

October 20, 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 **Councilman Davidson** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of October 6, 2009
2. Payroll Checks #42646 - #42674 in the amount of \$153,236.69
3. Claims Checks #65404 - #65489 in the amount of \$96,222.64
4. Animal sheltering – 2010 Humane Society Contract (AB 2276)
5. Equipment Use and Hold Harmless Agreement – Holiday Sleigh (AB 2277)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

George Wilkinson, 1016 Union Avenue. He feels that the speed limit along Union Avenue should be lowered for safety reasons.

Ken Levine, 606 Wallace Street. He commented that the historical signs in Town look great. The Apple Squeeze was a success. He has noticed that cars don't stop for pedestrians even in crosswalks. The wayside horns seem to be in need of tuning. He has observed cars going the wrong way down the ferry lanes.

Rebecca Hill, 1006 Union. She stated that her family is getting less sleep due to the new wayside horns. She is also concerned with speed along Union Avenue. The current speed limit is not observed.

Charles Peiffer, 1503 Lafayette Street. He feels that the wayside horns are much better than in the past. He is concerned with the speed along Union, Lafayette and Chambers Creek Road. He suggested photo enforcement might be a deterrent.

PUBLIC HEARING:
2010 General Property Tax Levy (AB 2274) (Ord. #1454)

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.

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Yes: All

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

Yes: All

Councilman Smith moved and **Councilman Davidson** moved to adopt Ordinance number 1454 requesting the County Assessor to levy taxes in an estimated rate of approximately \$2.12877035452/\$1,000 of assessed valuation generating an estimated \$1,691,013 in taxes plus \$816 for refunds for a total of \$1,681,829 to support general operations of the Town of Steilacoom.

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

Yes: All

Councilwoman Marcantonio moved and **Councilman Davidson** moved to adopt Ordinance number 1453 requesting the County Assessor to levy taxes in an estimated rate of \$0.40/1000 of assessed valuation for an estimated levy amount of \$299,032 to support emergency medical services within the Town of Steilacoom.

**2009-2010 Mid-Biennium
Budget Review**

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.

Marilyn Martinetto, 2300 Worthington Street. She complimented the current Council, Mayor and Paul Loveless for their conscientious budget decisions throughout their term. She is very proud of how the Town is run.

Yes: All

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

NEW ITEMS:
Electric Net Metering

(AB 2278) (Ord. #1455)

port and responded to questions from the Council.

Ken Levine, 606 Wallace Street, Steilacoom

Councilman Davidson moved and **Councilwoman Aboubakr** seconded to approve Ordinance number 1455, providing for a new chapter 13.41 of the Steilacoom Municipal Code entitled Electric Net Metering, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the ordinance on behalf of the Town Council.

Yes: All

Public Works Director lingame delivered the staff re-

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- The Saltar’s Point Park remains closed while various agencies continue to do inspections.
- The water system held up very well with the marina fire. Special thanks to Anderson Island and Tacoma fire boats, fire crews from Lakewood, University Place, DuPont, Fort Lewis and McChord. Investigation as to the cause is still on going.
- AWC workshop on Initiative 1033 will be soon. Council members that are interested can sign up.
- The Mayor gave us a Fort Lewis deployment update.
- The Mayor shared a letter that he had received from a resident with concerns about the new wayside horn.
- A Candidates’ Forum is scheduled for Oct. 22nd at Town Hall.
- The Mayor shared that there is a proposal from divers from a Scuba Alliance that are interested in placing an artificial reef in the waters off Sunnyside Beach. More information to come.
- Shared a state financial update from AWC.
- It appears starting on January 1, 2010 there will be a sewer increase to help expand the sewage treatment plant.
- The Mayor received a letter from Greg Nichols about Mayors Against Illegal Guns. He asked the Council for future guidance.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Staff will be meeting with the Steilacoom School District to discuss snow and ice removal plan.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- A domestic violence round-up took place last Wednesday across the country. One person was arrested in Steilacoom.
- There was a fire at the marina on October 9th around 5:00 a.m. The fire was well established by the time crews arrived. No one was injured. Other cities and towns that helped were University Place, Lakewood, DuPont, Fort Lewis, McChord, McNeil Island, a fireboat from the Coast Guard, and Department of Ecology.

Public Works

- We pumped over 575,000 gallons of water to fight the marina fire. That is equivalent to the water usage in one day for the entire town. Some residents were affected with low water pressure.
- This Friday is "Make a Difference Day". Three different projects in Town are being tackled by the 42nd MP Brigade.
- The Parks Task Force will be removing blackberries at Sunnyside Beach on Sunday, October 24th between 1-4 p.m.
- Blaine Street sewer project is almost complete. Hopefully pavement will be installed next week.
- Speed radar signs are being installed down 3rd Street.
- October 15th was the end of our summer hires employment. Exceptional crew this year.

Council

Councilwoman Aboubakr reported the following:

- Question-How expensive would it be to install a photo enforcement camera along Union Street? Answer-They are only allowed along school zones and traffic lights.
- Question-How expensive would it be to install a "you are traveling at this speed" sign? Answer- We will look into it.
- She was out of town October 9th. But she did see the fire reported on CNN.

Councilwoman Marcantonio reported the following:

- She spent many hours at Saltar's Beach & the Steilacoom Marina sun bathing in her younger years. Later she would walk her dog in the area. Her niece met her husband there. Many fond memories. A great photo of the Marina is in the calendar the Steilacoom Historical Museum Assoc. is selling this year.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- He knew the beach as Green's Beach in the 1950s. As a high school kid, he spent many hours on that beach and in the water. Much of the landscape has changed.
- He has received many positive comments this week on our new wayside horns.
- Thanked Paul Loveless for all his hard work on the budget.

Councilman Judson had no comment.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- We will see more traffic when Fort Lewis closes the North gate to Lakewood route to pave.
- Suggested that perhaps we should install a four way stop at Union Avenue and Cormorant.
- He did not know about the fire. He only noticed the low water pressure.

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

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ADJOURNMENT:

The October 20, 2009 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

A study session to discuss arterial speed limits and use and/or possession of fireworks was convened at 8:05 p.m. The study session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor