

City of Selah
Council Minutes

September 26, 2006

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

Prior to starting the meeting, the Mayor and Council Members went across the street to tour the Custom Tile Works building.

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brian Harris, Keith Larson, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt, Scott Smeback

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Gary Hanna, Deputy Fire Chief; Stacy Dwarshius, Police Sergeant; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Herb Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek led the group in prayer.

Councilman Schmidt introduced Rod Adone, new reporter for Yakima Herald.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Minutes – Selah C.A.N. Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 20, 2006

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Allen Schmid moved to include Items M-1 and M-2 on the Consent Agenda. Keith Larson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Administrative Assistant noted two corrections that have been made in the Minutes of September 12, 2006.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

Councilman Keith Larson moved and Scott Smeback seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as read. 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 12, 2006
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims check nos. 48199 – 48370 for a total of \$93,354.51 and Payroll checks nos. 59401 - 59470 plus 956811 and 959354 for a total of \$104,114.56.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Change Order Number 1 for the Crusher Canyon Road Improvement Project
- * 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign Change Order Number 2 for the Crusher Canyon Road Improvement Project
- * 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Interlocal Probation Services Agreement Between the City of Selah and Yakima County

N. Ordinances

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor
- 2. Council Members
- 3. Boards

4. Departmental

Deputy Fire Chief Gary Hanna reported there was a fire on North Wenas last week. He noted he is glad to see brush fire season going away.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler called Council Members' attention to the minutes from Selah C.A.N. Board meeting. He noted the recommendation to City Council on the future location of a skateboard park.

Mayor Jones stated in his opinion the best site is down by the tennis courts, where it could be fenced and definite hours set.

Jeff Hagler stated with the agreement to use the Pepsi Pak bus, he has been working on additional activities for "active adult" trips. He handed out flyer with additional activities.

Herb Schmidt stated he wanted to go back to skateboard issue to draw to the Council's attention the concern of a skateboarder coming down the hill into Crusher Canyon. Mayor Jones told of a bicycle coming down the hill the other night.

Jeff Hagler said he is trying to encourage kids to skate at the skateboard park, and response to the new equipment is positive.

Allen Schmid stated he doesn't think skateboards are going to be the only problem with Crusher Canyon, bikes will likely be a problem as well.

Public Works Director Joe Henne introduced Roy Brons, the new Code Enforcement Officer. Council Members welcomed him.

Mr. Henne reported they have finished the paving on Lookout Point Road. Crusher Canyon road will be striped Thursday, and on October 4, it will be hydroseeded. He stated he will bring an ordinance to the next Council Meeting requesting to increase speed limit to 30 mph.

Herb Schmidt asked if there will be further signage.

Mr. Henne stated they have purchased solar beacons (flashing lights), which will be activated as soon as a person from Yakima is comes to help us program them. He further reported the Transaction Committee will have a fair booth, and he will be there promoting transportation on Wednesday night.

City Supervisor Frank Sweet called Council Members' attention to a letter from the Department of Ecology praising Wastewater Treatment lab. He noted Councilman Overby brought up the idea of a community forum. He stated on the first Wednesdays of the month, the Civic Center calendar is open, and Council committees could schedule forums then.

Councilman Overby stated he likes the idea of doing that. He moved to accept the community forum to be held the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Center. Councilman Schmid seconded, and moved to amend to except the month of January. Paul set he didn't want these "set in stone. Allen removed his amendment. By voice vote, motion carried.

Frank Sweet asked if the Council is ready to go ahead with skate park site.

Paul Overby stated the recommended site is pretty much unanimous on the part of the C.A.N. Board.

Mayor Jones said he would like to give it a year at the present site.

Councilman Schmid stated the School Board wants the skateboard park out of its current site at the end of the contract term in April, 2007.

Denise Nichols stated she would like to see dimensions and details of the proposed park.

Frank Sweet said it would be removed from School District property and put on City property.

Mayor Jones said we'd need to plan for a crane to move the heavy ramps.

Brian Harris stated the reason the original skate park demolished was because of a problem between skaters and ball players.

Mayor Jones said basically it was because of the foul balls.

Paul Overby suggested tabling the skateboard park until next meeting.

Allen Schmid stated that on April 1 the school district will shut down the present park. He stated we need to determine timelines because there are sometimes 30+ kids down there skating, and 50-60 kids regularly use that facility. He noted with the Teen Center open now, the decorum has improved; kids are taking more ownership in facility and are excited about the new ramps. He reported the day after the ramps went in, 3 carloads of kids from Yakima came out to see the new equipment and try it out. He stated we need to make decisions in a timely fashion. He stated this is a good site with restrooms within half a block. The Legion people don't have any problem with it going there. It is very visible. He stated we can shut the skateboard park or the tennis court down if need be. He praised Kim and Jason for their work with kids at the Teen Center. He reported they now have Internet hooked up, and kids can use it after they and their parents have signed use agreements. He noted the Internet is filtered.

Frank Sweet stated we will bring this issue back to next Council Meeting with cost estimates, actual footages, etc.

Mayor Jones stated again the he does not believe in rewarding bad behavior. He said the City is challenged to accommodate kids' athletic activities.

Herb Schmidt reported Kirsten Danielson is the new marketing director at the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau. He stated a Study Session will be held at Visitor's Center at 3:00 before the October 10 Council Meeting. He stated the \$8,500 annually goes to the Visitor Center and the annual publication.

Councilman Schmid suggested holding the Study Session earlier than 3:00.

Mayor Jones stated the Council will meet for its Study Session at 2:30 at the Visitor Center prior to the October 10 Council Meeting.

Herb Schmidt stated he has been doing some volunteer work at Visitor Center, and an unbelievable number of people go through there.

Mayor Jones explained to students in the audience what happened with the Consent Agenda and the passage of the Change Orders.

The Council, staff and audience sang Happy Birthday to Councilman Larson.

Q. Executive Session

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved and Council Member Schmidt seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

Scott Smeback, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer