October 7, 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 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:

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

1. Minutes of September 16, 2008
2. Payroll Checks #42094 - #42116 in the amount of $147,260.56 and Payroll Checks #42117 - #42138 in the amount of $168,583.89
3. Claims Checks #63261 - #63368 in the amount of $211,897.06 and Manual Check #63258 - #63260 in the amount of $3,540.10
4. 2009 Humane Society Sheltering Contract (AB 2197)
5. Personnel Regulations Update (AB 2198)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

Billie Blattler, 1015 Sequalish Street. She expressed concern about the speeding traffic along Union and Sequalish Street. She suggested that an officer patrol the area on a regular basis.

Noah Tchobanoff, 2700 Webber Court. He is concerned about the increased time response for ambulance services in Town. He feels that the ALS response is inconsistent and unreliable. He reported that the average response time for ALS service, for the months of July and August, was 14 minute and 30 seconds.

Pat King, 1316 Starling Street. She wanted to know what happened to the "Welcome to Steilacoom" art project, done by students, which was located near the library. Answer: the stepping stones were returned to Saltar's Point Elementary School due to vandalism. She was also concerned with speeding cars and safety on Starling Street between Fredrick and Pierce Streets.

PRESENTATION:

George Reich – BPA Power Sales Agreement

PUBLIC HEARING:

2007-2008 Biennium Budget Amendments (AB 2200) (Ordinance # 1444)

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

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

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

Yes: All

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

2009-2010 Biennium Budget (AB 2199) (Ordinance # 1445)

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

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

Mayor Lucas invited comments from the audience.

Kevin Callanan, 1114 First Street. He suggested that a way to enhance our volunteer fire program might be to include Town staff or employees into the program.

Yes: All

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

2009 Property Tax Levies (AB 2195) (Ordinances #1442 & #1443)

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

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

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

Yes: All

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

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Expect one maybe two executive sessions in November regarding personnel and labor issues.
- Power outage took place in Madrona last week.
- Talks are taking place for redeveloping a parks board in Town. Hopefully, Nancy Henderson will be leading those citizens that may be interested.
- Expect potential improvements to the Public Works Building.
- In the near future, expect options to be presented regarding Pioneer Middle School and the Community Center building.

Mayor continued

- Discussions are taking place with Councilmember Muri and the Conservation and Futures Board regarding the property near Havelock Court. It is up to the School District to provide an application.
- The Mayor has signed the documents for the Saltar's property.
- Good news regarding Bob Anderson. He is re-cuperating.
- The Town has a franchise agreement with Rainier Communication Commission. There is work being done to produce another channel for video on demand to possibly record all Council meetings.
- The Mayor, as of a week ago Thursday, is no longer the President of the Kiwanis Club.
- Discussions are taking place regarding providing affordable housing in Pierce County. The requirement for Steilacoom would be 186 building units in the next several years.
- The State budget will be down by $3-4 billion.
- Conversations are taking place with DuPont, Lakewood and University Place regarding ALS services. Moving to another fire district would involve going to the public for a vote.
- The Mayor recently had a discussion with the Port of Tacoma and presented the Abitibi property.
- More discussions will take place regarding the BPA decision. Attorney Terry Mundorf will be present at the next Council meeting.
- Thanked Mr. Loveless and staff for the preparation of the budget.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Pierce County food handlers class at Town Hall tomorrow night.
- Labor negotiations with the Steilacoom Officers Association are currently taking place.
- Today the Steilacoom Garden Club planted 1,600 daffodil bulbs throughout Town.
- It was reported that the Apple Squeeze sold out of apples by 3:00 pm this last weekend.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported that new litigation has been filed. It involves an appeal of a land use decision for a piece of property here in Town. The preliminary hearing will take place on November 7th.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- PSO Tom Yabe was recently successful in using a set of stop sticks during a car chase outside of Town.
- The Chief and PSO John Derig attended training on Officer Involved Collision Prevention and Investigation Class. Training will be implemented in 2009.
- October is fire prevention month. Officers will be at Steilacoom schools to present a fire safety program.
- Three weeks ago an accident involving a truck over an embankment occurred. Two people were hospitalized.
- A conditional employment offer was made to a candidate to fill the final PSO opening.
- Sharon Shimizu retired from the department on September 30th after eleven years of service with the Town.
- Brandy Lugo is Sharon's replacement. She is doing very well in the position.
- A dangerous dog appeal in Town is forth coming.
- All PSO cars have been installed with new cameras. The standard is that they are operational at all times or they are repaired.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- In regard to the BPA presentation, higher growth communities are going to have to pay higher power rates in the future. The impact on Steilacoom will be minimal.
- On November 18th Council will have the opportunity to formally vote on the PBA contract.
- The department is getting close to opening some bids on the electrical improvement projects throughout Town. The Town is looking at the possibility of not only replacing electrical cable but with new technology we may be able to rehabilitate existing cable.
- Next week the Town's internal electrical crew will replace cable along Pierce Street.
- The Balch Street culvert project was finished this week.
- This week the crew has been busy replacing street lights throughout Town. It helps if residents inform the crews of street light outages.

Council

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Recently, she had a glimpse of Mayor Lucas on Channel 22 at the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department meeting.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Reported that Bob Anderson looked good.
- Attended Pierce County Regional Council meeting on future low cost housing requirements. Very interesting.
- Reported that the Steilacoom Historical Museum calendars have been very profitable this year.

Councilman Judson had no comment.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- He has noticed that the street signs down Gove Street are installed at different heights. Can anything be done? Answer: Yes, they will be lowered.
- Received an email regarding the school zone signs. Have they been taken down? Answer: Yes.
- Wanted to thank George Reich for his presentation tonight.
- Feels that if we can rehabilitate the electrical feeder cables throughout Town that that would be an excellent opportunity to extend the life of the cable.
- Steilacoom High School Football is 5 & 0 at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

The October 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor