

December 5, 2006

Steilacoom Town Council Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

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Mayor Lucas called the regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

In attendance were Mayor Lucas, Council members Aboubakr, Davidson, Judson, Marcantonio and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Works Director Lincoln, Town Planner Fortner and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Yes: All

Councilman Judson moved and Councilman Davidson seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

- 1. Minutes of November 7, 2006**
- 2. Payroll Checks #41169-41186 in the amount of \$152,418.88 and Payroll Checks #41187-41206 in the amount of \$115,889.93.**
- 3. Claims Checks #59596-59670 in the amount of \$73,602.71 and Claims Checks #59674-59727 in the amount of \$149,674.64.**
- 4. Custodial Contract Renewal (AB 2016)**
- 5. Public Safety Confidential Fund (AB 2018) Resolution #1066**

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

Lisa Breitinger, of 103 Montgomery Street, appreciates all the hard work from The Town Public Works and Public Safety staff on a daily basis year after year.

Kevin Callanan, of 1114 First Street, thanked office staff and crews for being there when called, working well as a community, and always going above and beyond during storms.

Otto Rasmussen, of 415 Gove and 315 Gove Street, thanked the crew, Brenda and management for all their superior help during our recent storms.

Bo Beauchamp, 1814 Commercial Street, being a town resident for 27 years, recognized that without our police, EMTs, firemen, town crews and administration the Town would not function smoothly.

Scott Babbit, 209 Martin Street, shared his appreciation for the Town's Mayor, Council, administration, working staff for their proficient and professional operation on a day to day basis.

Special thanks given to the crewmembers that were present—Ken Cox, Dave Morgan, Jim Rayley, Frank Bonner, Ernie Vaetoe and Doug Hale

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Sally Buchanan, 1907 Rainier Street, had concerns regarding the removal of parking along Rainier Street. She asked if Council would reconsider their decision to remove street parking and explore other options. She is also concerned with a crossing being designed from Steilacoom Blvd. into Starling Street for bikes and pedestrians.

Peg Morris, 1911 Rainier Street, concerned with the possible elimination of parking along Rainier Street.

Amy McKee, 10007 99th Street SW, in regards to parking along Rainier Street, Ms. McKee had concerns as a visitor carrying a small child.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Schillar Place Final Plat (AB 2020)

Mayor Lucas opened the public hearing and called for the staff report.

Town Planner Fortner delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Terry Ferguson, Baseline Engineering, 1910 64th Ave West, Tacoma, representing Dr. Schillar, commented that a hammerhead driveway will be constructed for fire truck access. The intent of the 15 foot easement along the Shannon Street water way is to maintain its natural state.

Town Attorney Larry Hoffman, concerned that the public drainage easement needs to be maintained by the homeowners association not by The Town of Steilacoom.

Mayor Lucas invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Councilman Judson moved and Councilman Davidson seconded to close the public hearing.

ACTION ITEMS:

Schillar Place Final Plat (AB 2020)

Councilman Judson moved and Councilwoman Marcantonio seconded to approve the final plat of Schillar Place, and authorized the Mayor to sign the final plat subject to the following two conditions:

Yes: All

1. Subject to verification of review and approval by the Town Fire Marshall.
2. Subject to modification of the convenience, conditions and restrictions dealing with the storm water facility structure.

NEW ITEMS:

Labor Agreement–Teamsters Local 117 (AB 2021)

Yes: All

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the Staff Report and responded to questions. He then requested action on this agreement.

Sewer Utility Rate Increase (AB 2017) Ordinance # 1417

Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and Councilwoman Aboubaker seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Teamsters Local Union No. 117 and the Town of Steilacoom.

Yes: All

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the Staff Report and responded to questions. He then requested action on this agreement.

TIB Award and Fuel Tax Agreement (AB 2022) Resolution # 1066

Councilman Judson moved and Councilman Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance Number 1417 modifying the sewer utility customers' rates by 3% effective January 1, 2007.

Yes: All

Town Administrator Loveless delivered the Staff Report and responded to questions. He then requested action on this agreement.

Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Davidson seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Project Funding Status Form and the Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement.

REPORTS:
Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Wi-Fi update-CenturyTel will send a microwave signal from Fox Island to Steilacoom. Entire equipment install between 3-5 days. Labor costs are down because of existing power to our poles. Install will start this month. Residence will have a 60 day try out period.
- Holiday at Town Hall was a huge success.
- Robbery at Key Bank. Town officers arrived with in 40 seconds. Everyone is safe but certainly a traumatic experience.
- Complimented Steilacoom Police Officers Billings and Rodriguez and a swat team on their professional decisions in dealing with an individual intent on hurting himself.
- Fire on Union Avenue. No one was harmed, including all pets. Homeowner was pleased as to how the department handled the situation.
- The City of DuPont has never paid for EMS services because of an in-house agreement between Fort Lewis and DuPont. Starting in October 2007 the military will discontinue this agreement and not supply EMS to DuPont. They may be interested in forming a fire district.

Administrator

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Public Safety

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Elves and Bells around town December 16th.
- Town holiday luncheon December 14th.

Public Works

Town Administrator Loveless for Public Safety Director Drozynski reported the following:

- Provided a Tazer usage report.
- Town was involved in the recovery of a car using a Lo-Jack system.

Council

Public Works Director Lincoln reported the following:

- Sand that was laid down during the storm was picked up just as quickly.
- Complimented Ken Cox for discovering the use of a brine (salt) solution vs a chemical liquid deicer, during ice storms, at a substantial savings to the Town.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Rainier Street is hard to access. Suggested that if an alley was made passable to residence, that Puyallup Street would be another means out.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Safety of the citizens is number one importance. Parking along Rainier Street would not be safe. Alleyways are for parking. Questioned the costs of improvements and who is responsible?

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Has visited the Buchanans regarding Rainier Street. The Street was built in 1921. Parking along this Street is not safe. Suggested that the Puyallup Street parking might be an option.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Agreed that parking on Rainier Street is not safe. Questioned that there may be room to park along Puyallup Street or residence driveways. Suggested that a consultant look into parking solutions all around town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- Agreed that Puyallup Street would be an option instead of parking on Rainier Street.

Mayor Lucas concluded with Council to proceed with the Rainier project as it is. The Town staff will provide information on what it would take to provide parking on Puyallup Street at a future date.

The December 5, 2006 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m. A Study Session to discuss electric projects was convened at 9:00 p.m. The Study Session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: