
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 11, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Germaine Kornegay (Late), 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 Mike Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including February 4, 2015 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #180902 to #180986 in the amount of \$150,543.14
 - Payroll Checks #58442 to #58460 plus EFT's in the amount of \$2254,125.46
- Resolution 909-15 – Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- Possible Bid Award – Purchase Order No. 2015-PO-04 Sodium Hypochlorite, 12.5% Solution – Bulk Delivery
- Misc. Annual Contracts/Agreements

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

Skagit Watershed Council – Richard Brocksmith

Richard Brocksmith, Executive Director of Skagit Watershed Council presented a brief update on the mission of the Skagit Watershed Council and encouraged City participation by membership. He addressed the growth of the organization, updating procedures, fish enhancement and entertained questions from Council to include fish restoration goals and timelines, tribal representation and the value of membership.

Councilmember Kornegay arrived at 7:04 P.M.

Public Comment

Corrienne Jensen – Vice President of the Arts Council of Sedro-Woolley announced a public meeting to discuss current and future art in Sedro-Woolley to be held on Tuesday, February 24th.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SWPD Update

Police Chief Tucker discussed Council participation with the training simulator. This opportunity gives them an idea of the type of training and day to day decisions officers face. He also reported on the Civil Service Commission's acceptance of Records Clerk David Welch's retirement and replacement.

Sergeant Dan McIlraith – updated the Council on the lengthy and arduous the process of hiring officer candidates. He noted there are several agencies also looking for new officers which makes it more difficult as they are all competing from the same pool of applicants. He also reported that currently we have 3 candidates awaiting academy dates and reviewed the timeline for officers which includes 4 1/2 months in the academy and 3 months of field training before they are able to be on their own. Sgt. McIlraith stated that each officer commits to a three year contract and all are solid candidates.

Sergeant Jason Harris reviewed the results of the 2014 drug related operations and 2014 gang related issues. He stated it is important to keep on top of this type of activity and noted that seven independent dealers were taken out of the cycle and arrested in 2014. Sgt. Harris also introduced a student from Sedro-Woolley High School who is doing his senior project through the department and recently participated in an underage beer buy scam. This event netted two unlawful purchases out of 15 establishments.

Discussion was held on gang activity to include two arrests and the combined effort of local law enforcement agencies. Questions from the Council were also answered to include drug dogs, seizure of guns, marijuana, juveniles and graffiti.

Police Chief Tucker reviewed several code enforcement efforts to clean up neighborhoods noting it was an ongoing process. Improvements are being made and they are making good results by taking a proactive approach with different avenues to fix problems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Report of Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

Public Works Director Frieberger – highlighted items within his report to Council to include the final completion of the Hwy 20 project. He also reported on the new stormwater permit requirement to review municipal code and standards on low impact design for stormwater facilities. He informed Council of a Webinar designed to inform officials on the process on March 24th.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – presented a late materials item regarding an ongoing jail medical issue. He briefly reviewed the Release and Settlement Agreement between the City and Skagit County.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to enter into a release and settlement agreement between the City and the County. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – Addressed another late materials item on a Declaration of Civil Emergency regarding a blocked sewer line in the alley between Talcott and Nelson Streets. He requested confirmation on the execution of a contract with the contractor on scene.

Councilmember Sandström moved to confirm the Declaration of Civil Emergency. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

Some discussion was held regarding the cause of the emergency.

Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – discussed the Northern State Project which has become active and fast moving due to the development of Peter and Susan Janicki's formation of a new company called Janicki Bio-Energy which is backed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and has developed the Omniprocessor. Berg reported on the interest of the company to locate in Sedro-Woolley or Utah. The preferred Sedro-Woolley site is the Northern State site. He noted there is a joint effort in the legislature regarding the leasing authority of the site. Berg also addressed annexation, master planning of the site to ensure the historical Olmstead Village. He reported that the Port of Skagit County has authorized \$100,000 to help fund the process, the County is expected to fund \$50-75,000 and Berg proposed the City put in \$25,000 to be used to continue the master planning effort and site planning. He also spoke of the availability of grant funds through the Department of Commerce.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the impact to the Planning Department of one and announced an upcoming joint meeting with the City Councilmembers, Port of Skagit County and Skagit County Commissioners on February 27th at 10:30 at the Port to bring the partners into alignment and to specifically make request to the Department of Enterprise Services on what we want to accomplish on this site. Berg requested to bring on a consultant to provide economic development coordinator services.

Council discussion ensued to include funding for the city share and the consultant fees, pitfalls that could arise to not have the Sedro-Woolley site chosen, annexation and local control redevelopment, family respect of the area and being primed for action.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Professional Services Agreement No. 2015-PS-15. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström.

Councilmember Wagoner addressed the already time taxing job for the Planning Department of the buildable lands study that needs to be completed and expressed support for the professional services contract.

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Sandström moved to fund the partnership with \$25,000. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg spoke of past negative comments he has made towards the Port and Skagit County and noted this development has been a complete 180 degree turn since the beginning of the year. The port has spent a lot of money in our area and is willing to contribute and likewise with the County. We are fully aligned with the project. He stated it is refreshing and fun to see the governments come together for something positive.

Councilmember Kornegay – questioned Police Chief Tucker about feral cats and how to get rid of them. She also presented Chief Tucker a thank you poster from the Boys and Girls Club kids for his help with their recent fundraiser.

Councilmember Kinzer – Thanked Police Chief Tucker for arranging for the police training simulator and the opportunity to see how officers are trained.

Councilmember Wagoner – announced the upcoming regional wrestling match and noted that the SWHS Boys Basketball team is doing well. He also congratulated audience members Stacy & Cecil Penno, on their son Randy's decision to join the Marines.

Councilmember Galbraith -- announced Sedro-Woolley basketball team will be playing Lynden on Friday.

Councilmember Sandström – requested a Business Development Committee meeting be scheduled.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – updated Council on Senate Bill 5887 scheduled for hearing on Monday at 10 A.M. and House Bill 2035 which is the companion bill with the hearing to be held on Tuesday at 3:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session for the purpose of litigation under RCW 42.30.110.1(i) for approximately 10 minutes with possible action at 8:26 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.