
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 27, 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 (arrived at 7:04 P.M.), Asst. Fire Chief Olson 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 #179841 – 179926 plus EFT's in the amount of \$846,907.43
 - Payroll Checks #58252 to #58265 plus EFT's in the amount of \$189,599.38
- Interlocal Agreement with Department of Revenue for Business Licensing – Contract Amendment No. K877-1
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Library Services – 2014
- Request for Out of State Travel & Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Reimbursement – Police Department

Mayor Anderson and City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted a late item change in Item F. The amount has been changed from \$2000 to \$2500, noting it was confused with Mount Vernon.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar with Item F updated. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

No comment received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending SWMC 12.36 to Address Fees for RV Usage at Riverfront Park and Bingham Park

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted there has been no changes to the proposed ordinance from the previous meeting and the ordinance is ready for action.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve Ordinance No. 1796-14 which establishes new fees for the Bingham Park RV Park and increases fees at Riverfront for the spaces with new sewer services. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Public Works Director Freiburger arrived at 7:04 P.M.

Police Chief Tucker – reported one of the new hires is nearing the completion of his training and will soon be placed on patrol by himself. The second hire will be awhile longer before going out on his own. They will be looking at problem properties with the help of Senior Crime Watch. Chief Tucker noted he will be going on vacation, Sergeant McIlraith will be covering in his absence. At the request of Mayor Anderson, Chief Tucker reported on the Viewu wearable body cameras and spoke of the advantages of the camera's. He noted the goal is to have every officer outfitted with one.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – reported on two fire vehicles (5511 and 5519) currently out of service for necessary repairs. New recruits continue to be trained and are now responding to calls. Asst. Chief Olson also reported on the opportunity to attend the Burlington Northern railroad tanker class in Colorado with all expenses paid. He requested Council permission to attend.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve Todd Olson for out of state travel training. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger – updated Council on the completion of the SR 20 Roundabout project, 3rd Street Paving project, special crossing at the High School, LED Retrofit project, grant applications and plans for the left turn lanes on Hwy 20 and Cook Road.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the upcoming open house for Windermere Realty. He also requested action on a draft MOU for Shared Sick Leave for the AFSCME union.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve the MOU authorizing shared sick leave for Kevin Wynn. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg also reported on Code Enforcement efforts and downtown parking. Berg also reported on plans for the City of Burlington to lead a Flood Plain by

Design Grant process with program partners consisting of City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County, Dike District 12 and United General Hospital. He spoke of the possible benefits of being involved and the City commitment of a \$5000 contribution towards the effort. Berg also reported the League of Women Voters no longer viable in Skagit County and will not be hosting their voter forum. He questioned the Council if they would like to host a City sponsored forum that would focus on a voter education format. The City would take no positions regarding any specific candidates.

A small discussion ensued regarding forum plans of the Chamber of Commerce, precedence, government involvement and neutral forum format with the Council consensus to proceed.

Public Works Director Freiburger – extended an invitation to the upcoming ribbon cutting for the SR20/Cook Road Project and the grand reopening of Bingham Park on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. He also reported the concrete crushing has been completed and staff will begin the Fruitdale Road rebuild next week.

Finance Director Nelson – reported the Audit team has arrived for the 2013 financial audit and the Accountability and Compliance Audit for 2012 and 2013. They estimate it will take approximately 3 weeks. She also reported on the upcoming 2015 Budget process.

Councilmember Loy – announced the upcoming 2nd Annual Skate Board Challenge on Saturday, September 6th at Noon.

Councilmember Kornegay – noted she has been following on Facebook the progress of Brian Gurney and presented a brief update on his progress.

Councilmember Kinzer – noted a request last week from a citizen for consideration of an increased boundary regarding the Marijuana Retail Store. She requested an updated map to show where the increased boundary would be. Some discussion ensued regarding the staff involvement and time to create the map. Kinzer also addressed the potential additional train traffic through Sedro-Woolley with discussion following.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the City has gone on record in 2012 expressing concern with the increased train traffic specifically regarding the impact of additional train traffic, underlying crossing issues in delays in traffic and delays in public safety and possible impact on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe River Bridge.

Councilmember Kornegay suggested joining forces with other small towns along the route to express concerns.

Councilmember Wagoner – commended staff and the contractor on the great job on the Third Street Paving project, SR20/Cook Road Extension project and Bingham Park. He also pointed out an invitation to a Watershed event. He stated that he has come to believe it to be a good organization and expressed interest in having the City join.

Councilmember Galbraith – reported on an area on Sapp Road where there is a culvert failure and requested to have it looked at. Public Works Director Freiburger noted it was on the repair list.

Councilmember Sandström – stated his children have had an opportunity to play on the new equipment at Bingham Park and it received rave reviews from the boys.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.