 9, 2005
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 45842 – 45922 for a total of \$122,729.58, Claims check nos. 45923 – 46033 for a total of \$396,688.38, Payroll check nos. 56746 – 56846 for a total of \$116,492.80, Payroll check nos. 56847 - 56956 for a total of \$150,836.10 and Payroll check nos. 56957 – 57030 for a total of \$105,119.38.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid read the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Kobes proposed adding Item M-5 to the Consent Agenda. Without objection, that item was added.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Smeback seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilman Harris declared his relationship to Bill Harris and asked if anyone objected to his voting on the Consent Agenda. There was no objection. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

1. Resolution Approving “Southern Estates” Preliminary Plat with Ten Conditions and Adopting the Findings of Fact

City Attorney Bob Noe explained that the Council held their own Public Hearing and approved the Preliminary Plat of "Southern Estates" at the last Council meeting and directed staff to prepare Findings including the attachment of ten conditions on Southern Estates.

Community Planner Dennis Davison recommended adoption of the Findings of Facts.

City Attorney Noe stated the adoption of this Resolution and these Findings today constitutes the Council's written decision, triggering a 21-day appeal period with Superior Court.

Councilman Larson moved approval of the Resolution Approving “Southern Estates” Preliminary Plat with Ten Conditions and Adopting the Findings of Fact. Councilman Kobes seconded. Roll was called: Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- * 2. Resolution Awarding the Contract for North Park Drive Improvements to Superior Paving Company, Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Contract Documents upon Preparation and Ratifying the Mayor’s Previous Signature
- * 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign an Access and Utility Easement for a Portion of Parcel 181302-2202 on Heritage Hills Loop to Billy D. and Laura A. Harris and To Accept a Quit Claim Deed for a Portion of Parcel 181302-22405 from Billy D. and Laura A. Harris
- * 4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Task Assignment and Administrative Authority Letter with the WSDOT for Crusher Canyon Road Improvements and Ratifying the Mayor’s Previous Signature
- * 5. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem To Sign a Contract with Pacific Power To Upgrade Electrical Services for Booster Pump at Brader Reservoir

N. Ordinances

- * 1. Ordinance Amending the 2005 Budget for Repairs to the City Motor Grader
- 2. Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 Zoning Map Amendment No. 2005-01 (Southern Estates Planned Development)

Community Planner Dennis Davison stated this ordinance amends the zoning map to change the Southern Avenue property known as Southern Estates from R-3 to Planned Development (PD). He stated this also has a 21-day period for appeal.

Councilman Smeback moved approval of the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1634 § 15 Zoning Map Amendment No. 2005-01 (Southern Estates Planned Development). Councilman Schmidt seconded. Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – 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. Building Inspection/Code Enforcement Report – 2nd Quarter 2005
 - b. Police Department Monthly Report – July 2005

Community Planner Dennis Davison noted the Draft Urban Growth Management books are before Council Members. He stated the Planning Commission will commence reviewing it informally at their next meeting September 20 and will schedule Public Hearings, making copies available at the local library and Yakima library. He stated he didn't know if an electronic version is available which could be put on the City's website, but he will pursue that. He stated once the Planning Commission has held its hearing and recommended changes, it will come to the Council with the Planning Commission recommendations.

The Mayor Pro Tem asked the timeline.

The Community Planner responded that Council Hearing will be held in late October/early November. The Planning Commission will hold their hearing(s) in October.

Councilman Schmidt asked how the community will be alerted to this process.

Mr. Davison responded notices will be in the local newspaper, announcements on local station, printed on utility bills.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated the people in the southern part of town who've indicated their interest will be notified directly. Councilman Schmidt suggested posting notices at local churches, post office, etc. The City Supervisor asked if the information will be included in the *Selah Signals*. Administrative Assistant Julie Gray responded that it will be included if the information is provided.

Councilman Jerry Kobes suggested the possibility of a Town Hall meeting.

The Community Planner stated the Council will have a short study session next meeting.

The Mayor Pro Tem advised Council Members to go through the materials now and get any concerns they have to the Planner before the Planning Commission meets.

Frank Sweet suggested the City should also notify developers in the area and get a copy of the notebook to Steve Kruger at Training Center.

Councilman Kobes stated land use is area of major concern.

Councilman Smeback noted this is designed to be reviewed every year. Mr. Davison stated if someone has a suggested change it can be submitted any time during the year, and the Planning Commission and Council will consider it during the review period.

Public Works Director Joe Henne reported the buildings and asphalt are gone at Carlon Park. He reported the street overlays are completed and they're working to berm street edges to control stormwater run-off. He stated they're working with landowners and agencies on the pumping to the new reservoir, and it's taking lots of time. The completion date should be by the end of the year.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported the Skateboard Park is moving forward, and they will pour concrete this Friday. Portable ramps and rails will then be installed the following Friday and the Skateboard Park will open Saturday September 24. He reported 600 kids have signed up for Soccer, and the fields are lined out at Lince School. The Teen Center is up and running. Sarah Holm is new Americorps staff.

Fire Chief Jerry Davis reported the mutual aid with Yakima Training Center saved the City \$10,000 in helicopter water drops on Labor Day weekend alone. He described it as a good situation. He reported his department received another FEMA grant to upgrade vehicle diesel exhaust systems. He thanked the City Supervisor and Mayor for approving his grant review participation, noting it has made a great difference in the City's receipt of grants. He stated emergency preparedness has increased emphasis in light of Katrina. He spoke to the need for mutual agreements with other fire departments in the Valley as well as with the Yakima Training Center.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported there have been major renovations at Civic Center, and Vern Larson now wants to renovate the dining room at Civic Center. He asked the Council to allocate up to \$10,000 for that project.

The Mayor Pro Tem asked if that would include wiring in kitchen. The City Supervisor stated his understanding is that this would "finish off" the renovations.

Councilman Schmidt moved to allow up to \$10,000 from General Fund for the completion of the Civic Center renovation project. Councilman Scott Smeback seconded. Roll was called. Councilman Smeback – yes; Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes; Councilman Harris – yes. Vote carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmid encouraged all present to visit the Civic Center to see renovations.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet noted high school students have helped to renovate the Civic Center through Community Service.

Councilman Smeback thanked the Wyss family again for helping with the Carlon Park project, noting it's a good example of giving back to the sports their family members have enjoyed by sharing materials and/or time.

Councilman Harris reported there will be a Katrina yard sale, recommending it as a good way to help out by either donating items or buying them. He noted it's amazing how much we use the Civic Center.

Councilman Schmidt commented on overlays throughout the City. He stated he has heard many positive comments from citizens.

Councilman Kobes asked about National Night out. Chief Gutierrez reported it was held August 3.

The Mayor Pro Tem stated the weather held for the event this year.

Chief Gutierrez stated in the past they have worked to have block parties, but that hasn't worked out as well as the community gathering in the Park. He reported the biggest crime problem recently has been gas theft, and he recommended investing in locking gas caps.

The Mayor Pro Tem also thanked the Wyss family, noting their donation supports the idea that we were going out to the community for support for the Park project. He reported the Mayor is in Montana now. He stated all of our hearts go out to people in Mississippi and Alabama as well as New Orleans.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported the Mountain States Construction sign is at the site of Selah Fitness. He stated the Council and Mayor are to be commended for putting the money away to pay for street repair.

The Mayor Pro Tem praised Public Works for weed control.

The Public Works Director reported he contacted Superior Asphalt who accepted the asphalt from Carlon Park for free, and that they will recycle it.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Kobes moved and Council Member Schmidt seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.

(Excused)
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, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer