

January 16, 2018

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

1. Minutes of January 2, 2018 as amended
2. Approval of Payroll Checks #106817 - #106824 in the amount of \$232,078.66
3. Approval of Claims Checks #106829 - #106893 in the amount of \$110,811.81
4. Surplus Property – Chairs (AB 2834)

Yes: All

AUDIENCE INPUT:
Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

REPORTS:
Mayor

Mayor Lucas reported the following:

- Advised everyone to be informed and to be sure and vote regarding the upcoming school levy in February.
- The Mayor is now a board member for Sound Transit.
- The Mayor is testifying in Olympia regarding requiring the railroad to notify towns and cities before they start construction projects.
- Discussions are taking place regarding code enforcement.
- Our partners from the 42nd Military Police Brigade have signed up 52 people for the upcoming Kiwanis Wine Festival.
- A Town Hall meeting will take place in February hosting State Representative Muri and Kilduff.

Administrator

Town Administrator Loveless reported the following:

- The State Auditor was back today and will be back next week. The audit is progressing.
- In regards to capital improvements, the Town requested funding through the State for the round-about. It did not get funded in 2017, however, we decreased the amount and have requested it for 2018.
- As far as the Steilacoom Flower regeneration, we will have a few this year. Please let me know if you are interested.
- We have been in mediation with the Steilacoom Officers Association all day. Negotiations have been promising.
- A study is proposed to determine the impact of possibly removing the Chambers Bay dam. Very early in the process.
- Stated that PCRC is looking for a Council delegate and alternate.

Attorney

Attorney Hoffman reported no new litigation.

Public Works

Public Works Director Burlingame reported the following:

- The two new developments in Town are progressing. Because of the warmer weather last week Birch Hill Estates were able to pave their roadways.
- We do have 90% plans of the First Street improvements for review.
- We are a single feed system for power. Every seven years the BPA substation needs to be maintained. This is being changed to once every two years for safety concerns. Staff has voiced concern and frustration over this change. Solutions are being investigated. He asked Council if it was worth it to the Town to invest possibly \$130 thousand dollars to avoid outages every two years.

Council

Councilmember Neal reported the following:

- Condolences to the Department for the loss of the Pierce County Sheriff recently.

Councilmember Henderson reported the following:

- Noticed on the quarterly financials that we pay South Sound 911 over 43 thousand dollars. She commented on how expensive that service is. It was shared that the County Executive has contracted a study to take place to investigate where this money is going.
- She is grateful that the Mayor will possibly be the Chair of Sound Transit in the future.
- Congratulated the Town for getting the Silver Award for it's farmers' market. She asked if we had a new coordinator. Answer: no, staff is interviewing candidates on Monday.
- Shared that fishing along the Saltar's Point Beach dock is prohibited between Montgomery and Martin Street. It is a conservation area and nothing should be disturbed. She suggested that signage be posted at the beach to inform people of this restriction.
- She suggested that signage also needs to be added to the Town's boat trailer parking area to include kayaks.
- Additional signage is needed stating that motor vehicles are prohibited in bodies of water at Chambers Bay where the tribal fishing nets are present.
- Talked about an email that Council received regarding a possible nuisance property. Answer: staff is in contact with the residents regarding their property and staff is looking at revising our code to address these issues.
- She commented that our Library series presentations have been excellent.

Councilmember Crumley had no comment.

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Council continued:

Councilmember Smith reported the following:

- Shared that there has been a car parked on First Street for 6-8 months.

ADJOURNMENT:

The January 16, 2018 regular meeting of the Steilacoom Town Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Town Administrator

Mayor