

September 15, 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 Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Minutes of September 1, 2009
2. Payroll Checks #42586 - #42605 in the amount of \$166,920.51
3. Claims Checks #65216 - #65300 in the amount of \$68,227.24 and Manual Check #65215 in the amount of \$5,332.00

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

Paul and Mary Bradshaw, 501 Third Street. Thanked the Town citizens, Council members and the Police Department for the kindness and generosity that has been shown in honor of their son. Special thanks to The Inn @ Saltar's Point in Steilacoom and The Guest Inn in DuPont for hosting their guests.

William Peterson, 1214 Lafayette. He expressed concerned that the wayside horn at the Union Avenue crossing is not adjusted corrected.

Doyle Watters, 1194 Griggs Street, DuPont. He encouraged citizens to get involved with Operation Make a Soldier Smile. The program supports solders currently at war.

Rebecca Hill, 1006 Union Ave. She asked the question-What is the process by which members of the Town Council give specific feedback to citizens? She would like to be an involved citizen.

Jere Bowen, 819 Blaine Street. He feels that during the Fill the Boot event, that it is a dangerous situation for them to stand in the street and ask for money.

Billie Blattler, 1015 Sequalish Street. She asked that the Town list upcoming Council and Planning Commission meetings. She felt that the Wayside horn needed to be toned down by adjusting. Signage around the railroad tracks needed to be reviewed. She encouraged more historic planning with new housing developments in Town.

PRESENTATIONS:

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**Use of Fireworks Within
Town Limits (AB 2068)**

Mayor Lucas gave the staff report and asked for citizen input.

The following people spoke on the issue –

Brad Randall, 816 First Street, Steilacoom
Cynthia Digerness, 2737 Natalie Lane, Steilacoom
Drew Digerness, 2737 Natalie Lane, Steilacoom
Terry Hulin, 302 Champion, Steilacoom
Donna Dixon, 314 Champion, Steilacoom
Bob Rudolph, 1703 Starling Street, Steilacoom
Jere Bowen, 819 Blaine Street, Steilacoom
Hill Rebecca, 1006 Union Avenue, Steilacoom
Gina Flower, 2307 Beech Avenue, Steilacoom
Tom Morgan, 96 Jayne Court, Steilacoom
Mary Meacham, 628 Galloway, Steilacoom
Dennis Quackenbush, 302 Pierce Street, Steilacoom
Marilyn Martinetto, 2300 Worthington Street, Steilacoom
Billie Blattler, 1015 Sequalish Street, Steilacoom

NEW ITEMS:

**Steilacoom Boulevard Speed
Limit (AB 2271)(Res. #1086)**

Introduced.

REPORTS:

Mayor

- He recently received an email from a resident regarding the upcoming elections. The Mayor gave an election update.
- Received a notice from Fort Lewis notifying the Mayor of a possible 6,000 additional soldiers in the years 2010-2011.
- The Mayor met with Dr. Davidson from the School District and representatives from Fort Lewis and DuPont to discuss the swine flu and preparing for the future. The Schools are very prepared.
- Rainier Cable Communications is meeting tomorrow night to discuss dues.
- Denise and John Dhane, from Dhane Orthodontics, are responsible for the Operation Make a Soldier Smile program. It is a great program for a great cause.
- Expect a discussion regarding the water tower in the near future.
- Pierce County will take action on the sewer rates in the coming future.

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- October is the month in which we look at the mid biennium budget and property taxes.
- The study session on October 6th will involve the Urban Forestry Management ordinances and revisions.
- On October 20th the study session will include the discussion of possibly reducing speeds in areas that are over 25 mph and Steilacoom Boulevard.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- The Mayor and Chief met with Optum Health Care regarding the new mental health facility that is moving into Western State the 1st of October.
- PSO, Wil Nelson, has created a warning that is placed on vehicle windshields. The goal is to curb vehicle prowls at Sunnyside Beach and other areas in Town.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- The Blaine Street sewer project is 1/3 complete. No new surprises to report.
- Mr. Burlingame gave a BPA substation update. Terry Huber and Terry Mundorf met with BPA in Portland recently. Substation negotiations are in full swing.
- The Community Center painting project is in full gear. It should be complete in 3-4 weeks.
- The water crew has been busy with the vacor truck cleaning out catch basins in preparation of the rainy season.

Council

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Is it possible to get the Forestry Management plan a head of time? Answer – Yes, from the web site.
- When considering speed limit reductions, could we have figures that show number of accidents, pedestrian and animal, and tickets along Steilacoom Boulevard? These figures may help in determining whether speed is the reason.

Councilman Judson had no comment.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Are we going to remove the painted numbers and arrows along Lafayette Street? Answer- Yes, soon.
- He observed summer hires picking up trash in Town. Councilman Davidson commented that it looks much better.
- The alders need to be pruned in Pioneer Park.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Due to the painted numbers along Lafayette Street, she observed people parking in the Key Bank drive through exit recently.
- Reported that she has heard from residents in Madrona and Dr. Billings that they are enjoying the sound of the new wayside horn.

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- She is pleased to see the notices being placed on cars at Sunnyside Beach.
- She also got a call from Dr. Billings claiming the wayside horn has been life changing for him and his family.
- Warned everyone of the mole chaser plant that is very poisonous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The September 15, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor