
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 26, 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 (Including January 31, 2014 Special Meeting and February 5, 2014 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #178703 – 178790 plus EFT's in the amount of \$197,954.20
 - Payroll Checks #58034 to #58047 plus EFT's in the amount of \$178,031.65
- Proposed Interlocal Agreement with PUD No. 1 of Skagit County Re 2014 Third Street Sidewalk and Pavement Improvements Project, City Project 2013-PW-03
- Task Order Signature Approval – SCADA and Controls Engineering Inc. – Professional Services Agreements No. 2014-PS-05
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement No. 2014-PW-12 – 2014 Sedro-Woolley Senior Center Flooring Replacement Project
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement Nos. 2014-PW-13 and 2014-PW-14 for 2014 Annual On-Call Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment Repairs
- LGIP – New Prospectus and Updated Resolution #893-14
- Debt Recovery Specialists Agreement

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

Public Comment

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott, addressed the Council regarding revenue ideas with negative responses. He encouraged the Council to come up with ideas with a sound base that all Councilmembers can support. He also addressed expectations from the public and suggested Council attend other cities Council meetings to gain ideas noting that it is easy to be critical of others ideas.

George Walner – Sedro-Woolley, questioned Council regarding what percentage of the budget comes from grant money and how dependent the City is on grant funds. He also questioned the dependency on Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg gave an overview of the budget noting that grant funds are used for capital projects. No grant funds are used for operations. Also reviewed was the City's role with SCOG. Mayor Anderson noted it was a venue for an exchange of ideas and mechanism for transportation funds to Sedro-Woolley.

Walner spoke of SCOG's dependency for existence and loss of representation.

NEW BUSINESS

SCOG Agreement and Bylaws

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg previewed the SCOG Agreement and Bylaws and provided a history of past interlocal agreements. He noted concern by both the Mayor and himself about the proposed weighted voting methodology change within the bylaws. Berg reviewed SCOG's purpose and responsibilities including the revolving loan fund, support staffing, regional economic plan and the Transportation Policy group which is separate from SCOG but administered by the same group. Various projects of which received funding through this program were also reviewed. Berg referred to Page 109 of the Bylaws which is of concern. It is believed the weighted vote system would dilute Sedro-Woolley effectiveness when it comes time to distribute transportation funds and award grant funds.

Council discussion included the basis for votes, make-up of the committee in regards to County seats on the committee, creating another government agency with no accountability, ability to opt out of SCOG, loss of authority and power, voting structure for SCOG as it is today, reason for ports and tribe involvement and wording of RCW 47.80.040.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to reject the Transportation Policy Board as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Further discussion regarding creating a governance, success in obtaining grants and why the need for change.

Councilmember Galbraith called for the question. Council concensus is preference of the old way of voting.

Motion carried (7-0).

Jail Agreement Amendment

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a discrepancy between the Department of Revenue and State Treasury Office regarding funds distribution under the new 3/10ths of 1% sales tax. Berg stated there are two issues. Issue 1 – Inter party distribution of sales

tax funds and Issue 2 – Inmate outsourcing reimbursement under the interlocal agreement. He addressed the special language for Sedro Woolley because of our 1/10 th of 1% and noted the first dollars to be paid will be paid next month.

Discussion ensued regarding administrative costs.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted there is no action at this time as the document is an early draft with changes to come. He also announced that Mark Venn will be the Jail Finance Committee Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Minor contracts approved under SWMC 2.104.060

Police Chief Wood – reported on a Police Chiefs and Sheriffs meeting regarding the jail and stated there is a good working level among all. He noted that Sedro-Woolley continues to be reliant on the labor of the offender work program. They are taking applications for a lateral entry level position for the anticipated retirement of Melissa Dougher. He also noted he is almost completed with the department organizational chart which will include names as requested by the Council.

George Walner – questioned what avenues are used to advertise law enforcement positions and does the department actively look for veterans. Police Chief Wood reviewed the procedure for advertising in the Skagit Valley Herald and on Public Safety Testing.com which is widely known by interested candidates.

Fire Chief Klinger – highlighted the letter received from the Survey and Rating Bureau. He noted there is no change in the city's rating and the review was a long process.

Public Works Director Freiberger – reported on the TAP funds for sidewalk project related to Cook Road. He noted he received permission from TIB to do Schedule C using savings from Schedule D. This opens up federal funds from the Cook Road Project to the SR 20 Cascade Trail project pending approval of the Skagit/Island Board. Freiberger explained the process of federal funds and ready projects. A motion was requested for Council to ratify the change order.

Councilmember Sandstrom moved to ratify the Public Works Director's change order. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiberger presented a status report of public works operations projects as well as the projects the Engineering Department is working on.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on an upcoming meeting with the Northern State Redevelopment Team. He also noted an increase in business development inquiries and believes the City's outreach is starting to pay off. Berg pointed out the Council worksession packets are at the council seats.

Finance Director Nelson – noted the Council was given 2013 summary financial statements for review. The annual report will follow. It has a due date of May. She also

noted she has been busy reviewing the installation of the software to make sure everything is flowing to the modules as it should.

Councilmember Loy – questioned the increase on garbage he noticed on his bill. It was noted that the increase was passed by Council several months ago.

Councilmember Wagoner – thanked Police Chief Wood for hooking him up to the Mt Vernon Citizens Academy. He noted at the end of the course he will have gained a lot of information which may be helpful in Sedro-Woolley. He also congratulated the Fire Department for their fire rating and commented on the letter from Skagit County EMS. Wagoner proudly announced that the Sedro-Woolley High School Wrestling Team placed 2nd in State.

George Walner – questioned Council whom was the leader in the vision of the sidewalk projects.

Public Works Director Freiburger was given the credit for the vision and being aggressive in obtaining funding through various grant programs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.