

July 15, 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.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**NONE**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Yes: All

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

1. Minutes of July 1, 2008
2. Payroll Checks #42001 - #42022 in the amount of \$157,234.64
3. Claims Checks #62847 - #62933 in the amount of \$98,619.96 and Manual Check #62845-#62846 in the amount of \$59,658.14
4. Summer Concerts in the Park-Swing Reunion Orchestra (AB 2172)

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**

Non-Agenda Items

**Kevin Callanan**, 1114 First Street. Asked the question, because of who uses the crossing at the ferry dock, is it really the Town's responsibility to provide crossing devices?

**Ken Kirkwood**, 1002 Walnut Lane. Expressed his objection to spending Town funds only to help a few residents.

**Marilyn Martinentto**, 2300 Worthington Street. Asked if Council would again consider banning the use, possession and sale of personal fireworks in the Town.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Water Use Efficiency Goal Setting (AB 2177)

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

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

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

Yes: All

**Councilman Davidson** moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to approve the water use efficiency objectives and goals presented in the staff report date July 15, 2008 and direct staff to report adoption of these objectives and goals to the Washington State Department of Health as required.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Revision to SMC 2.14.060 (AB2165)(Ordinance #1439)**

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

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

**Mayor Lucas** invited comments from the audience.

**Joan Curtis**, 1505 Euclid Street. Being part of the Preservation and Review Board, she feels as though Town Planner Fortner has done an excellent job of revising the Ordinance and taking into consideration the views of the Board.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 1439.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Revision to SMC 2.14.060 (AB2165)(Ordinance #1439)**

**Yes: All**

**Train Whistle Alternative – Wayside Horns (AB 2162)**

**Yes: Aboubakr  
Marcantonio  
Davidson**

**No: Judson  
Smith**

**Mayor Lucas** and **Town Administrator Loveless** gave a supplemental staff report and responded to questions from Council. Council discussed the proposal extensively.

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** moved and **Councilwoman Marcantonio** seconded to approve the Mayor to enter into an agreement with RCL to install a wayside horn at the Union Avenue railroad crossing and a second horn at the Sunnyside Beach crossing, install additional signage at both the Union Avenue and Sunnyside crossings, pursue a “quiet zone” within Steilacoom, and approve additional funding to accomplish this project.

**NEW ITEMS:**

**Train Whistle Alternative – Accept Pierce County Award for \$18,000 (AB 2173)**

**Yes: All**

**Wayside Horn Agreement with BNSF (AB 2178)**

**Yes: All**

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

**Councilman Davidson** moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to accept the \$18,000 award from Pierce County to be used for the Train Whistle Alternative Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Benefit Agreement with Pierce County.

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

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the wayside horn agreements with BNSF.

**NEW ITEMS: Continued**

**Parking Infraction Penalties and Boat Launch Parking Fees (AB 2175)(Ord. #1440) (Res. #1077)**

**Yes: All**

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

**Councilman Smith** moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to adopt Ordinance Number 1440 and Resolution Number 1077 modifying the Steilacoom Municipal Code (SMC) fine amount for parking infractions to \$35.00 and parking fees at the boat launch parking facility to \$6.00 effective August 1, 2008.

**Change Order #5, Les Russell Const. Saltar's Pt. Safe Routes to Schools (AB 2176)**

**Yes: All**

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

**Councilman Judson** moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to approve Change Order #5 to Les Russell Construction Co. in the amount of \$5,007.00 (plus applicable sales tax) and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents as the agency representative.

**Modification to the 2008 Unrepresented Employee Pay Plan (AB 2174) (Res. # 1078)**

**Yes: All**

**Mayor Lucas** delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

**Councilman Judson** moved and **Councilwoman** seconded to adopt Resolution Number 1078 amending the 2008 Unrepresented Employees' Pay Plan for the Town Administrator's position.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor**

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- Thanked the public for their input in all matters during recent Council meetings.
- Special thank you to the fireworks committee and all the generous contributions.
- Veva Maddox and the parade organizers did a great job.
- Thank you to Nancy LeMay for providing her personal Rolls Royce during the parade.
- Port of Steilacoom Building. A new credit union is opening along with a new coffee shop.
- The Bair Drug Store is working on a possibility of a culinary outreach with Clover Park Technical School.
- Special thanks to Stuart Marcus for paving the parking lot at the post office and improvements to several apartment units around Town.
- Salmon Bake is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Car Show on July 20<sup>th</sup> with pancakes & hot dogs being served.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- Thanked Council for positively dealing with all the action items tonight.
- The Town will be receiving a grant from Pierce County for historical signage on many of the historical homes and buildings in Town.
- Tunnel of Trees – a private property owner is removing several trees. Debris will be removed.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Drozynski** reported the following:

- During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the department responded to 20-25 illegal fireworks related activities throughout the night.
- Responded to a disturbance in front of the Bair Drug Store. No arrests or injuries.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July several Public Safety officers chased two minors throughout Town who were in possession or consumption of alcohol.
- Larry Whelan was able to convince Life Flight to participate in a training session on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Works**

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

- Thanked the Chief for a well organized 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year.
- Expressed appreciation to the crews in Town for all their efforts on both the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Great crew that put in a lot of hard work.
- Tomorrows power outage. The Town has hired additional electric crew members from Lakeview Power & Light to get the most done while the power is out. The public's patience well be appreciated.
- Gove Street improvements are almost complete. Les Russell Construction and Exceltech have been great to work with.
- In regards to the human error that occurred with the Town's water system, Lakewood Water released manganese water filters that affected our water. At no time was it a health hazard.

**Council**

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- Regarding the upcoming power outage-one of his journeyman was involved recently in an accident. Warned about the possible dangers.
- The smell at Pioneer Park is the rotting grain from the railroad derailment along the tracks.
- 4th of July was great! Suggested that we may want to ban private fireworks in Town if Lakewood & U.P. ban them.
- Asked if the Town could please re-install the fences around the trees at Pioneer Park during the summer concerts in the park.

**Councilman Judson** had no comment.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- A catch basin grate on Rainier Street is loose. Suggested that it needs to be bolted down.
- Recently corrected a neighbor that thought fireworks in Town were allowed on private property.
- While visiting Maine, he observed a passenger train that used its horn at every crossing, driveway and trail. One house was within 3 feet away from the train.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** reported the following:

- Thanked the anonymous contributor that is sponsoring the Swing reunion Orchestra concert on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminded everyone of an upcoming golf tournament that benefits the Steilacoom High School football team on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Turn over rate for Town Administrators is high, usually 2 years. Mr. Loveless has been with us for 10 years. We are all very grateful for his service.
- Several residents notified her about the water contamination.
- Watched the fireworks from a home on Lafayette Street. She observed that the response time in dealing with private fireworks seemed to be better this year.

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported the following:

- Noticed that there were fewer private fireworks this year.
- Great fireworks display this year.
- A foreign film company from Egypt has been at her house, filming a mini series. The film will include many Town of Steilacoom scenes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The July 15, 2008 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

A study session to discuss Planning Commission-mission & vision statements and 2009-2010 Biennium Budget – Public Safety was convened at 9:20 p.m. The study session adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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Town Administrator

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Mayor