

April 7, 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, and Public Works Director Burlingame.

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 March 17, 2009**
2. **Payroll Checks #42354 - #42369 in the amount of \$136,912.42 and Payroll Checks #42370 - #42389 in the amount of \$174,788.11**
3. **Claims Checks #64286-#64402 in the amount of \$393,815.67 and Manual Checks #64283-#64285 in the amount of \$3,088.25**
4. **CPAT Services Agreement (AB 2239)**

Yes: All

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**
2. **Arbor Day Proclamation**

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

Nancy Covert, 1206 Union Ave. Shared a 1916 Tacoma Daily Ledger Newspaper article that reported on a debate that took place suggesting that the Town of Steilacoom consider changing it's name.

Ken Levine, Wallace Street. He inquired about the no pedestrian crossing signs on Gove Street. He has noticed that many drivers, including police officers, roll through stop signs in Town. He has also noticed several cars in driveways that appear abandoned. Asked as to why the new railroad horns are taking so long to be installed.

NEW ITEMS:

Bid Award Leewen's Corporation Apparatus Bay Floor Refinishing (AB 2238)

Public Safety Director Drozynski delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Aboubakr moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to authorize the Mayor to award the bid and sign a contract with Leewen's Corporation for the apparatus bay floor refinishing at the Department of Public Safety.

Yes: All

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REPORTS:

Mayor

- Thanked the Steilacoom Garden Club for all the beautiful daffodils that were planted last year.
- The Easter egg hunt, which is sponsored by the Steilacoom School District and the Kiwanis Club, is this Saturday, at Cherrydale.
- The School Board meets tomorrow night to discuss the process for selecting a new superintendant and sports field athletic upgrades.
- The Chamber of Commerce is having a breakfast at the Tribal Center on April 16th at 7:30 a.m.
- Pierce County Council is having a meeting here at the Town Hall on April 28th. This meeting will be televised. The public is encouraged to attend.
- The California state sales tax rate is increasing to 10.5%.
- The Mayor received a call from the TNT this week to discuss the possibility of closing McNeil Island. The Town would see a decrease in parking revenue if this should occur.
- The EMS election is by mail which is due by the 28th of April.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Steilacoom was awarded, for the fifth year in a row, the Tree City USA award.
- Regarding the Adam Smith appropriation, the Town was not successful for fiscal year 2009. There is still a possibility of funds for the Community Center in the year 2010.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported that there is new litigation against the Town. The Inn at Saltar's Point has filed a LUPA Action lawsuit regarding their conditional use permit. Preliminary hearing is scheduled for May.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- Reported that last night there was a power outage on the west side of Town. A faulty wire was the culprit.
- Currently scheduling a planned power outage to replace wire along Sequalish Street. Fliers will be passed out to residents that will be affected.
- An outbreak of caterpillars, attacking fir trees, has been reported on the West side of Town.
- We are taking a big risk, but we have removed the sand plows from the trucks.
- Conceptual plans for the Community Center are almost complete.
- Interviews are scheduled this Friday for seasonal workers.

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Spring clean-up is April 25th & April 26th. Volunteers are needed.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- Eleven people have been confirmed for the CPR class on Saturday.
- An incident occurred involving a resident exposing himself in Town. The person has been identified thanks to an extensive investigation by Officer Larry Whelan. Officer Whelan will be officially recognized for his service during the next council meeting.

Council

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- For pedestrian safety she suggested that the Town provide a four foot strip of gravel along Lafayette & Chambers Bay Dr.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Thanked the street crew for patching the pavement in front of the mail boxes on Cormorant Drive.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- At the intersection of Steilacoom Blvd, near the Chevron Station, there is a pot hole that is a hazard. Who is responsible? Answer: Lakewood.
- He has also observed many people running stop signs throughout Town.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Thanked Nancy Covert for her historical research. His great grandfather's nickname was the old war horse.
- In regards to the current Obama administration, Councilman Judson asked the question, if the government's next step is to say that the national debt is gone?

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Citizens have observed that when I-5 gets backed up that traffic cuts through Steilacoom. Large trucks are using Sequash Street.
- A resident has observed that when DuPont police officers are dispatched as back-up for Steilacoom, they travel at a high rate of speed down Union Avenue.
- On Thursday at 6:00 p.m. there is a candidates informational meeting.

- A woodpecker is a new resident at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The April 7, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

A study session to discuss BPA substation options was convened at 7:45 p.m. The study session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor