

November 4, 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 and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Minutes of October 21, 2008
2. Claims Checks #63470 - #63550 in the amount of \$171,714.38 and Manual Check #63467 - #63469 in the amount of \$2,125.11
3. Sewer Connection Ordinance (AB 2201) (Ordinance # 1446)
4. Set Hearing Date – Park Recreation & Open Space Element (AB 2205)
5. Agreement for Regional Hazardous Materials Team response Services (AB 2206)
6. Custodial Services Contract (AB 2209)
7. Historic District Signage – Accept Award from Pierce County (AB 2210)

Yes: All

PRESENTATION:

Terry Mundorf – BPA Sales Agreement

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

None

ACTION ITEMS:

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

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

Yes: Marcantonio, Aboubakr and Davidson

Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to adopt Resolution # 1080 establishing the pay plan effective January 1, 2009 for the unrepresented employees at a 5% increase from the 2008 Unrepresented Pay Plan.

No: Judson and Smith

NEW ITEMS:

BPA Power Sales Agreement (AB 2208)

Mayor Lucas introduced the agenda bill.

Parks Recreation & Open Space Element & Subdivision Code Update (AB 2209)

Mayor Lucas introduced the agenda bill.

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Complimented everyone for the completion of the budget.
- Recently received a phone call, in which more research is being done, regarding if campaign signs should be restricted in the Tunnel of Trees.
- The Park Task Force recently met and discussed three main items.
 1. Looking for ideas on what might be capital projects in each of our parks in Town.
 2. Developing walking paths for a healthy Steilacoom at various lengths and locations throughout Town.
 3. Developing better signage within Farrell's Marsh.
- Received a letter from a lawyer representing the Steilacoom School District informing him of their interest in purchasing part or all of the Abitibi property. More information to come later.
- Compliments to the electrical crew and their ongoing efforts with the current projects in Town.
- Looking at several options to improve levels of service for EMS in Town.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Pierce County Council has delayed the 5% increase in sewer rates to the Town. We anticipate a decision will be made after the election. This is the only utility that the Town has tentative plans to increase costs to residents.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- On Halloween night Public Safety welcomed about 50 young visitors that received candy.
- The Steilacoom Museum had a haunted house that was very popular.
- Officers were involved with a motorcycle accident on Halloween
- Two nights later there was a car accident along the Tunnel of Trees that involved damage to several signs.
- On December 19th a training session will take place with Pierce County DEM and the Steilacoom School District.
- On November 14th PSO T.J. Rodriguez will be recognized for his DUI enforcement activities.
- Tomorrow the Chief will be attending an Air National Guard employer and employee appreciation event.
- Voting took place today in which approximately 1300 people participated.
- Placing a speed trailer along Starling has helped with speeds.

Public Works

- Expressed thanks to the Town power crew for successfully replacing the cable along Pierce Street.
- October 24th was Make A Difference Day. Special thanks to the 42nd Military Police Brigade for all their help in planting trees.
- Currently coordinating with the 42nd MP Brigade on receiving our annual Christmas tree on November 24th.
- Thanked the citizens for notifying us of the street light outages before Halloween.

Council

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Has noticed that the street signs along Gove have been installed unevenly. What are the standards? Answer: Minimum 7 feet but no maximum. Asked if the contractor installed the signs? He feels that they should be at a uniform height.
- Clarified what Kevin Callanan had said in a previous meeting regarding volunteer fire fighters.
- Regarding the allegations in the November issue of the Hometown Clipper, is the Town planning on responding? Answer: Discussions took place with the conclusion that the article was created from opinions rather than facts. No response needed.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- The best way to respond to the comments in this article is to deal with the issues, which he feels we are doing.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Warned us that with the heavy rainfall that is due to come in on Thursday and Friday combined with all the falling leaves the catch basins may be full.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Requested that the speed trailer be moved to Rowell Street.
- Recently received a call from a resident concerned about the 1% increase on property tax. Councilwoman Marcantonio shared with the resident that because assessed values of property went down by 3%, overall property tax rates will remain the same.

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- Asked if the street sign at Sunnyside Beach will be replaced? Answer: No – four signs have now been destroyed.
- Commented that in regard to the inaccuracies that were written in the Hometown Clipper that sometimes no response is best.

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

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ADJOURNMENT:

The November 4, 2008 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor