
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 23, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, 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 Pro Tem Wagoner

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Wagoner expressed condolences on behalf of the Council to Councilmember Lemley on the passing of his father.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including September 10, 2015 Special Meeting)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #182281 to #182367 plus EFT's in the amount of \$356,570.42
 - Payroll Checks #58683 to #58695 plus EFT's in the amount of \$209,696.29

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

Public Comment

PUBLIC HEARING

No comment received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fire District 8 Agreement for Fire & Emergency Services and Joint Operation of Facilities

Fire Chief Klinger reported on the Fire District 8 Agreement. The current agreement is set to expire at the end of the year. The new agreement would be an extension of the current agreement with some minor changes. Fire Chief Klinger reviewed the changes.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the attached agreement with Skagit County Fire District 8 for Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Joint Operation of Facilities. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Memorial Park Caretaker Position Proposal

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the Memorial Park topic and turned it over to Nathan Salsenia, Public Works Operations Supervisor who presented some pictures of malicious activity that has been happening at the park. Berg noted the Library has also been affected by the activities.

Council questions were entertained and answered by city staff.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to accept the Memorial Park caretaker position. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

Patsy Burke – 286 Klinger St., thanked the Council for the decision on the park. She addressed some ideas which she will assemble and present them at a later date. She also addressed the caretaker application process and thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all they do.

Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Minor Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

Police Chief Tucker – noted that the City has taken jurisdiction on the Northern State annexation area. He has made contact with the facilities managers and tenants regarding the change and is working on an active shooter presentation for Job Corps. Chief Tucker updated the progress on new officers. He also spoke of the upcoming department clean up on Memorial Park. Sgt. Harris has been working on the quality of life issues and posting courtesy notices of the offense.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Draft EIS was released on September 18th for public comment. A public hearing is scheduled on September 29th. The Planning Commission is reviewing the sub area plan for the Northern State area with a presentation from Maul Foster on October 20th. He also reported the SCOG steering committee had a review on requested docket items for the 2016 comprehensive plan process and employment projections. He noted they allotted the City additional employment projections. The Planning Commission continues to work on the urban growth area expansion and zoning changes. The Building Department continues to be busy. Colman updated the Council on the Plans Examiner/Building Inspector position.

Public Works Director Freiberger – reported the Greenstreet project is complete, work is happening on Heather Lane to eliminate some water ponding and TIB applications have been submitted. Freiberger noted he has been busy working on the 2016 budget requests and getting ready for the transportation plan update.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the Candidates Forum to be held on October 15th which will include the school board candidates. He gave a quick Northern State update noting the cities role will begin to become more active with the implementation of a planned action ordinance. Berg also reported on the development of the Winnie Houser Field and the police repeater project.

Finance Director Nelson -- announced it is once again budget time. Initial budget discussions will be held at the next worksession with general information on the 2015 actuals and the 2016 requests.

Councilmember Loy – reported on the Skate Board Challenge with approximately 250 in attendance. He noted the Pro judges have already committed to next year.

Councilmember Kornegay – requested clarification of the forum date and time. She also mentioned the upcoming ribbon cutting for the Hansen Creek Bridge to be held on October 14th.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned the missing swing at Memorial Park. Some discussion followed regarding the master plan for Memorial Park.

Councilmember Lemley – Thanked everyone for their condolences and calls. He noted the loss of his father Richard “Dick” Lemley, a former Councilmember and civic leader is a great loss for the community.

Councilmember Wagoner – addressed the fence gate at Bingham Park. He also commented on the letter in the Council packet recognizing the good work of Laura Carr, Code Enforcement Officer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:09 P.M. for approximately 5 minutes under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) for the purpose of real estate acquisition with no action anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:22 P.M.

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