

October 21, 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 Works Director Burlingame and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Minutes of October 7, 2008
2. Payroll Checks #42139 - #42167 in the amount of \$141,853.88
3. Claims Checks #63370 - #63466 in the amount of \$76,884.42 and Manual Check #63369 in the amount of \$1,000.00
4. Identity Theft Prevention Program (AB 2203)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

Kevin Callanan, 1114 First Street. Regarding the Town's Fire and EMS situation the first part of the solution might be to put together options with hard numbers and let the Town citizens make a choice.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

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

Yes: All

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Davidson** to adopt Ordinance #1444 modifying the 2007-2008 Biennium Budget.

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. There were none.

Yes: All

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

Yes: All

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Davidson** to adopt Ordinance #1445 authorizing the 2009-2010 Biennium Budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONTINUED:

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.

Yes: All

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

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

Yes: All

Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to adopt Ordinance # 1442 establishing the requested 2009 EMS tax levy dollar amount.

Yes: All

Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to adopt Ordinance # 1443 establishing the requested 2009 regular tax levy dollar amount.

ACTION ITEMS:

2008 Electric CIP Bid Award (AB 2204)

Public Works Director Burlingame gave the staff report and answered questions from Council.

Yes: All

Councilman Smith moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to award the 2008 Electric Capital Improvement project to Taurus Industries Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$95,186.40 (including tax) and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents as the Town representative.

NEW ITEMS:

2009 Unrepresented Pay Plan (AB 2202)(Resolution # 1080)

Mayor Lucas introduced the agenda bill.

Sewer Connection (AB 2201) (Ordinance # 1446)

Mayor Lucas introduced the agenda bill.

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- After Mr. Mundorf’s presentation, Council can expect further discussion and a contract decision.
- Contract negotiations are currently taking place with the new waste management company.
- Before the end of the year Council will be asked to review and give guidance with the labor contracts in Town.
- Discussions in policy issues and decisions on Public Safety level of service options.
- The Town has 26-27 EMS transports to a hospital on average per month. The standard response time has been 8-12 minutes.

Mayor continued

- University Place has been downsizing their volunteer fireman program. They would be willing to place a car here in Town. The price would be 1 million dollars.
- The City of Lakewood views the EMS transportation business as a money maker for them.
- For years the City of DuPont received free ALS service from Madigan. Two years ago they cancelled that agreement. DuPont is now looking at contracting with Lakewood for their services.
- Expect in early 2009 guidance and decisions to be made on utility updates and work plans.
- Storm drain outflow requirements will be discussed.
- BPA substation discussions will continue.
- A task force has been formed to look at park and trail options throughout Town.
- Will be talking to Council regarding Pioneer Middle School options with Gray & Osborn engineering company input.
- The Mayor shared a Pierce County Affordable Housing Policy.
- Reminded Council of the AWC dinner on November 5th.
- Thanked staff, Council and the many residents for the hard work and comments on the budget.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- If Council members are interested in the AWC dinner please let me know.
- Chief Drozynski sends his regards for tonight's meeting. He is on a Medical Aid call in Town.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported the following:

- No new litigation.
- Recently attended the WSAMA conference for municipal attorneys that represent Washington cities.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- Special thanks to the Town's internal staff for their effort on the current CIP electrical project.
- Thanks to the summer seasonal workers. The Town had a great crew this year.
- Staff is preparing for the winter. Please report street light outages.
- Electric crew is repairing cable on Pierce Street starting tomorrow. Expect 4 hour power outage.
- This Friday is Make A Difference Day. With the help of the military, replanting will take place in the Shannon Glen open space area.

Council

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- Thanked the Steilacoom Garden Club for planting all the daffodils throughout Town.
- Regarding garbage along Chambers Creek, is fishing over? No, fishing is through November.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Asked if the potentially dangerous dog case is still going on? Answer: Yes, preliminary hearing takes place on October 23rd.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Thank you for fixing the post around the Pioneer bandstand.
- The Bair restaurant may have a new tenant hopefully opening by the beginning of the year.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Asked what the cost increase would be if we raised the EMS levy to .50 cents vs. .33 cents? Mr. Loveless will investigate.
- Residents seem to be interested in seeing a range of EMS service options and what the costs associated with each may be.
- Asked that his personal email address please be removed from the Town publications. Residents can call or pay him a personal visit if they have comments or concerns.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Would like to reinforce Councilman Judson's comments regarding medical aid in Town.
- Will be attending the AWC dinner.
- Plans to visit Reno, NV in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

The October 21, 2008 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An executive session to discuss contract negotiations & personnel matters was convened at 8:04 p.m. to last approximately one hour. The executive session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor