

May 5, 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 April 21, 2009
2. Payroll Checks #42418 - #42437 in the amount of \$172,995.65
3. Claims Checks #64484 - #64554 in the amount of \$177,306.14 and Manual Check #64483 in the amount of \$49.95
4. Set Hearing Date for Preliminary Plat of Joey Hollow (AB 2242)
5. Resolution for RTP Grant - Farrell's Marsh Park Shelter Sign (AB 2243) (Resolution # 1084)

Yes: All

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**

Non-Agenda Items

**Otto Rasmussen**, 315 Gove Street. He recently attended the CPR class that was offered at the Steilacoom Public Safety Department. He was very impressed. A well put together class. He also commented that the new historical signs throughout Town look very nice.

**George Phillips**, 706 Pine Street. He updated us on the Bair Drug Store. Two residents have combined their efforts and are considering opening the restaurant. Nothing definite but he will keep us posted on any new developments.

Several residents in Town have made shingle shakes in preparation of reroofing the wagon shop which is scheduled to take place in July.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor**

- He is thankful to the residents in this community for trusting our judgment and voting on the 6 year EMS tax levy. As it stands now, 64.1% have voted in favor of the levy.
- This Thursday night the Steilacoom School District will announce their decision as to who they are appointing to be the interim superintendant.
- The Mayor was extremely impressed on how Dr. Anthony Chin, who is the Director of Tacoma/Pierce County Department of Health, dealt with the possible flu cases in our area.

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

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- The Mayor will be going to Washington D.C. to visit with Congressman Smith regarding possible funds for the Community Center, and then on to Tampa, Florida later this month. The 5<sup>th</sup> of June the Mayor will be off to China.
- Thanked staff for helping to prepare the community in anticipation of a possible storm, involving high winds, moving into the area.
- Reported that an audit took place on our WCIA account. It was found to be flawless thanks to Mr. Loveless.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- Recently attended a meeting with the coordinators and possible vendors of our farmers market. The effort is moving forward with a start date of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- This Friday is the bid opening for the new fire truck.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported the following:

- Reported no new litigation.
- Recently attended the Washington State Municipal Attorneys Conference. Lots of information regarding new court cases that Mr. Hoffman was able to share with Town staff.

**Public Works**

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

- The 24<sup>th</sup> of April was Make A Difference Day in which the 42<sup>nd</sup> M. P. Brigade did a beautiful job of sprucing up the Community Center grounds.
- Town clean-up was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that participated.
- The electric crew has finished transferring the power lines along Short & Sequash Street. Mr. Burlingame thanked the citizens for their patience.
- This Friday night is the PCCPA annual dinner @ Pacific Grill Restaurant starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Another substation update will be presented at the next meeting.
- The parks crew members are getting very busy as the weather gets warmer.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Drozynski** reported the following:

- In the past month we have had four incidents involving military personnel.
- Five of our staff members have recently participated in an emergency vehicle accident prevention program.
- Extra excitement took place involving a traffic stop, Lakewood Police, and a possible gun. Lakewood is handling the case.

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- We fortunately did not qualify for stimulus money based on population & crime index. We may receive funds through AWC during the next round of stimulus distribution.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July plans & preparation are all ready in the works.

**Council**

**Councilwoman Aboubakr** reported the following:

- What is the tall yellow weed growing along the Sunnyside parking lot? Answer- We will look into it.
- Monday of next week she will be having surgery. Attending the next Council meeting is still questionable.

**Councilwoman Marcantonio** had no comment.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- Shared an article involving a young Councilman Ron Lucas. He was elected to the Town Council in 1994.
- The Town missed the majority of the storm last night. The highest wind gust was 28 mph.

**Councilman Judson** had no comment.

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- On the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jackson Street he has noticed that there is a house that is starting a hedge in the right-away.
- The Mayor gave a fine presentation at the County Council Meeting. One item was a surprise which involved the possibility of paying half of the Community Center remodel. Councilman Smith requested that there be a feasibility study done on the Pioneer Middle School building in comparison to the Community Center.
- Announced that he will be running for re-election.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The May 5, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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**Town Administrator**

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**Mayor**

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