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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
September 24, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Germaine Kornegay (7:01), Brenda Kinzer, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #180022 – 180101 plus EFT's in the amount of \$243,167.63
  - Payroll Checks #58289 to #58302 Plus EFT's in the amount of \$183,357.30
- Professional Services Agreement – First Insurance Agency

Councilmember Lemley abstained from check #180063 payable to JJ's Cruisers as he is part of that organization.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Kornegay arrived at 7:01 P.M.

Public Comment

No public comment.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ordinance Amending Section 8.04.075 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to Allow for Every Other Week Residential Garbage Service

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance for every other week garbage service. He stated the ordinance changes rates accordingly for the pilot project. A public hearing has been scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. Berg noted some modifications are anticipated with the senior exemption and fuel surcharge. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate whether the City could take over recycling services within the City

Limits when the contract with Waste Management expires in August 2015. He stated an important part of the pilot project will be communicating with the people involved by door to door interviews and surveys. The pilot program is necessary to get the feel and experience prior to making final decision.

Council discussion ensued regarding green waste, can sizes and rates, references to layoffs via a letter to the editor in the Skagit Valley Herald, staff time and involvement, request for clarification of the pilot program to the Skagit Valley Herald, commercial can pick up, belief of the program being a savings, zero waste community, increase in recycling and comparison cities with every other week garbage.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Police Chief Tucker – reported they are ordering more body cameras. They are also working on abandoned and foreclosed residences and have had some arrests of squatters. The Crime Watch is helping to identify abandoned homes on their routes as there is a concern of increased activity as the weather changes. Chief Tucker also reported progress on a new hire and the process is beginning for the hiring of another lateral officer. He also informed Council that Officer Rogers has completed his field training and Officer Eddy should complete his field training within the month.

Planning Director Coleman – updated Council on the urban growth modification process. He detailed the request that was submitted to the County and subsequent requests to consider the Cook Road portion. He also addressed requirements for a population projection update and buildable land analysis.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the property purchase on Reed Street is scheduled to close Friday. He also reported on the USDA tour of City Hall which featured a fire truck demonstration and a tour of the Fire Training site, all which were funded with the help of USDA loans.

Councilmember Kornegay – commented that at Founders Day she spoke with the Riverfront Caretakers and they expressed concern of homelessness and illegal dumping nearby.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the upcoming Voter Forum to be held on October 15, 2014.

Councilmember Kinzer – requested Police presence around the High School as school lets out.

Councilmember Wagoner – stated it was good to be back and noted the Sedro-Woolley Cubs Football team is currently undefeated.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on the Founders Day activities stating there was a good turnout for the final bank robbery reenactment and the car show. He also commented on the signage at the Cook Road roundabout that Mr. Blanton had addressed at the last meeting.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the progress on the removal of garbage cans in the downtown area and other unnecessary locations.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.