

**City of Selah  
Council Minutes  
of  
September 9, 2003**

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

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

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Jerry Kobes, Keith Larson, Pete McNew, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt, Scott Smeback

Members Excused: Ron Deatherage

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner, Jeff Hagler, Parks & Rec Director; John Gawlik, Code Enforcement/Building Inspection Officer; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman McNew led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Steve Lyons led the group in prayer.

**D. Agenda Changes**

Mayor Jones noted the addition of Item N – 3 Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington Adopting a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Business License Applications and Development Permits and Approvals Relating to Adult Entertainment, Adult Services, and Adult Retail Businesses and Land Uses; Providing for Severability; Declaring an Emergency; and, Establishing an Effective Date and Item Q – 2 10 Minute Executive Session – Personnel.

**E. Public Appearances**

1. Community Pride Awards – Helen Wilson Evans

Mayor Jones called Helen Wilson Evans forward. He noted that Helen was his first employee when he moved to Selah years ago. He stated he appointed Helen to the Planning Commission and she eventually took over the Chair. He praised the work she performed for that commission and for the City and presented her with a Community Pride Award for her dedicated service.

2. Community Pride Award – Jacquie Catron

Mayor Jones stated there are many times City officials send out letters to tell people to clean up their property, and cited a particular home on West Orchard that has been an eyesore for years. He stated that Ms. Catron's renovation of that house has turned it into a "story book." He presented her with a community Pride Award for her hard work in remodeling and beautification of property at 902 West Orchard.

**F. Getting To Know Our Businesses**

**G. Communications**

1. Oral
2. Written
  - a. Letter from Robert Perales, Chief of Police, City of Grandview

At the Mayor's request, Police Chief Rick Gutierrez read the letter from Chief Perales, which thanked the Selah Police Department for their assistance during Grandview's special events.

Mayor Jones noted this kind of cooperation saves the taxpayers money. Councilman Schmid noted this is a good example of the way relationships are changing in the Valley.

- b. Letter from Kathy Coffey, President/CEO Yakima Visitors & Convention Bureau

Mayor Jones noted the Council toured the new Yakima Visitors facility during the study session and there will be an item later on the Agenda dealing with that topic.

**H. Proclamations/Announcements**

**I. Consent Agenda**

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

- \* 1. Approval of Minutes: August 26, 2003
- \* 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll – Claims check nos. 41580 - 41658 for a total of \$125,878.08, and Payroll checks nos. 51876 - 51978 for a total of \$127,537.27.

Councilman Kobes moved Item N - 2 Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for Emergency Rehab of Well No. 6 be added to the Consent Agenda. Councilman Schmidt seconded. By voice vote, the motion to amend the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

Mayor Jones welcomed high school students to the Council Meeting and urged them to ask questions.

**J. Public Hearings**

**K. New Business**

1. Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau Proposal

Anne Moneymaker, Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau Project Manager, and Gary George, Board Member of the Yakima Valley Visitors & Convention Bureau and chairperson for sports activities, addressed the Council.

Mr. George urged the City of Selah to become a partner of the Bureau. He stated that tourism is the fourth largest industry in the State of Washington, bringing the Valley some \$17 million annually. He stated he would like to Selah join with other communities in the Valley to have its name displayed at the Center. He enumerated three plans/levels of partnership and discussed their differences.

Ms. Moneymaker offered to entertain questions. Councilman McNew asked about other communities who have committed to participation. Ms. Moneymaker cited the City of Prosser, the City of Zillah, the City of Union Gap, and the Town of Naches as participants.

Mr. George noted that residents of the West Side have more than 4,000 hits a day on the web site. Ms. Moneymaker stated that 80% of visitors in Yakima County are from the Puget Sound region.

Councilman Schmidt noted that cooperation among the governmental entities in the Yakima Valley is reflected in the display board at the Visitors Center. He asked when a City's displays would begin after entering into a "partnership." Ms. Moneymaker responded that production would begin immediately upon the City having its artwork ready for display.

Councilman Kobes asked whether businesses interested in promotion through the Visitor Center could tag on to a Chamber Partnership or participate individually. Ms. Moneymaker stated the Chamber or business would participate separately.

Mayor Jones noted his skepticism at the beginning of the Visitor Center project and his pleasure at the successful result. He praised the job done by all of those connected with building the new center.

Councilman Allen Schmid moved approval of a three-year partnership for \$6,000.00 per year. Councilman Larson seconded. Councilman Schmid noted the time has come to reach out to work with other communities and organizations to make the Valley a better place.

Roll was taken. Councilman Smeback – yes, Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Moneymaker and Mr. George thanked the Council.

## **L. Old Business**

### **1. Crusher Canyon Road Improvements, Phase II - Funding Application**

Public Works Director Joe Henne stated this item is a follow-up to the discussion in the Crusher Canyon Study Session at the previous meeting. He stated the request for \$1,458,175 will go to the Transportation Improvement Board; they should meet about November 20; and he should hear before that if the prospects look good for approval.

### **2. Chaz Hanna Complaint – Follow-up**

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated he promised at the previous Council Meeting that he would provide a documentation on Mr. Hanna's complaint. He noted it should be evident from the materials that there was no "targeting" of Mr. Hanna or anyone else.

**M. Resolutions**

**N. Ordinances**

1. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase of a Fire Department E-One Pumper

Fire Chief Jerry Davis passed around pictures of a truck in Dundee, OR which is similar to the one his Department wants to purchase. He reported that the Fire Commission met the previous evening and approved purchase of one truck, and he is requesting the City purchase the other one.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for the Purchase of a Fire Department E-One Pumper. Roll was taken. Councilman Smeback – yes, Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- \* 2. Ordinance Amending the 2003 Budget for Emergency Rehab of Well No. 6
3. Ordinance of the City of Selah, Washington Adopting a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Business License Applications and Development Permits and Approvals Relating to Adult Entertainment, Adult Services, and Adult Retail Businesses and Land Uses; Providing for Severability; Declaring an Emergency; and, Establishing an Effective Date

City Supervisor Frank Sweet stated City Attorney Bob Noe identified this as an area where the City Codes need additional work. He recommended adoption of this moratorium, including a public hearing in 60 days and eventually development of clear rules governing items relative to adult services.

Councilman Herb Schmidt moved and councilman Scott Smeback seconded to approve the Ordinance of Adopting a Moratorium on the Acceptance of Business License Applications and Development Permits and Approvals Relating to Adult Entertainment, Adult Services, and Adult Retail Businesses and Land Uses; Providing for Severability; Declaring an Emergency; and, Establishing an Effective Date. Roll was taken. Councilman Smeback – yes, Councilman Schmidt – yes; Councilman Schmid – yes; Councilman McNew – yes; Councilman Larson – yes; Councilman Kobes – yes. Motion carried unanimously

**O. Communications**

1. Oral

**P. Reports/Announcements**

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental
  - a. Police Department Monthly Report – July 2003
  - b. Municipal Court Monthly Report – August 2003
  - c. Planning Commission Minutes – August 5, 2003 - Approved

Councilman Kobes praised Fire Chief Jerry Davis for his foresight in buying new pumper trucks through an agreement with the City of Granger. He noted a great deal of money was also saved by not purchasing a ladder truck. Chief Davis noted the City of Yakima has a ladder truck and is willing to work with Selah as long as Selah works with them on north Yakima fires. He noted Selah is located much closer to other cities and sharing opportunities.

Councilman Schmid asked Chief Gutierrez about the problem of vehicle prowls. Chief Gutierrez responded that two individuals were recently arrested who were shown to have perpetrated the majority of those crimes in Selah.

Councilman Smeback noted the drop in crime rate seemed correlated with increased use of reserve officers.

City Supervisor Sweet stated that the Council needs to decide when to have the first meeting in November, since the regular meeting date (November 11) falls on Veterans Day. It was the consensus of the group to meet on Monday, November 10.

Chief Davis thanked the Council for their support and their willingness to work with the Fire District.

Police Chief Gutierrez reported he met the new Yakima Police Chief today and predicted he will do well.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported more kids than ever before signed up for soccer this fall, 430 kids first-sixth grade. He noted his department is scrambling for youth coaches.

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski reported he is in the process of preparing budget materials for the 2004 budget and giving them to Department Heads. He stated that State Auditors are on site, auditing the 2001 and 2002 books. He noted the audit cost is \$17,000.

John Gawlik thanked Councilman Smeback for his positive comments about the Reserve Police Officers' efforts. He noted the scooters have logged fourteen hundred miles here in the City as well as traveling to other cities.

Mayor Jones reported having attended an Emergency Management meeting yesterday. He showed Council Members the draft Emergency Management Book. He noted Selah is one of the few cities that ever logged an EOC. He stated Emergency Management is at 54% of their budget. He noted there are two lights out at Wixson Park and asked Joe Henne to follow up on it.

Mayor Jones declared a five-minute recess after which the Council will reconvene in Executive Session

**Q. Executive Session**

1. 15 Minute Executive Session – Potential Litigation
2. 10 Minute Session – Personnel

Council moved out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at 5:23pm.

Councilman Schmid moved and Councilman Kobes seconded to accept the resignation of Ron Deatherage from the Council. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**R. Adjournment**

Council Member Schmidt moved and Council Member Kobes seconded that the meeting be adjourned. With voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.

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Robert L. Jones, Mayor

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Ronald Deatherage, Council Member

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Keith Larson, Council Member

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Gerald Kobes, Council Member

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Peter McNew, 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