

December 4, 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, Judson, Davidson, Marcantonio and Smith. Staff members in attendance were, Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Drozynski, Public Works Director Burlingame, 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 November 6, 2007**
- 2. Payroll Checks # 41685 - # 41700 in the amount of \$127,753.16**
- 3. Claims Checks # 61579 - #61657 in the amount of \$ 74,414.26 and Manual Check # 61578 in the amount of \$ 4,684.00.  
Claims Checks # 61658 - # 61715 in the amount of \$ 260,056.95**
- 4. Hearing date for Diggs Street alternative design (AB 2117)**
- 5. On-Call Engineering Services – Perteet Engineering Inc. (AB 2120)**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Chief Drozynski** presented a valor award to **Public Safety Officer John Derig** for his outstanding performance in the line of duty.

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**

**Non-Agenda Items**

**French Wetmore**, 2601 Havelock Ct. He is happy to see what happened to the School District's Saltars Point property. He expressed interest in finding funding sources to purchase Cherrydale Woods property. Mr. Wetmore asked if Town staff could help in the grant applications process.

**Diane Snell**, 2522 Marietta Street. She expressed concerns regarding a gate across Marietta Street. She has noticed an increase in crime around her home that she is concerned about. And with the heavy rain fall, she asked what was being done about the flood zone in the area.

**Manoah Butterfield**, 1403 Nisqually Street. She has noticed that on Rainier Street school buses, with their turning radius, have a difficult time maneuvering around corners.

**NEW ITEMS:**

**Zoo Trek Advisory Board Nomination**

**2008 Sewer Rate Modifications (AB 2118)(Ordinance # 1433)**

**Yes: All**

**Town Administrator Loveless** asked if any of the council members were interested in being on the Zoo Trek Advisory Board? The response was no.

**Town Administrator Loveless** delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

**Electric Utility 6 year Capital Improvement Plan (AB 2119)**

**Yes: All**

**Councilman Davidson** moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 1433 to modify Sewer Utility customers' rates effective January 1, 2008.

**Public Works Director Burlingame** delivered the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

**Councilman Smith** moved and **Councilwoman Marcantonio** seconded to acknowledge receipt of the Distribution System Review and Rate Impact analysis as prepared by ZE Power Engineering Inc.

**REPORTS:**  
**Mayor**

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- The audit has been completed. The report is expected to have no major problems.
- Asked Council to consider policy decisions regarding the Town purchasing property in the future. This will be an issue down the road.
- Next Wednesday at 1:00 pm there will be a memorial service at Fort Lewis for a military police officer.
- The next council meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> & January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Colonel Miller will be changing commands on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Mayor will perform a presentation on January 15<sup>th</sup> in appreciation of all the projects that the unit has spent their time and energy on and to meet the new commander.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- Holiday at Town Hall is this Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- December 21<sup>st</sup> will be Elves & Bells around Town.
- Holiday party for Town Staff is December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Burlington Northern was notified that several of the new railroad ties were in standing water following our recent rainfall.
- AWC legislative conference is coming soon.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation. However, he reported that the Town will be entering into litigation as a plaintiff. The cases involved misc. damage from residents in Town and/or unpaid utility bills.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Drozynski** reported the following:

- Thanked Town residents, Councilman Judson & Councilwoman Aboubakr for participating in the successful blood drive.
- Will be meeting with Mr. Loveless and Burlington Northern to go over coordination issues during the last train derailment.
- PSO T.J. Rodriguez and the Chief will be attending a DUI conference on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Explained when an officer may need to use a taser in certain situations.
- Explained that two police cars were damaged recently. One due to ice and the other occurred while assisting Lakewood and Tacoma police in a stolen car chase.

**Public Works**

**Public Works Director Burlingame** reported the following:

- Lights are being installed along Rainier Street. By the end of the week the lights should be on. Rainier will be complete except for one portion being redesigned along Puyallup Street.
- Rigney Road & Steilacoom Blvd. is moving right along. Everything seems to be going well.
- Lafayette parking lot, with the exception of the lights, is complete. All crews in Town participated in the process exhibiting great coordination.
- No major issues with flooding around Town.
- Mr. Burlingame displayed a map for snow & ice control throughout Town. The map showed what streets are a priority when adverse weather hits our area.

**Council**

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported the following:

- She struggled with a flooded basement with our recent down-pour.
- Commented that the top railing looks good along the new Rainier fence.
- Troop 71, of the Boy Scouts, has great looking Christmas trees in Town.
- She was pleased about the Washington Cougar performance recently.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** reported the following:

- Asked if there were any plans to remodel the public works building? Answer – Discussions are taking place.
- Reported that Andrea Marcantonio, one of our 2006 young citizens of the year, made it to National T.V. as a broadcaster.

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**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- Thanked the Mayor and Mr. Loveless for the quick action with the submerged railroad ties.
- Lights look great along Rainier Street.
- Wished everyone happy holidays.

**Councilman Judson** reported that he will not be at the January 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- Congratulated Councilman Davidson and Councilman Judson for their recent re-election.
- Has noticed the nice green grass along the railroad tracks thanks to the train derailment.
- Asked when court is held in Town. He expressed an interest in attending.
- Wished everyone happy holidays.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The December 4, 2007 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

A study session to discuss parking policies was convened at 8:10 p.m. The study session adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**Town Administrator**

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**Mayor**