
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council

September 9, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith and Brett Sandstrom Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Sgt. Harris.

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
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #182187 to #182280 of \$190,257.66
 - Payroll Checks #58665 to #58682 plus EFT's in the amount of \$293,304.59
- Resolution 927-15 Appointing Members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

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

Special Presentation – PSE Presentation to Community Action of a Generator for the Food Distribution Center

Lynn Murphy of Puget Sound Energy presented background and information on PSE's generator program. The goal is to place two generators in each County they serve. The Sedro-Woolley Food Distribution Center was the first site to be selected for the grant. Murphy presented the members of the Community Action Board with a \$50,000 check placard for the generator. A round of applause was given for the donation.

Public Comment

Lynn Murphy of Puget Sound Energy gave an update on the recent storm. She addressed the challenges of the storm and noted it was the hardest and largest storm Skagit County has ever experienced. The storm hit an extended area. She also addressed PSE community outreach provided in several areas.

Patsy Burke – 286 Klinger St., questioned the Mayor if there are any plans for a stop sign or traffic circle in the area of F & S Grade Road, Klinger Street and Jones Road. She also

questioned the city laws and enforcement on dog droppings and requested the reinstallation of the dog bag station at Janicki Fields.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Annexation of Approximately 230 Acres, Comprised of the Northern State Hospital Campus and Five Residential Parcels Adjacent to the Campus, Located Northeast of Fruitdale Road and North of SR20

Jana Hanson presented a power point presentation on the proposed annexation for the Northern State site. She outlined the size of the annexation area, review of the process, placeholder name (The Center for Technology and Innovation in the Pacific Northwest) sub-area plan, planned action EIS process and public participation.

Questions from the Council were answered to include public zoning and the selection of the name. It was noted the name is a placeholder name until a permanent name can be decided on.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M.

Patsy Burke – questioned the plans for the land and addressed the historical significance of the land as it had been used. She also questioned the status of Job Corps and the current buildings.

Tony Splane – 714 Sapp Road, expressed support of the annexation but is concerned when the area builds out who will be responsible for building and maintaining the streets. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed and answered plans depending whether they are internal or external streets. A written agreement is in the works for the Fruitdale portion of the roadway. Splane again expressed concern for the internal roads within the site.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Ordinance No. 1822-15 Approving the Annexation of Approximately 230 Acres of the Northern State Grounds. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg thanked the partners Port of Skagit County, Skagit County and the State for their unified effort. He said it has been a pleasure working on the project and is looking forward to the planning phase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

TBD Assumption Resolution

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the creation of the Transportation Benefit District. The Legislature adopted bill which allows the city to take over the entity and not be a shadow entity

of the council. Berg introduced a proposed resolution to set a public hearing for October 14th to assume the TBD as a City function.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to adopt Resolution No. 928-15, Expressing the City Council's Intent to Assume the Sedro-Woolley Transportation Benefit District and Setting a Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Minor Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

Police Sergeant Harris – reported they are still moving forward on training the new officers and gave an update on their progress.

Fire Chief Klinger – presented an update on the BLS integration and noted the split down working well. He also noted the wind storm hit them very hard. They are up in call volume from last year at this time. He discussed a PSE App available or updates for such events as the recent storm.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on research regarding the recent concern of safety at ATM's. He questioned if Council wanted him to proceed with a proposed draft ordinance. He also reminded Council of the special meeting tomorrow at 10 am at the County offices. He gave an update on the Repeater tower and announced the upcoming Voter Forum scheduled for October 16th with Don Wick serving as moderator. He also spoke of an upcoming meeting with the School District on STEM and the progress on the Sedro-Woolley magazine.

Councilmember Sandström – brought up the recent Parks Committee meeting with their recommendation for the creation of resident caretaker at the Lions Club shelter at Memorial Park. The committee is looking to move on the initial plan in hopes to revive the park. Sandström requested Council entertain a motion.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to move ahead on the Lions building for a caretaker. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Discussion ensued to include anticipated costs winter project to be completed by City staff, funding from 2015 budget, the need for more specifics on cost and design (napkin sketch), process for Bingham Park, existing winter tasks being sacrificed, issues at the park and expertise of the city staff.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to put the details of the project forward. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer and Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Galbraith – addressed some concerns of residents along McGargile of people riding horses and not picking up after. He also addressed the wooden flower barrels being used as garbage containers.

Pola Kelly – Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce addressed the merchants funding of the flower program. She noted there has been no money for the flower barrels and that some merchants have requested for the barrels be removed due to vandalism issues. The Chamber

would support to remove any flower barrels with no plantings when the flower baskets are removed.

Councilmember Galbraith also questioned safety regulations on awnings. He noted there are several that look in disrepair. He addressed broken windows boarded up and enforcement for replacing with discussion following.

Councilmember Wagoner – announced the upcoming Sedro-Woolley vs. Mount Vernon football game on Friday night.

Councilmember Kinzer – addressed visibility at the intersection of Walley and State Street. She also thanked the Police Department for ramping up noting it's nice to see officers out and about as well as thanking Fire Chief Klinger for the recent training in front of her house.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced the upcoming Chamber event “Uncorked” at Eagle Haven Winery.

Councilmember Loy – invited everyone to the Skagit Board Challenge this coming Saturday. He noted they will be giving away free hot dogs and the trophies were donated by Skagit Speedway.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.