
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 22, 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: Recorder Brue, 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

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #78374 to #78465 in the amount of \$288,375.35 (Void Check #78417-78420 and #78457 – 78458)
 - Claim Checks #178501 – 178573 in the amount of \$151,008.07 (Void Check #178551 – 178553)
 - Payroll Checks #58001 to #58014 plus EFT's in the amount of \$176,764.65
- Planning Commission Appointments
- Misc. Annual Contracts/Agreements
- Professional Services Agreements for Miscellaneous On-Call Professional Services
- TIB Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement No. PW-126(P03)-1 SR20; SR9 to Harrison
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2013-PW-02 SR 9 Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements Project – Faber Construction
- Proposed Purchase Order No. 2014-PO-02 with Sound Ocean Metal Fabricators Ltd.

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

Public Comment

Jeanne McLennan – President of Sedro Woolley Loggerodeo presented the City with a donation of \$3,000.00 towards the flower program on behalf of Loggerodeo.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreational Marijuana Producers and Processors

Planning Director Coleman presented background and information on the Planning Commissions review of zoning for Recreational Marijuana Producers and Processors. He noted the state rules apply but the city also has the option to regulate where producers and processors might be located. A public hearing was held with the recommendation to limit producers and processors to the industrial zone and defines certain topics that are related. The proposed ordinance is based on the Planning Commission recommendation. Coleman noted that since that time an interested business has not been able to find suitable land based on the proposed ordinance. Jennifer Aylor of Eldred & Associates, who represents a producer and processor that is seeking a location in the city, submitted an alternate ordinance for Council consideration.

Leah Kincaid addressed the Council on behalf of a group of investors noting that they are very heartfelt in bringing the industry to the community. She noted the partners are business owners with plans to bring 200 living wage jobs to the community with parts of the industry being taxed.

Kincaid entertained Council questions to include employment, security barriers, landscaping, business goal is to have the community happy with their business, industrial style of business, size of facility, projected cost, accredited investors, location of major sales, utility tax revenue and length of project.

Michael Drexler addressed Council questions regarding wastewater issues, run off, reuse of water, air scrubbers, noise impacts and wages.

George Walner – questioned if there would be any increased pressure to the Police personnel with this type of industry.

Kincaid and Drexler also addressed security, security checks with clearance by the Liquor Control Board and location options.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – recommended to Council to hold a public hearing regarding the alternative ordinance.

Council comments included precinct outcome of the vote for marijuana and voting on placement.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to have a public hearing at the next Council meeting to consider the alternative ordinance. Councilmember Sandström seconded.

Councilmember Loy spoke against placement within the R-5 zoning and suggested rezoning to industrial.

Further discussion ensued regarding local economy, issues with police staffing due to lack of funding and not wanting to raise taxes.

Tony Splane – 714 Sapp Rd., spoke against locating this type of business within the city and spoke of the consequences to employees in testing positive for drugs and questioned city policy.

Motion carried (6-1 Councilmember Loy opposed).

Legislative Agenda

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the Legislative Agenda for the upcoming AWC Conference to be held January 29 – 30, with Councilmembers Sandström, Loy, Koenegay and Kinzer attending as well as staff members Berg and Freiberger.

Berg reviewed topics to address with the legislatures which include felony jail medical, recreational marijuana and Northern State Hospital.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Minor Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.140.060

Police Chief Wood – reported on the demolition of a mobile home on Curtis Street. He noted this was part of the ongoing battle targeting low level drug traffickers.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on a conversation with the Washington State Survey Rating Bureau and stated he should hear back by next week of the results of their visit.

Planning Director Coleman – announced that the next worksession is scheduled to be a Joint Planning Commission and Council worksession. He will be presenting information regarding the 2014 Comp Plan docket. He also addressed the upcoming 2016 County update and having a policy discussion regarding the Urban Growth Area.

Public Works Director Freiberger – updated Council on potential grant opportunities, project ranking and progress on submitted grants. He also reported on the Fruitdale Road slide area. The slide area is expanding and they are trying to come up with a solution.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – discussed the upcoming Council retreat to be held January 31st, 9:30 – 1:30 at City Hall, Room 202. Berg also updated Council regarding the Police Department infrastructure.

Finance Director Nelson – reported the first payroll and accounts payable have been completed in the new system. She also noted she has been busy closing out 2013.

Councilmember Sandström – reported he watched the house being demolished. He also thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work.

Councilmember Lemley – informed Public Works Director of an asphalt patch in the sidewalk in front of Inspire Church. He also announced -- Go Seahawks!

Councilmember Wagoner – commented on grant funding the City has received due to the hard work of Public Works Director Freiberger and Staff. Public Works Director received a round of applause.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced the upcoming Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser this coming Saturday.

Mayor Anderson – questioned Council regarding their opinion on the City hiring related employees. Some discussion followed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.