
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 10, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Brenda Kinzer, Germaine Kornegay, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Leo Jacobs, Solid Waste Supervisor, and Fire Chief Klinger.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg informed the Council in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, RCW 35A .12.110 establishes a process for the Council to pick its own member to preside over the meeting.

Councilmember Lemley moved to appoint Kevin Loy to conduct the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Loy took the presiding chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #179927 – 180021 in the amount of \$225,670.43
 - Payroll Checks #58266 plus EFT's in the amount of \$13,953.42
 - Payroll Checks #58267 to #58287 Plus EFT's in the amount of \$260,706.23 (Void Check #58269)
- Resolution 905-14 Appointing Members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept the updated consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

Ed Blanton – 309 Hawthorne St., addressed the Council regarding his concerns on the lack of left turn lanes on Highway 20 and Cook Road. He also questioned who from the Washington State Department of Transportation made the decision.

It was noted the Washington State Department of Transportation is managed by the Northwest Region, Mount Baker office out of Burlington and the decision regarding the left turn lanes was a condition of the project. Discussion ensued to include Mr. Blanton and Councilmembers on the role of the Council and signage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Solid Waste Division Draft Pilot Project for Every Other Week Garbage Collection

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a proposal from the Utility Committee regarding the expiration of the contract with Waste Management in September, 2015. The proposal is to run a 6 month pilot project for every other week garbage service. The pilot area would be Talcott Street from Walley to Railroad, Brickyard Lane and Brickyard Boulevard areas. The goal would be to run garbage and recycling with City Staff on an every other week period. He noted the goal will be to show the benefit of reduced truck traffic and to increase the amount of recycling. There would be no change to the recycling or yard waste program during the pilot project. Berg noted this would be a good hedge in future rate increases.

A proposed ordinance will be brought to the next meeting for Council action.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg also reported on illegal dumping in city dumpsters. He noted staff will be reviewing the public can placement.

Some discussion ensued regarding recycle bins placed throughout town and at the skate park. Solid Waste Foreman Leo Jacobs noted the bins are not used well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Sgt. Harris – reported on the lock down at two squatter houses. He noted they are keeping watch on vacant foreclosure houses.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on an upcoming training session scheduled for September 27. It will be an all day event and will be a railcar derailment and oil spill training drill. He also reported on pump tests to be conducted next week. Klinger stated he had an opportunity to rent the small shelter at Riverfront Park and commended the caretaker for the great job he is doing.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted there will be an Executive Session for the purpose of real estate with possible action under RCW 42.30.110 1b. He also noted there is forward movement on the ball field and reviewed field placement and wetland issues.

Finance Director Nelson – reported the State Auditor's office is still on site. The financial audit is complete and they are now working on the accountability audit. She noted areas they are looking at are public works contracts, bidding and procurement and utility billing. They were very impressed with the police evidence building and will be wrapping up their work on site at the end of the week.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on her attendance at the ribbon cutting for Bingham Park. She noted she was astounded of all the work that went into the project.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned enforcement issues at the corner of Sapp and Hwy 9, noting he has received a lot of complaints.

Councilmember Lemley – reminded Council of the upcoming Founders Day celebration with the final bank robbery reenactment. The Janicki family is being honored after the reenactment and the car show will be on Sunday at Riverfront Park with the anticipation of 300 cars.

Councilmember Sandström – discussed a recent letter to the Editor by Don Smith regarding train activity. He has inquired and has an answer regarding the loud noises referenced in the letter. He also requested enforcement action to the County for cleanup of the County trestle property behind high school.

Councilmember Galbraith – reported as a personal point of interest his family connection to the 1914 bank robbery. He noted the robbers fled to Acme to hide out and his great grandfather was shot and killed by the robbers.

Councilmember Loy – reported on the 2nd Annual Skate Board Challenge. He also reported on his visit to a marijuana store in Conway and showed pictures and explained pricing of the products.

Discussion ensued regarding potential grow facilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:55 P.M. for approximately 10 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorized the issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$27,500 (plus the city's closing costs) payable to Land Title & Escrow and authorize the mayor to sign related documents to close the purchase of this property. Seconded by Brett Sandström. Motion carried (6-0).

Phil Fusselman - 710 Sterling St. addressed the Council regarding the proposed garbage pickup.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.