

October 6, 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, Town Planner Doug Fortner and Administrative Assistant 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 September 15, 2009
2. Payroll Checks #42606 - #42625 in the amount of \$155,564.51 and Payroll Checks #42626 - #62645 in the amount of \$163,949.27
3. Claims Checks #65304 - #65403 in the amount of \$285,205.88 and Manual Check #65301-#65303 in the amount of \$44,221.60
4. Mutual Aid Agreement – City of Milton (AB 2272)
5. Mutual Aid Agreement – Town of Eatonville (AB 2273)
6. Shoreline Program Update Consultant Contract – ESA Adolfson (AB 2275)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

Otto Rasmussen, 315 Gove Street. He has noticed huge amounts of debris are ending up in the water from flooding the Nisqually estuary. This hazardous debris is landing on our beaches and waterways. He feels that the Town needs to take immediate action with the Corp. of Engineers.

Nancy Henderson, 1204 Chambers. Lowell Bier has contributed his time, energy and talent by renovating two signs entering the Town and one at the Community Center. The signs are very well done. It has been a great example of volunteerism and deserves special recognition.

PRESENTATION:

Urban Forestry Management

Town Administrator Loveless gave the presentation and asked for citizen comments.

The following people spoke on the issue –

Marilyn Martinetto, 2300 Worthington Street, Steilacoom

Karen Williamson, 506 Main Street, Steilacoom

Bob Rudolph, 1703 Starling Street, Steilacoom

Otto Rasmussen, 315 Gove Street, Steilacoom

Nancy Henderson, 1204 Chambers Street, Steilacoom

PUBLIC HEARING:

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2010 General Property Tax Levy (AB 2274) (Ord. #1454)
2010 EMS Property Tax Levy (AB 2274) (Ord. #1453)

Mayor Lucas opened the public hearing and called for the staff report.

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

Mayor Lucas invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Yes: All

Councilman Smith moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to close the public hearing.

2009-2010 Mid-Biennium Budget Review

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NEW ITEMS:

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REPORTS:
Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- The Mayor complimented Mr. Loveless for keeping up with his financial requirements by keeping his certifications up to date.
- The Mayor has received several thank-you notes from citizens in Town for the service and support of the following officers – Tom Yabe, T.J. Rodriguez, William Nelson, Larry Whelan and two volunteers.
- If you are a Comcast cable subscriber, you may have lost several channels recently. Give them a call.
- Staff is currently working hard on several grants.
- The box of light bulbs that residents received in the mail was provided by PBA.
- The Mayor complimented Mr. Burlingame and staff for all the hard work in preparing the Town for future inclement weather.
- Conversations are taking place by other mayors, primarily east of the mountains, as to the possibility of merging cities and towns to save money.
- He urged everyone to read I-1033 on the upcoming election.
- The summer youth hires that we utilized were very important to us this year.
- There will be a candidate forum on October 22nd in Town Hall, hosted by the Steilacoom Chamber of Commerce.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- The summer youth programs have been extended through March. The Town will use a few youths through December.
- The Towns two year audit is now occurring.
- The light bulbs that appeared at most homes this week were thanks to BPA funding.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation, however, there are two pending lawsuits in Town. Please refer all questions to Mr. Hoffman.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- A meeting took place, with the Town mechanic and the Chief, on September 22 & 23 with the company that is manufacturing our new fire truck.
- A date this week, there will be a multi agency exercise at the South Hill Mall involving a mock emergency.
- Next week, the department will participate in a round-up of individuals with outstanding domestic violence warrants.
- Twenty seven H-1N-1flu vaccine doses have been ordered for Public Safety staff and volunteers. According to the health department, influenza rates have been low so far.
- A pamphlet has been created to give direction to parents and school kids in dealing with influenza.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- To participate in the CRC program or florescent light program, we spent \$40,000 of BPA money and bought 15,600 light bulbs in which we gave away. This equated to approximately \$30.00 savings per household. Saving over 1 million kilowatt hours or a 3% load reduction for the Town. Everyone wins including BPA.
- The Blaine Street sewer project is going along great. The contractor has been great to work with.
- Street flags and flowers have been taken down for the year.
- Thanked all the temporary help we had over the summer. They all did an outstanding job for us. Their last day will be October 15th.
- Sewer vactoring the Town is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete. The entire Town should be complete by the end of the year.
- Street crack sealing program has been completed. Every street potentially could be crack sealed every six years.

Council

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- She has noticed that children in the schools are very aware of the swine flu and prevention.
- She informed us that the Aboubakrs are not suing the Town, despite what the local paper indicated.

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Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- Commented that residents have expressed concern with decorative grasses that were planted, obscuring visibility along Union Avenue.
- The Apple Squeeze event seemed to be a success this last weekend.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- Theorized that the reason the elderly do not seem to be getting the swine flu is because of how they were raised and what they were exposed to as they grew up.
- Apple Squeeze was a gigantic success this year. Attendance was way up.
- The Garden Club should be thanked for their contribution for the flower baskets.
- Parks have been looking great all year long.

Councilman Judson reported the following:

- Commented that he did not receive light bulbs in the mail.
- Thanked Lowell Bier for his beautiful sign contribution.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- He did receive light bulbs in the mail but does not believe that they last 7 years.
- The cable conversion degraded his signal.
- Reported that he is rarely sick due to being exposed to all kinds of germs while growing up on a farm.
- Sorry that he missed the barbeque with Terry Huber last week.

ADJOURNMENT:

The October 6, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

The study session was cancelled.

Town Administrator

Mayor