
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 8, 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, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman and Police Chief Tucker.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including October 1, 2014 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #180102 – 180202 in the amount of \$321,532.73
 - Payroll Checks #58303 to #58323 Plus EFT's in the amount of \$260,487.02
- Amendment to Professional Service Contract for Hearing Examiner – Scott G. Thomas
- Interlocal Agreement with Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101 – Shared Funding for Construction of a New Radio Transceiver
- Supplemental Agreement No. 10 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2012-PS-14 for Design Phase Services for SR20/Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project – David Evans & Associates, Inc.

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

Public Comment

No comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Amending Section 8.04 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to Allow for Every Other Week Residential Garbage Service

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed the intent of every other week garbage service is to allow the ability to see how it would be accepted and how it will work with existing staffing. The pilot group will consist of 150 services and is a step forward in taking over the recycling when the current contract expires. There is an opportunity for an additional 150 services within the Carter Street area when that area is taken over by City services. Freiburger noted there were a lot of good questions asked at the worksession and there are still things they are looking at.

Council discussion ensued regarding wording within the draft ordinance on timing of the pilot project, addition of a sunset clause, ordinance necessary to change rates, length of pilot project, concept is to encourage recycling, a tool to stabilize rates for the future and current rate charts.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Brett Jackson – 936 Alexander, addressed the Council regarding the logic of less wear and tear on streets and efficiency. He also questioned the double use of trucks and wear and tear of trucks for added material. He reviewed his service at his duplex, size of current cans and if upgrading the size he would be paying more and be short on capacity. Jackson stated he doesn't think it will save as much as thought.

Leo Jacobs – Solid Waste Forman addressed Jackson's questions noting that recycling is easier on the trucks.

Ann Melder – 516 Township St. #4, questioned rumors that garbage and recycling ends up in same pile. She noted she is not in favor of the every other week pick up and her main concern is that people will get sloppy which will encourage more litter. She likes a clean community.

Finance Director Nelson read a note from Marlene English of 708 Sauk Mountain Drive into the record which states "Please accept this notice to comply for the residential every other week garbage service".

Dennis O'Neil – addressed the Council noting he agreed with Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Melder's statements. He addressed the mess in the alleys. He also addressed pride of ownership which is not felt by renters, additional pick-ups, missed garbage and door to door communication which should have been done before getting to this point. He also stated that 6 months for pilot program is a long time.

Councilmember Galbraith commented regarding rentals and extra garbage.

Councilmember Sandström stated that one reason Talcott Street was chosen is because there are three Councilmembers that live on Talcott as well as other city staff which will give a first hand experience.

Ann Melder – again to the podium, noted she would rather pay the extra money than go longer between pickups. She also spoke on the need for educating the public on recycling,

Troy Erwin – 124 Reed Street commended the Council for doing a trial period before setting in place. He spoke of the trial period in the winter and noted the summertime is a different situation and needs to be considered. Erwin also addressed the fuel surcharge and the need to establish training on how to handle garbage, noting most citizens want to do what's right by the City and their neighbors.

Katherine Probert – 504 Talcott St., expressed concern of people with health concerns and the ability to move a larger can.

Leo Jacobs noted the City has a handicap walk in service for disabled or elderly citizens available.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:37 P.M.

Discussion by Council ensued to include right sizing cans and concern of equipment needs if pilot project becomes permanent.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Ordinance No. 1797-14 Amending the Residential Rate Schedule to Include an Every Other Week Rate and to add to Section 4 that it will expire on May 31st 2015. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-1 Councilmember Galbraith opposed).

Public Works Director Freiburger requested clarification on the length of the pilot program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Bid Award – 2014 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Repair Project

Public Works Director Freiburger addressed the preliminary award in the packet which addressed the budget and the staff recommendation to award the bid to the low bidder. The low bid is from Tellus LLC in the amount of \$11,609.45 including sales tax.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to award and authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Public Works Agreement No. 2014-PW-21 for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Repair Project to Tellus LLC of Kennewick, WA in the amount of \$11,609.45 (including sales tax). Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger addressed a late item addition for the 2014 Riverfront Pressurized Sewer System. He noted the preliminary estimate was under \$10,000 which is the signature authority limit of the City Administrator, however bids came in slightly above. He also spoke of the timing issue in order to complete the project prior to ground water setting in and recommended Council approval. He also reminded Council of previous discussions of the project and the failing septic systems that services Riverfront Park restrooms, caretakers cottage and would provide sewer to the camp host.

Council discussion was held regarding need to proceed and timing of the project.

Councilmember Sandström move to award and authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Public Works Agreement No. 2014-PW-17 for the 2014 Riverfront Pressurized Sewer System to Carmen's Construction LLC of Oak Harbor, WA in the amount of \$12,068.46 including sales tax. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – reported on a busy week and the tragedy in community at the James Market. He noted they have apprehended 3 of the 4 suspects that are now in custody and will likely face charges of 1st degree murder. Tucker also noted there is still a lot of work to do. He also reported on the department working on a sex offense case as well as an incident that warranted a lock down at SWHS and elementary schools in town. He noted that he was out of town at a conference when these took place and commended Sgt. McIlraith on an exceptional job. Chief Tucker stated McIlraith had great contacts with the press. The suspect in the high school issue was found without incident and the lockdown went flawless. He also informed Council on an upcoming newspaper article and press conference highlighting the local SMART team in a “To Catch a Predator” operation. Chief Tucker stated he was proud of all the detectives who worked on this operation. He also noted at the Mayors request the purchase of more wearable video cameras will be forthcoming. The department will have 6 cameras which will help to provide citizen and officer accountability. He then addressed several code enforcement issues and the cleanup of certain nuisance properties.

Planning Director Coleman – presented an update on the UGA boundary application to the County. He noted the county denied the additional information submitted and are insisting on a full buildable lands analysis. Coleman noted frustration at the County level who wants to address the application as part of the 2016 modification. Coleman also addressed his request for buildable lands analysis as part of the 2015 budget and reported success on their code enforcement actions for an abandoned house at 1002 Cook Road. .

Public Works Director Freiberger – presented an update on minor finishes to the SR20/Cook Road project specifically noting upcoming tree planting, issues with the former left turn lanes and the need for improved signage. He also updated Council on Fruitdale Road repairs which is more extensive than thought. Some bank repairs to help with drainage problems have been completed but the road remains closed for the winter. Freiberger also reported on the cleanup of the North Reed Street property and noted they are in design for next year’s projects and consultant selection.

Leo Jacobs – noted he is still working on the recycle cans for the downtown area.

Finance Director Nelson – informed Council regarding a conference call with Standard & Poors for a sewer bond rating. She noted they are hopeful for the same or improved rating. She also announced the scheduling of the exit conference with the audit team on Tuesday October 21, 2014 at 10 AM.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on her attendance at the Festival of Family Farms and announced the marriage of her daughter this past weekend.

Councilmember Kinzer – questioned the schedule for removal of the hanging baskets.

Councilmember Wagoner – noted the Sedro-Woolley Cubs Football is still undefeated. Wagoner gave credit to Leo Jacobs for coming up with a new idea, win, lose, tie he commended the work Jacobs did.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned a barrier for Mrs. Siedel.

Councilmember Sandström – announced the upcoming Candidates Forum to be held October 15, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Anderson – announced the upcoming Boot to Burn event to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Tickets are still available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:20 P.M. for the purpose of personnel under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for approximately ten minutes with no action expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

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