

January 19, 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, Councilmembers Stovall, Judson, Davidson, Bier 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 January 5, 2010
2. Payroll Checks #42767 - #42797 in the amount of \$170,243.23
3. Claims Checks #65903 - #65945 in the amount of \$35,255.74 and Manual Checks #65901 - #65902 in the amount of \$5,306.85 and Claims Checks #65946 - #65996 in the amount of \$243,101.91
4. Memorandum of Understanding with OptumHealth (AB 2302)

Yes: All

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**  
Non-Agenda Items

**Otto Rasmussen**, 315 Gove Street. Expressed concerned over the pathway near the 5<sup>th</sup> Street waterway in regards to children. He has observed a lack of adherence to the 20 mph school zone. He would like to see a blinking school zone light installed along Gove Street.

**Rebecca Hill**, 1006 Union Avenue. Thanked Council for the American flag with proper lighting outside Town Hall.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Steilacoom High School Electronic Sign-Status Update**

**REPORTS:**  
Mayor

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- Councilmembers should register with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission.
- A Committee has been formed to talk about the possibility of closing McNeil Island or reducing McNeil to a smaller medium security prison and possibility closing other prisons around the state. Look for more information in local papers.
- This months Around Town features an article about the budget process and what the Town can expect in the next five years.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- If a road utility tax fund was established by the legislature revenue for Steilacoom would be approximately 100K-125K.
- Will be meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> with representatives from Senator Murray's and Cantwell's offices to discuss local possible earmark projects.
- A 2010 Farmers Market Coordinator has been hired.

- The Preservation and Review Board is looking for a new representative.
- Upcoming events in February are the Chambers' Spaghetti Feed, the Wine Festival, and the Daddy Daughter Dance.
- The Pierce County Regional Council is looking for local representatives.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported new litigation involving Town Ordinances and building permit enforcement. Refer all questions to Mr. Loveless or himself.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Drozynski** reported the following:

- The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department delivered our prescription and over the counter disposal box. It will be located in the lobby of the Public Safety building when it is installed.
- On March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> the Department of Emergency Management will be participating in an exercise involving a train derailment in Town.

**Public Works**

- Staff is working with a company to produce an assessment for the substation scope of services. Stay tuned for more information.
- Met with Gray & Osborn to talk about Starling Street. Look for a scope of services from them in the near future regarding that project.
- A meeting took place last Thursday with the Parks Task Force to discuss what they would like to accomplish in 2010. Trails are a priority.
- We are receiving a lot of phone calls regarding demolishing of the two water tanks. Bid opening is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>. We should have a recommendation for Council at the next meeting.
- Steilacoom High School Honor Society will be at Perkins Park planting some needed plants on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The Blaine Street project has been closed out. \$43,000 was shaved off the bid. Great project.

**Council**

**Councilman Smith** reported the following:

- He has been asked by several residents as to when Saltar's Beach will be reopened? Answer: The beach will stay closed until it can be determined as to whether hazardous materials were involved.
- What is the status of the parking lot lease funds that were not collected? Answer: It appears that both parties involved have or may file bankruptcy in order to dissolve the debt.
- School zone crossings vary significantly. He would like the Town to provide an estimate for a flashing light on Gove St.

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

**Councilman Judson** reported the following:

- Should the Town's financial forecast coincide with the utility plans and be a six year forecast?
- Regarding the BPA substation, because of the continued costs of the reports and the lack of cooperation with PBA, he suggested that we may want to consider walking away.

**Councilman Davidson** reported the following:

- What's the purpose of the stakes around the kiosk? Answer: Nancy Henderson and the Leech's are working on possibly rebuilding the kiosk.
- Are the parking people still issuing tickets? He has observed a black pickup parked along Lafayette for several days. Answer: A special permit was issued due to a temporary disability.
- Observed a car parked in the driveway of Key Bank. He suggested that perhaps it was due to lack of adequate street markings.
- Recently observed an individual with a video camera in front of the Bair Drug Store. He stated that he was taping for the Oprah Winfrey Show regarding the McNeil Island segment.

**Councilman Bier** had no comment.

**Councilman Stovall** reported the following:

- The next Park's Task Force meeting is it open to the public? How will it be publicized? Answer: Yes, it is open to the public. However, it's not always on a set date but we will look into how to get the word out.
- The Council had remanded the mission & vision statement back to the Planning Commission. Any response? Answer: Yes, there will be an upcoming notice in the Around Town. A press release to the Clipper, Suburban Times and the TNT. A notice is being delivered to the Chamber, Kiwanis, Steilacoom Middle School and High School.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The January 19, 2010 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION:**

A study session to discuss roles and responsibilities of elected officials was convened at 7:45p.m. The study session adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Town Administrator

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Mayor