
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 28, 2015 – 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 Freiberger, 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

Mayor Anderson announced an addition to the agenda titled Interim Zoning Control Ordinance.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Includes January 14, 2015 Transportation Benefit District Meeting)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #182493 to #182576 plus EFT's in the amount of \$413,827.87.
 - Payroll Checks #58713 to #58726 plus EFT's in the amount of \$244,119.34.
- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Library Services with Skagit County
- 2015 Budget Amendment #3
- Establishment of Transportation Benefit District and Public Safety Sales Tax Funds

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

Public Comment

No comments

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Available Property Tax Refund Levy

Finance Director Nelson presented information regarding the available property tax refund levy. She stated in 2014 the full amount of the taxes levied by the City Council were not collected due to abatements, cancellations and refunds in the tax rolls. The purpose of the refund levy is to make the taxing district “whole”, replacing monies which were levied and not paid. The Council now has an opportunity to collect the taxes that were not collected in 2014. The total taxes shorted came to \$48,710.55. Finance Director Nelson requested Council direction by motion.

Council discussion was held.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to take zero of the refunded amount. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (7-0).

Property Tax Levy Ordinances

Finance Director Nelson introduced proposed Property Tax Levy Ordinances as a first read. Nelson noted that the final payment on the bond for the public safety building will be in 2016 and low income seniors and low income disabled persons do not pay bond property taxes. She then reviewed sample ordinances each with a different option ranging from a 0% increase to a 3.4% increase. She noted a public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

Some discussion was held regarding banking.

Interim Zoning Control Ordinance (added item)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a proposed interim ordinance placing a moratorium on the processing or accepting of applications, permits or licensing and establishment for any building or land use activity involving public uses in the mixed commercial zone. He provided background information noting the incompatibility of the mixed commercial zone and a demand for services. The ordinance has a sunset clause and a public hearing will be held at the December 9, 2015 meeting.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve Ordinance No. 1827-15 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting a Moratorium on the Processing or Accepting of Applications, Permits or Licensing and Establishment for any Building or Land Use Activity Involving Public Uses in the Mixed Commercial Zone, Providing for a Public Hearing, Establishing an Effective Date and Providing that the Moratorium, Unless Extended, will Sunset within Six (6) Months of the Date of Adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Sgt. Harris – reported the department is working at the Northern State campus with Job Corps and the middle and high school on active shooter training. He also reported Officer McCombs and Carroll are now out on their own and the radio reprogramming started yesterday. Some discussion on the radios was held.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the Volunteers annual fundraiser “Boot to Burn” to benefit the Phoenix Burn Foundation. The event raised approximately \$14,000. He also stated beginning November 1st volunteer Dave Williams will begin training for the position of Lieutenant.

Planning Director Coleman – announced the hiring of Building Inspector/Plans Examiner Tony Niskanen who is extremely qualified and will start on Monday. Coleman also reported the Planning Commission continues to work on the UGA change possibilities. A public hearing was held and a special meeting will be held on November 3rd to continue mapping issues. A presentation on The Center will be presented at that meeting as well. He also reported on the Skagit County docket hearing with a decision to be given on November 24th.

Public Works Director Freiburger –highlighted his report that was placed on the Council bench. He presented progress reports on the Jameson Arterial design, Cascade Trail 1A & B, publication for requests for statements and qualifications for environmental geo tech surveying and the Fruidale Road design consultant. Freiburger requested Council authorization for the Mayor to sign a grant application that is due on Friday for the Cascade Trail in the amount of \$220,000. Councilmember Sandstorm moved to authorize the mayor to sign grant application for Phase 1A. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger noted completion of the annual inspection of bridges and culverts on Brickyard Creek. He reported the bridge on Klinger Street has been undermined and is in need of repair. Freiburger expressed concern of the integrity of the bridge and will be making emergency repairs. Funding will come from the Sub Flood funds.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – spoke on RCW 69.50.331, specifically sections 8 a and b. He noted this gives new authority for cities. Berg reported changes in the Legislature allows cities to decrease the size of the buffer around marijuana establishments. He also noted that the Washington State Liquor & Cannibals Board has eliminated the allocation process. Berg reviewed upcoming items for Council regarding the Northern State Project and other city business in the near future and reported on the upcoming implementation of the electronic Council pads. He also reminded Council of the upcoming AWC newly elected workshop being held on December 5th in our Council Chambers.

Finance Director Nelson – reminded Council due to the Veteran’s Day holiday, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th.

Councilmember Sandström – announced the death of local historian, Noel Boursaw.

Councilmember Lemley – reminded everyone of the upcoming downtown Halloween Parade, Saturday October 31st at 4 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith – requested someone from the Police Department to visit Gen-X regarding a recent situation with an individual.

Councilmember Wagoner – announced the SWHS football game is being held on Thursday this week due to the playoffs. He also noted the Cubs are in the playoffs and will be playing for their seed position.

Councilmember Kornegay – reminded everyone to vote, ballots are due November 3rd.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.