
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 10, 2013 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith and Brett Sandström (Late). Staff: Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Sandström arrived.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including April 3, 2013 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #76502 to #76588 in the amount of \$125,238.49
 - Payroll Checks #55305 to #55410 in the amount of \$261,088.99
- Request for Out of State Travel – Police Department
- Skagit county Relay for Life Committee Request – “Paint the Town Purple”
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2012-PW-16 2012 City Pavement, Pedestrian and Utility Improvements Project – C. Johnson Construction, Inc.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar as presented, A through F. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-0).

Special Recognition/Resolution 878-13 – Honoring Doris J. Allen for a Lifetime of Service to Sedro-Woolley and Wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday

Mayor Anderson read Resolution No. 878-13 honoring Doris J. Allen, wishing her a Happy 100th Birthday and acknowledging her decades of volunteerism with 37,000 hours of community service as a volunteer over 29 years at United General Hospital.

Councilmember Loy moved to pass Resolution No. 878-13. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (6-0).

A round of applause was given for Mrs. Allen who was in the audience.

Public Comment

Julian Pavisi – 519 Sapp Rd., addressed the Council and commented on the state recognition of Sedro-Woolley High School and Lyman Elementary. He also commented on the new street sweeper noting the street is now clean after sweeping. Pavisi requested increased police presence in the vicinity of Sapp Road as people are not stopping at the stop sign. He also addressed the noise ordinance in regards to loud music coming from cars and suggested having an onsite chipper at the yard waste site and sell the chippings.

Elizabeth Fernando – 805 B Metcalf Street, addressed the Council regarding skateboarders riding up and down the sidewalks along Metcalf Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012 Comprehensive Plan Docket

Planning Director Coleman reviewed background information for the second reading of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Docket. He noted no changes from the last meeting.

Council discussion ensued regarding Dunlop Street and annexation procedures.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance 1770-13 to Adopt Amendments to the Zoning Map and Comprehensive Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Resolution 879-13 to show City council support for the future applications to Skagit County for a reconfiguration of the City UGA as reviewed and recommended by the Sedro-Woolley Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström.

Councilmember Wagoner requested clarification as to future rights of the Council.

Motion carried (6-0).

Skagit County Jail Discussion

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed continued discussions with Skagit County. He noted he had little to report but discussions continue and are looking promising.

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk Café Ordinance

Planning Director Coleman introduced the first read of a proposed ordinance for Sidewalk Cafes. He noted the Sedro Woolley Rotary Club proposed the project to partner with local restaurants in the downtown area. The project was run on a trial basis

in 2012. The Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club and owners of Coconut Kenney's restaurant have requested the City allow sidewalk cafes again this season and in future years.

Brock Stiles – Sedro Woolley Rotarian addressed the Council regarding the trial basis of the project. Stiles read a letter from Chai Tan of Coconut Kenney's on the success of the sidewalk cafes and addressed the positive impacts on his business. Stiles requested Council consideration to continue the cafes on a permanent basis.

Council discussion ensued regarding the time frame of the trial ordinance, contacts with other restaurants, opportunities for businesses to make their own business decisions and incorporating a sunset clause.

Councilmember Sandström moved to pass Ordinance 1771-13 An Ordinance Amending the Sedro Woolley Municipal Code to Allow Street and Sidewalk Private Dining Areas (Sidewalk Cafes) for Restaurants in the Central Business District with a Sunset of December 31, 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Councilmember Wagoner expressed concerns of co-opting public parking that belongs to everybody for the benefit of one business. Further discussion ensued regarding implementing fees, changes to the downtown to attract business, missing opportunities to allow the town to grow and public land for private benefit,

Motion carried (5-1, Councilmember Wagoner opposed).

Stiles noted that the Rotary Club provided the labor to build the platforms at a cost of approximately \$3,000 with materials purchased at local stores.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – reported they are still working on details of the recent homicide as well as a recent drug operation on Sterling Road which began with people selling drugs within the city limits that led to the Sterling Road location. Wood also reported that he has met with the Bowling Alley regarding the kids hanging out in front of their business. Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on his recent trip to Olympia. He spoke of a missed deadline for the DOT donation of right of way and funding for the SR20/Cook Road project. Freiburger also reviewed the status of various projects.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg -- announced the upcoming retirement of Shane Walley – Public Works Operations Lead and Reta Stephenson – Utility Billing Clerk. Berg reviewed plans for their replacements. He also reported on another potential retirement within the Police Department and addressed the staffing of the Police Department.

Finance Director Nelson – reported that an RFP will be going out soon for new accounting and billing software. She noted the information gleaned from other cities that have made recent changes. She also noted the Reta Stephenson will return to help with the transition.

Councilmember Sandström – reported on seeing an old stone jail recently on his travels.

Councilmember Galbraith – commented on the great works of Luigi’s crew and their efforts for beautification of the City. He noted their efforts are greatly appreciated.

It was noted that the work crew has provided approximately 10,000 work hours and the program has been a joint effort with the court system.

Councilmember Loy – reported on a recent ride along with the Skagit County Sheriff and their positive comments on the Sedro-Woolley Police staff.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.