
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 9, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

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

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 #179545 – 179614 in the amount of \$140,219.30
 - Payroll Checks #58193 to #58213 plus EFT's in the amount of \$286,012.61
- Funding Agreement with Skagit County for Distribution of Economic Development Funds for the Year 2014
- Possible Contract Award – Contract 2014-PW-16 2014 On-Call Drainage Ditch Mowing and Cleaning – Industrial Mowing & Spraying
- Proposed Resolution 901-14 Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT for Design Phase Federal Funding Obligation for the Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 Project

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through F. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Sandström opposed).

Swearing-in of Officer Dan Eddy

Mayor Anderson administered the oath of Office to Dan Eddy as Police Officer. Eddy's son Sterling had the honor of pinning on his badge. He was greeted with a round of applause.

Public Comment

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., addressed maintenance issues on the streets, specifically pointing out the corner of Walley and Talcott. He noted a pot hole and overgrown brush creating a vision triangle. He also addressed cross walk markings in front of the Sparkle Shop that are misleading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution Commenting on the Draft EIS for the Skagit River GI Study

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented a draft document for gaining public comment and reviewed information gathered since the last meeting. He noted they have not modeled the transfer of risk in a post project condition, discussed pre and post project maps, protecting high value urban core with the least expensive alternative, the unknown extent of water back up and the huge potential consequences. Sedro-Woolley's comment is to have them do the modeling and then ask for public comment.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding emphasis on money not on people, ring diking, modifications to the Wastewater Treatment plant to keep water out, maps seem to show significant transfer of risk, federal flood insurance, funding, and other related comments.

Public Works Director Freiburger addressed issues with the wastewater treatment plant with the proposed plan.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Resolution #902-14 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington Commenting on the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Skagit River Flood Risk Management General Investigation. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed packet items for door to door distribution to residents and property owners within the southern part of the city to encourage residents to comment. He noted the deadline for comment is July 21, 2014.

Further discussion ensued regarding risks to schools, fair waters act, waste water ring dike and gravity collection system.

Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with other Municipalities in Skagit, Whatcom and Island County to Participate as a Member of a HOME Consortium

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reintroduced the Regional Housing Affordability HOME Consortium that was addressed at the last meeting. He noted the model resolution was revised to fit the city format and introduced consultant Paul Schissler to answer Council questions.

Paul Schissler entertained questions from the Council regarding matching funds, types of homes, ownership, County as the lead agency, consortium membership, estimated funding amount, types of uses, regional cooperation can equal good outcomes, cycle of funds, vague rules of organization, financial training, use of Community Action, distribution of funds based on population, coordinated effort on housing issues and various points of view.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to table the Regional Cooperation for Housing Affordability for one year. Seconded by Councilmember Loy.

Further discussion took place.

Motion carried (5-2, Councilmember's Sandström and Kornegay opposed).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that John Coleman is the City's representative on the Affordable Housing Task Force and wondered if there was a Councilmember that would like to attend with Coleman.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – reported on some large and significant events coming up on Saturday. The memorial service for JB Bryson which is a significant event with some street closures. Also, on the same day is a memorial service for Francine Geoghegan a volunteer at the front office in the Police Department. Chief Tucker updated the Council on the Cook Road problem house which was lost to fire and is a suspected arson. He also noted Officer Dan Eddy will be starting next week and Officer Chris Rogers started this week.

Fire Chief Klinger – stated the Fire Department will also be involved in the services for JB Bryson. He noted they had a very busy 4th of July with structure fires and med calls. Chief Klinger commended the volunteers for the outstanding job during such a busy time. He reported as good news the trucks authorized back in February have been ordered and the Fire trucks are currently undergoing ladder testing.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Woolley Market was given permission for a temporary opening for weekend, their Grand Opening is scheduled for July 26th. He also noted that Windermere Realty will be opening an office next week on Cook Road and provided information regarding an Army Corps of Engineers public announcement on the Shell Puget Sound construction rail project.

Public Works Director Freiberger – reported on the SR20/Cook Road project which is moving along on schedule. He stated a ribbon cutting event is being scheduled for the last week of August. He also reported on some upcoming road closures and detours for the project. Freiberger reported on the progress of the PSE LED retrofit project and of various grant opportunity deadlines. Freiberger requested Council support for grant applications which require matching funds.

Councilmember Sandström moved to proceed with grant opportunities. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on a successful Loggerodeo stating the staff did great job. He acknowledged receipt of a donation from the Skagit Community Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 towards the Babe Ruth Ball Field. Berg also addressed parking enforcement in the downtown area. The emphasis has been on the Metcalf Parking Lot. Discussion followed regarding parking enforcement and other code enforcement items. He reported the SCOG interlocal has gone live and commented on the proposed bylaws for the technical advisory committee. He also announced he will be absent from the next meeting.

Finance Director Nelson – announced the June utility bills is the first month with the increased utility tax for additional police officers.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on a write up in the Seattle PI on the Rodeo.

Councilmember Wagoner – commented the LED lights look nice and noted the great job the City staff did during Loggerodeo.

Councilmember Galbraith – commented he has been attending the parade since 1970 and felt this year's parade has been the best parade in all those years and stated the community should be very proud. He also announced the upcoming fundraiser for the Sedro-Woolley Arts Council and encouraged support of the Arts Council as it is a piece missing in the community.

Councilmember Lemley – acknowledged Janicki Industries for building the Bank Robbery float. He noted this year will be the 100th anniversary of the robbery. He also commented that he was amazed by the number of people in town.

Councilmember Sandstorm – thanked everyone for the support of Loggerodeo. He also questioned bike racks at the new park and ride.

Public Works Director Freiburger noted there are plans for the placement of two transit kiosks and bike racks as part of the project.

Councilmember Sandström also announced the upcoming Arts Council event scheduled for August 7, 2014.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported he is meeting with County Administrator Holloran regarding the UGA expansion.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.