

January 5, 2010

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 Stovall, Judson, Davidson, Bier and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Drozynski, Public Works Director Burlingame, Town Planner Fortner and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilman Judson moved and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of December 1, 2009
2. Payroll Checks #42728 - #42746 in the amount of \$167,360.21 and Payroll Checks #42747 - #42766 in the amount of \$144,173.94
3. Claims Checks #65726 - #65820 in the amount of \$92,240.72 and Manual Check #65717- #65721 & #65723 - #65725 in the amount of \$10,716.33 and Claims Checks #65823 - #56900 in the amount of \$144,536.85 and Manual Checks #65821-#65822 in the amount of \$7,861.96
4. Appointment of Melissa Rodriguez to Planning Commission (AB 2289)
5. Reappointment of Melissa Rodriguez to Planning Commission (AB 2290)
6. Electric Infrared Inspection Scope of Services, Colbert Inc. (AB 2291)
7. Agreement with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management for Emergency Management Services (AB 2293)
8. Agreement with WSP for the SECTOR Program (AB 2294)
9. Agreement with Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Program (AB 2295)
10. National Hose Testing 2010 – 2012 Contract (AB 2296)
11. 2010 Radio Maintenance Agreement Pierce County Emergency Communications (AB 2297)
12. Surplus Property (AB 2300)
13. Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore (AB 2301)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:

Non-Agenda Items

None

PRESENTATIONS:

YWCA – Heather Burgess and Executive Director Miriam Barnett

Steilacoom High School Leadership Class – Electronic Reader Board

NEW ITEMS:

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Community Athletics Programs – Nondiscrimination Policies (AB 2299)

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

Yes: All

Councilman Davidson moved and **Councilman Smith** seconded to adopt the Community Athletics Program – Nondiscrimination Policy.

Vision and Mission Statements (AB 2292)

Town Planner Fortner delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Lucas invited comments from the audience. The following person spoke:

Wolfe Fletter, 1614 Nisqually Street, Steilacoom

Yes: All

Councilman Stovall and **Councilman Judson** seconded to remand the matter of the Town Mission and Vision Statement with direction to take the following action: to develop a plan for additional public input, and consider holding public forums and hearings in order to get additional public comments.

Zoo Trek Authority Board Nomination (AB 2298)

Mayor Lucas delivered the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Yes: All

Councilman Judson and **Councilman Davidson** seconded to cast the Town of Steilacoom's vote for Jeff Hogan of the City of Edgewood for Position Two to serve as the Zoo/Trek Authority Board fulfilling a three-year term, representing the cities and towns within the Pierce County Regional Council boundary.

REPORTS:
Mayor

- Mentioned that he was honored to be at the memorial service for the fallen Pierce County Officer today.
- Welcomed the two new council members. He advised them to read and ask a lot of questions of staff to help make Council decisions.
- 2010 will include executing the budget.
- The state audit is complete. The audit was clean with no violations.
- There is an activity that is being worked on by Partner in Parks, to construct a bathroom at Fort Steilacoom Park near the playground.
- Pierce County sewer rates, more information to come from Mr. Loveless.

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- After talking to other Mayors in the area, no one is anticipating any money from the State this year.
- Shared with us a State Legislative update.
- Wished us all a Happy New Year.
- Nancy Henderson organized a Holiday event. 35 musicians participated. Very enjoyable evening.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Rumors regarding Abitibi Mill. There is an offer for the mill but it is going through bankruptcy court. We will know more after January 19th.
- We are currently negotiating with the State regarding the lease of the Town building at 1715 Lafayette Street.
- The company Clearwire is locating on our cell tower in Town.
- PDC will be contacting Council members.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported the following:

- Reported no new litigation.
- Pending litigation – Brake conditional use permit was heard by a Judge. The appeal was denied therefore the Town’s decision was upheld.
- There has been a resolution to the Aboubakr and Bruno case. The case has been dismissed with conditions that were agreed to by all parties.

Public Safety

Chief Drozynski reported the following:

- Many staff members attended the memorial service for the four fallen Lakewood officers.
- Early December an identity theft took place at Steilacoom High School. An arrest was made shortly afterwards thanks to Officer Yabe and Sergeant Nelson.
- Three weeks ago we received a report that there was a person carrying a firearm around in the Cherrydale area. The school was quickly locked down. It was discovered that the individual was transporting a BB gun.
- Schools have been given safety instruction and have been practicing school lockdowns.
- That same evening the Steilacoom High School reported possible shots being fired. The school was locked down. No other information was found.
- This last Sunday, a resident was reported having emotional problems with guns involved along Roe Street. The guns were confiscated and the person is receiving help.
- Attended the Pierce County memorial service today. Our Department is providing services in the Arrowhead area to help Pierce County today.
- Decreasing the speed limit along Union Avenue seems to have helped with traffic congestion.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- Welcomed the new Council members.
- Terry Huber is working hard on the scope of services for the substation evaluation. More information will be shared on the meeting of January 19th.
- Steilacoom had a snow event on December 13th and 14th. The school district asked for help in the hilly areas.
- We had a power outage on December 19th involving the Lexington feeder. The electrical wiring along Main Street is deteriorating. Look for future decisions as far as possible repairs.
- A draft is being worked on to demolish two water tower reservoirs in Town. The project should be out for bid in the next week.

Council

Councilman Stovall reported the following:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Asked if the Council agendas could be included on the Town web site? Answer – Yes, look for that in the near future.

Councilman Bier reported the following:

- Reported that he was happy to be on the Council tonight.
- A resident in Town asked when Saltar's Beach would be re-opened? Answer- A meeting with the owner is scheduled. More information will be included in the Friday update.

Councilman Davidson reported the following:

- The web cameras that are located along the ferry dock, should we consider installing one looking at Town for advertising purposes?
- The historical pictures at Town Hall are very readable.
- When the flag is at half staff it is hitting the Town Hall building. He suggested raising the flag at the 60% height level.
- Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Judson had no comment.

Councilman Smith reported the following:

- Asked why the school zone warning sign down 3rd Street was placed mid block and not at the start of the speed zone or block? Answer: We will check the placement again.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The January 5, 2010 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:30p.m.

STUDY SESSION:

A study session to discuss 2010 capital program was convened at 8:50 p.m. The study session adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was convened at 9:45 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. The Executive Session was expected to last approximately 15 minutes. At approximately 10:00 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned.

Town Administrator

Mayor