

March 3, 2009

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 Town Planner Fortner.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Yes: All

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

1. **Minutes of February 17, 2009**
2. **Payroll Checks # 42318 - # 42335 in the amount of \$ 133,415.82**
3. **Claims Checks # 64113 - # 64191 in the amount of \$ 227,144.11 and Manual Checks #64109-#64111 in the amount of \$ 5,174.92**

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

Pat King, 1316 Starling Street. Suggested that all residents in Town be aware of what is going on in their own community so that they can be watch dogs. She advised that if they see something suspicious to be sure and call the police.

Nancy Henderson, 1204 Chambers Street. She reported that there had been an abandoned car in the Chambers Street area. Sergeant Nelson took the extra effort to have the vehicle removed. Drug paraphernalia was found recently in Farrell's Marsh. The officers have been diligent in paroling the area, which has lead to a decrease of litter in the area. She was also pleased to see an officer had stopped a vehicle that had failed to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk recently.

NEW ITEMS:

Brake CUP Entry of Findings & Reconsideration (AB 2234)

Yes: All

Councilman Smith recused himself from the decision.

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilwoman Marcantonio** seconded to adopt the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law thereby denying the application filed by Jack and Joanne Brake to amend their Conditional Use Permit.

Yes: All

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilwoman Marcantonio** seconded to deny the request for reconsideration, and reaffirm the February 3, 2009 decision of the Council as set forth in the findings of fact, conclusions of law and decision adopted March 3, 2009.

REPORTS:

Mayor

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- Due to an alert citizen and a Town officer who observed suspicious individuals in Town, an arrest was made.
- The Mayor gave a stimulus report regarding Federal transportation money. It appears that most of the funds are going toward state highways or transit projects. A decision of the possible funding for the community center is due soon.
- The Parks Gang has an exciting presentation tonight.
- The Mayor announced that he will be running for office for a second term.
- Dr. Himmler has tendered his resignation. He is taking a position in Omak, Washington as their superintendent.
- The Mayor was surprised by the property tax increase in Town. He shared that the increase was mostly due to school bonds that were passed.
- Steilacoom/DuPont Kiwanis are selling flower baskets for \$15.00 a piece.
- In the Around Town, please notice the farmer's market survey. We have had a great response.

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

Administrator

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Attorney

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

Public Safety

- April 11th – Steilacoom/DuPont CPR training.
- In May look for a bicycle safety program. Looking for more volunteers.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- We will probably not receive federal funds for our Lexington/Sequalish Street project. So what now? We could look for other funding, scale back the project or choose the next priority project on the list. More to come in the future.
- Electric substation – March 17th council meeting we will present options at that time.
- This Friday interviews will take place for a water/sewer position.
- The department will be looking at the first draft of the water comprehensive plan.
- Several scout projects are taking place in Town.

Council

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

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- On March 14th, for one day only, each person can receive two bags of free SoundGRO.
- Announced that she will be running for the Council position number three again.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Extra SoundGRO bags can be purchased on March 14th.
- The CPR training class that is being held on April 11th is a bargain at \$15.00.
- Besides the Lexington Street project, was our next project on the list Cormorant Drive overlay? Answer-Yes. She suggested that at the least a road patch is needed near the mail boxes.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Thanked everyone for all the cards, flowers and meals that people shared during Sue Davidson's surgery. She is recovering nicely.
- What is the status of the water tank on Old Military Road? Answer-the tank has been tested and has lead-based paint on the exterior. It is not a health hazard. However, we are considering taking the tank down.
- Have the Wayside Horns been installed? Answer-Yes, the equipment has been installed. The next step is for Burlington Northern to activate and test the horns.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Thanked Mr. Loveless for inviting him to the Economic Development Association Seminar. Possible future study session with the information that was shared.
- Now that the horns have been installed, could the Council receive a full documentation of the cost? Yes.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- He advised that if a resident observes a crime in Town to be sure and ask to be connected to the Pierce County 911 dispatch.
- Recently attended a meeting at Cherrydale Elementary and observed that the area on Gallaway Street was hazardous due to limited or no lighting.
- The Steilacoom Community Center hosts driver training classes for seniors that lower your insurance costs.
- Noticed that scrap metal costs are very low at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

STUDY SESSION:

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The March 3, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

A study session to discuss Park Task Force Presentation was convened at 7:33p.m. The study session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor