

August 6, 2019

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 Neal, Henderson, Crumley, Franklin and Smith. Staff members in attendance were Town Administrator Loveless, Attorney Hoffman, Public Safety Director Rodriguez, Public Works Director Burlingame, and Administrative Assistant Bollman.

Mayor Lucas led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Minutes of July 16, 2019
2. Approval of Payroll Checks #111744 - #111751 in the amount of \$172,087.27 and Payroll Checks #111826-111831 in the amount of \$249,321.26
3. Approval of Claims Checks #111832 - #111904 in the amount of \$1,226,174.99 and Manual Checks #111743, #111753, #111757 - #111759 & #111820, 111824 - #111825 in the amount of \$10,469.38
4. Professional Services Agreement – Terry Huber (AB 2938)
5. Unsafe Storage of a Firearm (AB 2936) (Ordinance #1606)

Yes: All

PRESENTATION:

Life Saving Award – Sergeant Larry Whelan

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

NEW ITEMS:

Steilacoom Blvd. Improvement Project, Change Order #3, ACI Inc. (AB 2839)

Public Works Director Burlingame delivered the staff report and answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Franklin moved and **Councilmember Smith** seconded to approve Change Order #3 for the Steilacoom Blvd. Improvement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary contract documents on behalf of the Town of Steilacoom.

Yes: All

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Public Works Teamsters (AB 2839)

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

Councilmember Neal moved and **Councilmember Henderson** seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 117 covering certain members of the Public Works department staff.

Yes: All

REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Congratulated Larry Whelan for his life saving award.
- Gave Council an Anderson Island ferry dock update as far as what had occurred over the weekend and the impacts it had on the Town. The Anderson Island ferry dock has now been repaired and is fully operational.
- Gave us a Steilacoom Blvd. update.
- The Mayor is testifying tomorrow on the LNG plant at the Port of Tacoma.
- There will be a briefing on August 14th, headed by the County Exec., to discuss affordable housing in the region.
- Councilmember Neal sits on the Pierce County Regional Council. Please address any concerns or comments to him.
- Discussed wildlife in Town particularly coyotes.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- Reviewed issues that the Town dealt with during the Anderson Island ferry closure. Department of Emergency Management was notified, who then contacted the Red Cross to set-up the emergency shelter located at the Community Center. Only to find out that there were no displaced people.
- The Summer Concert series and the Farmers' Market continues tomorrow.
- The State Auditors will start their two year audit of the Town next week.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported the following:

- The Lakewood Water District Commissioners approved the settlement agreement between the Town and Lakewood, which means that issue has been resolved.
- Reported no new litigation.

Public Safety

Chief Rodriguez reported the following:

- We are now fully staffed. Our new recruits are scheduled to attend the police academy in September.
- Officers had two active shooter training events with Lakewood Police Department recently.
- Our School Resource Officer, Justin Hamrick, attended the Washington School Safety Officers conference in Spokane.
- Coffee with a Cop is scheduled at the Coffee Cabin on October 2nd at 2:00 pm.
- Shared information about July burglaries and aggravated assaults in Town.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- Reported that the Salmon Bake was a huge success.
- Crack sealing on the roadways went very smooth this year. Thanked his crew for all their hard work.
- A power outage on Martin Street occurred last night. The faulty piece of primary wire was located. Unfortunately, we had an injury of an employee during the process. He is going to be ok and will be back to work tomorrow.
- The Steilacoom Blvd. contractor is installing the rock walls. Curbing has been laid. They will be pouring sidewalks starting Friday. Hopefully the road will be reopened by August 31st before school starts.

Council

Councilmember Neal reported the following:

- Made the comment that Anderson Island residents are resilient people. They usually have back-up plans in place.
- Being a Pierce County Regional Council member he shared information about a document for establishing countywide centers in unincorporated Pierce County.
- Tomorrow the Puget Sound Regional Council will be hosting an open house at the Tacoma Library to discuss Vision 2050 document.
- Suggested that the Town might consider hosting an open house or dedication once the Steilacoom Blvd. project is complete. This would thank all our citizens and let them see what the project looks like.

Councilmember Franklin reported the following:

- Thanked the Town and the citizens for contributing to a successful Salmon Bake.
- He agreed with Councilmember Neal with providing the citizens an opportunity to walk through the Tunnel of Trees.
- The storage barn that is being constructed behind the wagon shop is on target for completion in October.

Councilmember Henderson reported the following:

- The Sunnyside Beach picnic tables and benches look great.
- Gave us a knotweed eradication update.

Councilmember Crumley reported the following:

- He commented that the Farmers' Market and the Summer Concert last week was excellent.
- He shared that he recently installed a camera at his front door for more protection. Very user friendly.

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Council cont.

Councilmember Smith reported the following:

- We had money in the budget for school crossing lights. He wanted to see new lights installed with enhanced programing.
- He commented on an article in the paper regarding round-a-bouts as being the safest way to get through an intersection.
- The camera that he installed at his front door produces very clear pictures. Good deterrent.
- He suggested that the Town might want to review purchasing an additional transformer as a back-up.

ADJOURNMENT:

The August 6, 2019 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor