

January 8, 2008

**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, Town Planner Fortner and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

**Mayor Lucas** led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**Town Administrator Loveless** performed the Oath of Office for **Councilman Davidson and Councilman Judson**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

1. Minutes of December 4, 2007
2. Approval of Payroll Checks # 41701 - # 41718 in the amount of \$149,574.92 and Payroll Checks # 41719 - # 41747 in the amount of \$121,370.30. Voided check #40866, #40938, #41143 and # 41148 in the amount of \$68.00. Payroll Checks #41748 - #41766 in the amount of \$148,260.00
3. Approval of Claims Checks # 61719 - # 61809 in the amount of \$83,576.29 and Manual Checks # 61716 - # 61718 in the amount of \$200,291.09
4. Hearing Examiner Professional Services contract (AB 2123)
5. Surplus Property (AB 2124)
6. 2008 Pierce County Radio Repair Contract (Renewal)(AB 2121)
7. 2008 Pierce County Fire Marshall Supplementary Services Contract (Renewal)(AB 2122)
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Latecomer Agreements (AB 2127) (Ordinance #1434)

Yes: All

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

1. Steilacoom Library 150 Year Celebration
2. Pierce County Reads

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**

Non-Agenda Items

**George Phillips**, 706 Pine Street. Standing water has appeared on the Orr property, since construction on Rainier Street, causing concern with the fruit trees on the property.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Diggs Street Alternative Design (AB 2126)**

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

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

**Mayor Lucas** invited comments from the audience. Speaking to the issue were the following people:

**Cheryl Phillips**, 706 Pine Street, Steilacoom

**Bill Sullivan**, 907 Rowell Street, Steilacoom

**Tom Revelle**, Calistoga, California

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to close the public hearing.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to adopt the staff's recommended findings and conclusions, thereby approving the alternative street design for Diggs Street with conditions.

Yes: All

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Diggs Street Alternative Design (AB 2126)**

Yes: All

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor**

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- Objective of the year is to execute the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the budget.
- Council can expect very few new capital projects during this coming year.
- Expect decisions regarding paying off debt.
- Electric plan-a decision may be made on the BPA substation later this year.
- The forecast for the 2007-2008 budget should be on target.
- Crafting of the 2009 & 2010 budget will take place.
- Possible purchase of the BNS railroad train depot in Town.
- The Mayor and Town Administrator have met with State Representatives seeking monies for a possible expansion of before & after care for kids and youth center.
- Strategies for future labor contracts.
- Citizens & three council members from DuPont are pushing for a possible new school in DuPont.
- Cherrydale property has been assessed at \$1,000,000.
- Discussions will take place regarding Pioneer Middle School, the bus barn and playing fields this coming year.
- Discussion of possible upgrades to Town entrances.
- Looking at the possibility of the impact if the Abitibi property is developed.

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**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- This Thursday the Mayor will be sworn in as President of Pierce County City & Towns Association.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Drozynski** reported the following:

- Currently seeking to fill a position on the Civil Service Commission.
- Yesterday's traffic accident destroyed one of the Town entrance signs.
- A head on collision occurred, which involved injuries, along Chambers Bay Road.
- PSO Robinson will be deployed to the Middle East for possibly 60 days.
- PSO Rodriguez is currently in New Jersey for coast guard training.
- Chief passed out year end activity reports.
- The only major disturbance on New Years Eve was a domestic violence dispute.

**Public Works**

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

- Project updates – Rainier Street is complete with the exception of a few clean-up items but still within budget. Good comments throughout Town.
- Rigney Road and Steilacoom Blvd. project is proceeding on schedule. Completion is expected to be by the middle of February.
- Power outage on December 30<sup>th</sup> was not due to a wire problem but due to a junction box failure.

**Council**

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported the following:

- Asked about the possible upgrades to the Town entrances, primarily the sign posts. Yes, replacement of the signs will come up for a Council decision.
- Have we received news regarding the railroad quiet zones? Yes, however the diagnostic team/Burlington Northern are attempting to appeal their decision to include drop gates at Sunnyside Beach. There will be another diagnostic team analysis. In the mean time, according to Mr. Loveless, Pierce County has allocated funding for the project of \$18,000.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** reported the following:

- Her family was in California for the holidays.
- Asked if there was a new rotation for Mayor Pro Tem? Yes, next meeting.

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- With the new restaurant in Town Councilwoman Marcantonio has noticed additional parking concerns.
- The accident that occurred on Monday involved a tree at the entrance of Town. She suggested that the tree may need attention.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- Asked about the plans to restore the Town Hall pictures. Yes, it is in the process.

**Councilman Judson** had no comment.

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- Asked if Council will be involved with the receivership of the Saltar's school property? Answer – Yes, at a later date.
- With the new housing developments in Town, Councilman Smith expressed concern over excess water flow due to less trees and vegetation.
- Shared that he will not be present at the next council meeting.
- Expressed that lighting along Rainier Street at both entrances seems dark.
- Observed that with the fire along Jackson Street there was a great turnout of fire crews.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The January 8, 2008 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

A study session to discuss Public Safety – 2008 work plan was convened at 8:25 p.m. The study session adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**Town Administrator**

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**Mayor**