

August 1, 2017

## 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, Crumley, Franklin and Smith. Councilmember Henderson was excused. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Rodriguez, and Public Works Director Burlingame.

**Mayor Lucas** led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Councilmember Franklin** moved and **Councilmember Smith** seconded to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

1. Minutes of July 18, 2017
2. Payroll Checks #105609 - #105617 and #105620 - #105622 and #105671 in the amount of \$185,557.23
3. Claims Checks #105680 - #105748 in the amount of \$694,407.51 and Manual Checks #105658 - #105660 and #105667 & #105677 & #105679 in the amount of \$13,050.21
4. BPA Conservation Agreement (AB 2809)

**Yes: All**

**AUDIENCE INPUT:**  
**Non-Agenda Items**

**Art Hoff**, 2748 Cambridge Drive, Steilacoom. His neighbor's property sustained a house fire a month ago. Mr. Hoff expressed concern over a rat infestation that is now occurring on the property. He asked if something could be done for public health and safety purposes.

**REPORTS:**  
**Mayor**

**Mayor Lucas** reported the following:

- The Mayor has received numerous calls inquiring about BNSF's work on a wooden trestle below Cormorant Passage. They are replacing the wooden material with steel and concrete. It seems, unfortunately, that Town times to start work does not apply to this project.
- Another subject that has produced many emails is the traffic through Town when I-5 is congested.
- Emphasis patrols are taking place throughout Town due to resident requests. Traffic stops and tickets have increased. Higher volume of cars due to summer months.
- There is movement regarding repairing the Tribal Museum building.
- The Salmon Bake was a tremendous success.
- Talked about rules and responsibilities as a Councilperson. Please encourage people to have a direct conversation with Town Administrator Loveless or Mayor Lucas if they have concerns.
- With the hot weather that is expected, the Steilacoom Community Center is on the Red Cross list as a cooling sight for folks.
- Gave us a Sound Transit update.
- Thanked the three candidates that have stepped forward for Council positions.
- Representatives from our Sister City in China are due to visit soon.

**Administrator**

**Town Administrator Loveless** reported the following:

- During regular business hours, the Community Center can be used as a cooling center during the hot weather.
- The Farmers' Market and concert will go on despite the weather. Reminded everyone the umbrellas are not allowed at the concerts.
- Voting polls close tonight at 8:00 pm. We expect the first results to be announced at 8:30 pm.
- Staff will be meeting with the owners of the Mill property tomorrow. The discussion will be about the possibility of removing the dam along Chambers Creek.
- Staff has met with BPA to discuss their 5.2% rate increase that they are imposing. Council can expect future public hearings to increase customer electric rates here in Town.
- The latest round for calls for TIB projects are due this month. We are submitting a proposal to install sidewalks along upper Rainier Street.
- Staff has been negotiating with Public Safety for the past six months regarding their contract. Unfortunately, we are headed toward mediation.

**Attorney**

**Attorney Hoffman** reported no new litigation.

**Public Safety**

**Chief Rodriguez** reported the following:

- Chief suggested that the Town might want to install a fence at Saltar's Point Beach to discourage trespassers at the marina.
- Recognized several of our officers, along with other agencies, with the outstanding job they did during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

**Public Works**

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

- We are slowly moving on completing Roe Street.
- Thanked his staff for the Salmon Bake prep and then the day of the event.
- Asphalt sidewalk repair is taking place at Sunnyside Beach Park from tree roots.
- Developers throughout Town are all working in high gear.
- Staff attended the joint meeting with the Pierce County Transportation Board and the Growth Management Committee. Upcoming grant opportunities were talked about with their requirements.

**Council**

**Councilmember Stovall** had no comment.

**Councilmember Franklin** reported the following:

- A resident has expressed frustration over a motorhome and abandoned cars that are parked on Starling Street near Fredrick Street. Answer: Yes, they are parking on Town property. The RV has been tagged as far as moving the vehicle. They have until August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Councilmember Crumley** reported the following:

- Commented that the Gray and Osborne traffic study was exceptionally well done.
- Stated that there has been a dog in the Cormorant Passage area that continues to bark. The homeowners association is trying to contact the renters to find a solution. Comment: residents should be keeping a log as far as the barking and then notify Lakewood Animal Control.

**Councilmember Smith** reported the following:

- He noticed on the West Pierce report that the train derailment was listed. Fortunately that does not happen very often.
- Asked if the Public Safety Department has had any problems with their Ford SUV's. Answer: No

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The August 1, 2017 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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**Town Administrator**

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**Mayor**