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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 8, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing-in of Newly Elected Officials

Mayor Anderson administered the oath of office for the newly elected and re-elected Councilmembers Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. A round of applause was received for all.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #78309 to #78373 in the amount of \$103,148.92
  - Payroll Checks #57277 to #57382 in the amount of \$262,256.19
- WSP Agreement No. C140825GSC, State Fire Mobilization Reimbursement

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

Swearing-in of Sergeant Harris

Mayor Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Jason Harris as a new Police Sergeant. Sergeant Harris was received with a warm welcome of applause.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster Presentation

Cindy Verge, Executive Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival presented the 2014 poster to the City and thanked everyone for their continued support.

Sedro-Woolley School District Levy Presentation

Phil Brockman, Superintendent of Sedro Woolley School District along with Brett Greenwood, Executive Director of Business and Operations and Levy Chair Christina Jefferson presented information regarding the upcoming School District Levy.

## Public Comment

Elizabeth Fernando – 508 Creek Ln. and owner of Simply Silver & More addressed the Council regarding a break-in at her store. She expressed her disappointment with not having enough police officers. She stressed to the Council to come up with a solution to the inadequate police staffing.

Louie Requa – 310 W. Bennett, co-owner of Skagit Surveyors addressed the Council and staff and thanked them for supporting local businesses.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem 2014-2015

Councilmember Lemley moved to appoint Councilmember Keith Wagoner as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

### Council Organizational Matters

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed several organizational items including the Mayor's draft committee assignments, the most recent version of the Council's mission, vision and goals, and the 2014 City meeting calendar. He also discussed a possible retreat and the AWC Legislative Action Conference.

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of having a retreat with Council consensus to hold a retreat with a tentative retreat date of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion was also held as to who will attend the AWC Legislative Action Conference.

Councilmember Sandström requested consideration of continuing to be on the Business Development Committee.

### Interlocal Agreement between the City, County and Port regarding Northern State

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information regarding a partnership between the City, County and Port to consider the future of Northern State. He noted the Port of Skagit County has taken the lead to begin the effort. Berg stated this is focused on the 225 acres owned by Enterprise Services, not the County owned property.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached interlocal agreement with the Port of Skagit and Skagit County regarding Northern State with a possible modification of paragraph 14. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner.

Council discussion ensued regarding timing, included within budget process, two read rule and the Port of Skagit County making a significant effort to lead economic development in Sedro-Woolley.

Motion carried (7-0).

## SWPD Radio Infrastructure Approval

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background and history regarding dispatch services and the formation of Skagit 911. He addressed radio deficiencies for the Police and reviewed options for a Communications System Improvement Plan developed by Mike Voss of Skagit 911. Berg addressed the impact to the budget and possible grants and funding sources. He requested Council authorize staff to proceed with the SWPD radio infrastructure project.

Council discussion ensued regarding funding options, preferred option, coverage, ongoing maintenance and life expectancy of equipment.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize staff to proceed with the SWPD radio infrastructure project, including the purchase of one used shelter as identified in the attached quotation. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner.

Further discussion took place.

Motion carried (7-0).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Minor Contracts approved under SWMC 2.104.060

Police Chief Wood – thanked the Council for their vote on the radio infrastructure. He also reported on the new police vehicles.

Fire Chief Klinger – welcomed the new Councilmembers. He also pointed out a report for 2013 major incidents for Council information.

Public Works Director Freiberger – addressed upcoming grant due dates for STP Regional funds for the SR9 Extension project and the Jones Road connection to John Liner Road including a bridge. Freiberger noted the projects would still be a ways out but requested Council give permission to submit with local funds to be determined at a later time. He also updated Council on the SR9 and SR20/Cook Road projects.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on a recent Jail Finance Committee meeting. He also reported of the upcoming Planning Commission recommendation for zoning for Marijuana will be brought before Council at the next meeting.

Finance Director Nelson – reported on the financial software update and the new look to the billing. She noted things are going well.

Police Chief Wood – reported on a recent drug raid within the vicinity of Curtis Street.

Councilmember Sandström – apologized to Elizabeth Fernando for the recent events at her business. He also noted of a recent fire inspection at the Masonic Lodge and the

professionalism of the Fire Department. Sandström expressed his excitement for the new Council and the Woolley Market.

Councilmember Lemley – welcomed the new Councilmembers and commented on a recent tagging at his business.

Councilmember Galbraith – also welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Wagoner – announced the upcoming Denny Engberg Memorial Fund Dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Wagoner also welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kinzer – thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

Councilmember Kornegay – apologized to Elizabeth Fernando for what happened. She also thanked everyone for being helpful and stated she is looking forward to serving.

Councilmember Loy – Welcomed the new Councilmembers.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining under RCW 42.30.140(4) for approximately 15 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:28 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.