

December 2, 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, Town Planner Fortner and Administrative Assist. Bollman

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

1. Minutes of November 18, 2008
2. Payroll Checks #42188 - #42208 in the amount of \$132,486.10
3. Claims Checks #63623 - #63683 in the amount of \$263,690.45 and Manual Check #63621- #63622 in the amount of \$3,600.72
4. Set Date Critical Areas Ordinance NFIP (AB 2216)(Ordinance #1450)
5. Tacoma Public Safety Radio Network Agreement (AB 2215)

Yes: All

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**  
Non-Agenda Items

**Billie Blattler**, 1015 Sequalish. She stated that she is glad she hears the train whistles in Town for safety reasons.

**Ken Levine**, 606 Wallace. On Union Street near the ferry dock, he has observed many cars going down the ferry lanes in the wrong direction. He wondered if more signage was needed in the area.

**Otto Rasmussen**, 315 Gove. He stated that he was concerned that another police car was damaged over the weekend. He has observed a car on Lafayette St. which parks on the wrong side of the street. Mr. Rasmussen recently watched a driver who ran a stop sign, almost causing an accident, near the ferry dock. He also suggested that new reflector tape be installed on the stop signs at the intersection of Main and Rainier Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
Parks Recreation & Open  
Space Element, subdivision  
code amendments (AB 2207)  
(Ordinance #1447 & #1448)

**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:

**Ken Levine**, 606 Wallace, Steilacoom

**French Wetmore**, 2601 Havelock Court, Steilacoom

**Jim Senko**, 46 Chapman Loop, Steilacoom

Yes: All

seconded to close the public hearing.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Parks Recreation & Open Space Element, subdivision code amendments (AB 2207) (Ordinance #1447 & #1448)**

**Yes: All**

**Yes: All**

**Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Aboubakr**

**NEW ITEMS:**

**Critical Areas Ordinance NFIP Update (AB 2218) (Ordinance # 1450)**

**Animal Rescue and Control Contract (AB 2219)**

**Yes: All**

**Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and Councilman Davidson** seconded to approve Ordinance #1447, thereby adopting the proposed Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element and revised capital facilities table for parks projects.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and Councilman Davidson** seconded to approve Ordinance #1448, thereby adopting the proposed subdivision ordinance amendments.

**Mayor Lucas** introduced the agenda bill.

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

**Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Davidson** seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with City of Lakewood to provide animal rescue and control services.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor**

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- The Abitibi property is back on the market for sale. The Mayor is meeting with the President of the School Board tomorrow to hear their interest in the property.
- Recently visited the Pierce County Assessor Treasures Office to discuss property tax collection. As of November, nothing has changed out of the trend line from the last 20 years.
- Regarding Town's utility bills, the amount of 48 hour notices that were distributed in August were 148, in September 155, in October 215 and in November 206. Only one customer's had their power ultimately disconnected out of 724.
- Mayor Lucas and Mr. Loveless met with personnel from Senator Muri, Cantwell, Carroll and Representative Smith's offices regarding the youth center/senior center project. Projects with the State need to be ready for contract with in 90 days. Expect study sessions in January regarding the project.

- Recently met with Senator Carroll regarding four items.
  1. Supplemental money for the horn
  2. Funds for the Community Center
  3. Farrell's Marsh bridge
  4. Rebuilding Sentinel Way to the High School
- Shared with Council Congressman Smith's upcoming project list.
- Shared documents regarding Pierce County growth data.
- The parks gang met with three missions after looking at all our parks- maintenance, capital ideas and volunteer aspects.
- AWC is working on a number of legislative projects.
- Congressman Smith will have an open meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Regarding collection of funds to clean up the Sound, increasing the sales tax is a possibility.
- Cruzin Magazine featured an article about the Town's car show
- Expect study sessions in January on the AMR issue and the parks gang well be looking for guidance.
- Thanked the Council for all its hard work this year. Next year look for a decision to be made on possibly buying the BPA sub-station and talking about Town capital projects.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- Holiday at Town Hall is this Friday 6:30 p.m.
- Steilacoom High School is having their Red Ribbon Bazaar this Saturday.
- Two PSOs, Larry Whelan and Tom Yabe were successful in arresting potential thieves trying to steal metal at the Abitibi plant on Thanksgiving. They were credited for their quick thinking.
- Chief Drozynski will be back from vacation next Monday.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.

**Public Works**

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

- The electrical contractor who is working on the Short and Sequash Street project is making good progress.
- A light post was damaged again in the Tunnel of Trees. Insurance will reimburse the Town for the expense.
- We have been damaged by graffiti both at Saltar's Point and Sunnyside Beach Park. Repairs will be done. Please call 911 if you see any suspicious activity.
- Thanks to the parks gang for pointing out concerns and making suggestions about our parks in Town.
- The Town fared very well with the recent rain fall.
- Tonight we will review the Town's snow & ice plan.

**Council**

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported that she was pleased that the Cougars won the Apple Cup.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** reported the following:

- To cut down on utility shut off notices she suggested that other utility companies have gone to automatically debiting the amount out of the customer's accounts.
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Mentioned that Dr. McAvoy was named the 2008 Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Historical Society is taking donations to pay down a loan for improvements done to the Bair Drug Store.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- The rail road actually recently made improvements along the track but unfortunately did not finish the job.
- When can we expect our personal computers to be removed from the Town system? Answer-first week of January.
- Happy Holidays to everyone.

**Councilman Judson** had no comment.

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- Reported that the street light is out at the Gove & Union intersection.
- A semi truck has been parking at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Martin. Is that a 2 hour limit? Yes
- Noticed on Lafayette Street that a truck has been frequently parking in the wrong direction.
- Commented that people are starting to steel wiring out of vacant homes in Tacoma for metal scraps.
- A resident along Short Street had concerns with the electrical work being done.
- Reported that he wanted to know what action will take place regarding the damaged police car.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The December 2, 2008 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

A study session to discuss snow & ice removal plan was convened at 8:05 p.m. The study session adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Town Administrator

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Mayor