
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 10, 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, 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 (Including December 3, 2014 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #180512 – 180586 in the amount of \$149,151.60
 - Payroll Checks #58377 to #58396 Plus EFT's in the amount of \$259,269.60
- Professional Services Agreements No. 2015-PS-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 and 07 for Miscellaneous On-Call Professional Services
- Interlocal Agreement regarding Transportation Benefit District Operations between the City of Sedro-Woolley and the Sedro-Woolley Transportation Benefit District
- Ordinance 1810-14 – Creating New Funds for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Deleting Superfluous Funds and Repealing SEMC 6.08.440 Relating to a Non-Existent Fund
- Resolution 906-14 – Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposition

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

SWHS Cubs Football Team !!!!! (Resolution 908-14 Honoring 2014 Team)

Mayor Anderson addressed the members of the Sedro-Woolley High School Football team and audience members. He stated he is honored to be the Mayor when they won the State Football Championship. He thanked the team, coaches and parents, noting the hard work it has taken to get to the championship. Mayor Anderson spoke of the 1983 championship game coming up short and the flawless play by this year's team. He thanked Coach Ward and his team of coaches for setting the tone of the game and the magical year.

Mayor Anderson presented the key to the City to Coach Ward for his outstanding coaching. Coach Ward received a round of applause and a standing ovation.

Coach Ward addressed the Council and audience speaking of the hard work and dedication of the players, parents and coaching staff. He spoke of the energy level of the game and being part of something special and stated he is already looking forward to next year.

Mayor Anderson read Resolution No. 908-14 A Resolution Congratulating the Sedro-Woolley Football Team for its Decisive Victory in the Washington State Championship and Declaring Saturday, December 13, 2014 Sedro-Woolley Cub's Day in Honor of the Football Team.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Resolution 908-14. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Congratulatory comments and words of wisdom were made by Councilmembers Loy, Wagoner and audience member George Wolner.

Motion carried (7-0).

Presentation by Skagit County Coalition Against Trafficking

Representatives of the Skagit County Coalition Against Trafficking requested to reschedule their presentation due to technical difficulties. They informed the Council of an upcoming program on January 26, 27 and 28th hosted by the Anacortes Police Department and addressed upcoming rallies on January 11, 2015 for National Stop Human Trafficking Day.

Presentation by Skagit County Community Action with Bill Henkel

Bill Henkel, Executive Director of Skagit County Community Action congratulated the Cubs on their State Championship. He then thanked the City of Sedro-Woolley for their financial support and the partnership with the City. He spoke of former Councilmember Ted Meamber and his focus on veterans. Henkel spoke on the agency, their mission, accomplishments and presented numerous statistics of those helped by Community Action. His presentation was supplemented with a moving power point presentation and answered questions from the Council.

Public Comment

No comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pedestrian Interference Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the second read of the Pedestrian Interference Ordinance noting the only change was the addition of Metcalf Street to the ordinance. He

referred to information provided by the Fire Department on accidents at critical intersections.

Council discussion ensued regarding specific locations within the ordinance.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:42 P.M.

No comments received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:42 P.M.

Police Chief Tucker spoke on the ordinance giving them the ability to affect the problem when it's happening and as an education tool.

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed traffic volumes on Cook Road, SR20, SR9, State Street, Ferry Street and SR9 North.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance 1811-14 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County, Washington, Adopting a New Chapter to the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Regulating Pedestrian Conduct in Certain Locations Posing Traffic Flows and Safety Risks. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

Wen Wagoner – 410 Talcott St., addressed the recent demonstration at the High School and questioned if this ordinance would prevent that type of activity around the school and residential areas.

Some discussion ensued regarding free speech.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Salary Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg pointed out the late materials information on the 2015 Salary Ordinance, changing the Fire Chief and the Planning Directors salary. The Fire Chief increase is to bring in line with the Police Chief and the Planning Director increase is a result in completing his certification as a building inspector, which will save the City in consultant fees for inspections.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Ordinance No. 1812-14 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials, Union/Guild and Non-Represented Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2015. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

City Prosecutor Contract

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that the current prosecutor will not be returning for the next year. An RFP has been published with three responses received. He noted the committee has not had a chance to meet to bring forward a recommendation. Berg requested authorization to enter into a contract for 2015 of the Mayor's choice.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to authorize the selection and execution of the prosecutor contract for 2015. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Minor Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on communication with Fire District 6. He noted they have been in contract talks with the City of Burlington and their contract will run out on December 31, 2014. Fire District 6 is requesting us to assist them with protection on structure fires and motor vehicle accidents.

An in-depth discussion followed regarding being transitional in nature, no interest in getting involved in the issues between the two departments, compensation, coverage area, mutual aid and automatic aid responses and being a temporary transition position only.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on notice from County staff on the 2013/2014 UGA docket items. The County is recommending subtraction of several items from the 2014 docket. Coleman reviewed the city request of a land swap for the UGA. The county is insisting the city complete a buildable lands analysis. There is a Commissioners hearing on Monday and Coleman plans to attend to plead for public hearing process. The goal of the city is to grow north and out of flood areas.

Possible Contract Award – Wastewater Replacement Thickener Pump – Correct Equipment Inc.

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed a late request item for approval of a purchase order for a wastewater replacement thickener Pump. He noted the bid process has been followed with Correct Equipment Inc. being the low quote.

Councilmember Sandström moved to award and authorize the Public Works Director to sign and issue a purchase order in the amount of \$14,453.45, including freight and sales tax, to Correct Equipment, Inc. of Redmond, WA for one (1) Volgelsang VX136 Sludge Thickener Pump Assembly. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger updated Council on the design consultant selection for the Jameson Street project.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on a joint County Commissioner, Port and City Council meeting for December 19th. The meeting would be to discuss the future of the partnership on the adaptive reuse study. Berg polled Councilmembers able to attend. The meeting would be publicized as a special meeting with a limited purpose.

He also reported on the upcoming AWC Legislative meeting to be held February 18 & 19, 2015. He polled Councilmembers interested in attending.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented a late materials item, an interlocal agreement with Skagit Valley Hospital for a 75% tax refund towards health (Fire/EMT).

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Provision of Community Healthcare Services between Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 1 and the City of Sedro-Woolley. Councilmember Kinzer seconded.

Councilmember Wagoner noted that Gregg Davidson and the staff were very welcoming when he went to their meeting to speak on the impact of the original refund to the City.

Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reminded Council of the upcoming Employee Recognition Lunch to be held at the Community Center on December 24th at noon. He also reminded Council the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd at 4:00 P.M. in the lobby.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on the nice send off for the Cubs to the State Championship game as well as a great game.

Councilmember Kinzer – commended the OWP worker who was working along Walley Street in the wind storm. She stated he was persistent and did a great job and deserves a pat on the back for his hard work.

Councilmember Wagoner – had a report of aggressive panhandling on Metcalf Street and questioned what can be done.

Councilmember Sandström – congratulated Planning Director Coleman for completing his certification. He also commended Nathan Salseina for all his work as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. and was immediately followed by the Transportation Benefit District meeting.