

February 20, 2007

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 Safety Director Drozynski, Public Works Director Lincoln, Town Planner Fortner, Research and Policy Analyst, Huber and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS:

NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Yes: All

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

1. Minutes of, February 6, 2007
2. Payroll Checks #41315 - #41333 in the amount of \$119,609.32
3. Claims Checks #60061 - #60146 in the amount of \$181,943.25
4. LOU – Teamster Local No. 117 (AB 2035)
5. Hong Alternative Street Design (AB 2036)

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

Dr. Art Himmler, Steilacoom Historical School District Superintendent, reported the following:

- Thanked the Council for passing the new School District Impact Fee Ordinance.
- To help keep the community informed a meeting will be held on February 27th, 7:00 pm, at the Steilacoom High School library, to discuss the high schools remodel plans.
- Gave the Council gifts from our friendship school in China.
- Dr. Himmler responded to question from the Mayor and Council.

Michael Litt, Washington Street, commended the Town for providing greater resources with the Wi-Fi installation, however, cautioned that views may be affected with the current equipment that is being installed.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

NEW ITEMS:

None

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Provided a legislative update.
- Pierce Transit has a board that is currently forming a candidates list for the small cities representative.
- Wi-Fi – The Mayor reminded us that with all the technology changes that are currently being installed around Town, that the Town has no financial risk up to this point. CenturyTel has installed equipment. At the end of 60 days CenturyTel will assess usage throughout Town.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Pierce Transit candidates list-asked if Mayor or a Councilperson would be interested in serving on this board.
- Reported many interviews with Rob Tucker, TNT reporter, regarding an article about the Rainer Street project.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Public Safety Director Drozynski reported the following:

- Distributed corrected 2006 summary reports.
- Last week a student had an opportunity to job shadow with Town officers.
- Heros to Heros program was started for the troops overseas.

Public Works

Public Works Director Lincoln reported the following:

- Rainier Street project – cost of engineering increased 7% because of the study. Target date to advertise the project is February 22nd, however, that will not be met as we continue to wait for State approval on the historical study. Construction will hopefully start in late April.
- Design of sidewalks 50% complete. Bids to go out in May. Construction expected July-September.
- Sewer comprehensive analysis 50% complete with RH2. This will include a 6 year plan of capital expenditures to take place.
- Pacific I and I comprehensive plan project is 90% complete. Advertising for the job is expected to take place in April.
- Staff has met with consultants for the 6 year electric comprehensive plan. RW Beck was the best qualified.
- Colbert Infrared Services which tracks problem areas in electrical systems using infrared cameras will be in Town March 5-9.

Council

- RW Beck will also analyze the possibility of purchasing the sub-station that feeds the Town.
- Wireless is on its way through 29 sky extenders that have been installed throughout Town.
- Mr. Lincoln has accepted a job with the Port of Olympia. He has submitted his resignation effective the 15th of March.

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- Two gentleman have offered to pay for gates and/or signs at Sunnyside crossing.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Mr. Tucker has contacted Mrs. Marcantonio for the Rainier Street project article.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Mr. Tucker has interviewed Mr. Davidson for his upcoming article.
- Red ribbons, on specific trees through the tunnel of trees, indicate the trees that are being assessed for removal.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Asked questions regarding the position on the Board of Commissioner Pierce County Transit representing the small cities.
- Felt that the public is viewing the Wi-Fi equipment around Town as obtrusive.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Wished Mr. Lincoln the best with his new job.
- Attended the Pierce County Regional Council Meeting last week.
- Seven cell phones all of which have utility tax. The Town has not authorized this tax according to Mr. Loveless.
- Talked with Mr. Tucker regarding his upcoming article.
- Questioned street lights in new housing developments in Town. No street light standards according to Mr. Lincoln.
- Concerned about projects in Town after Mr. Lincoln resigns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

The February 20, 2007 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

A study session to discuss Solid Waste Rate changes, BPA-Future Rate Structure Issues and Public Services Needs Assessment was convened at 7:55 p.m. The study session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor