
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 10, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Wagoner; Councilmembers: Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Wagoner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation – Sedro Woolley Youth Football Representative Eric Perry presented the City with a plaque in thanks for their help with the nice playing field.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including February 3, 2016 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #183171 to #183265 in the amount of \$177,815.92 (Void #183166 - #183170)
 - Payroll Checks #58816 to #58832 plus EFT's in the amount of \$280,191.14.
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2015 – PW – 04, 2015 Greenstreet-Dean-Virginia Sanitary Sewer and Sidewalk Improvement Project – Fisher Construction Group Inc.
- Hot Asphalt Tack Distributor Unit Purchase
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement Nos. 2016-PW-04 and 07 thru 13 for Miscellaneous On-Call Maintenance Services
 - Generator Services NW LLC
 - Andgar Corporation
 - D.K. Systems Inc.
 - Bonner Electrical Contracting LLC
 - Seven Sisters Inc.
 - P&P Excavating LLC
 - Ram Construction General Contractors Inc.
- Revise Web Services Sales Agreement
- Proposed Resolution 935-16 Declaring Certain Items Surplus
- Interlocal Agreement with United General Hospital for Shared Space/Wellness Programs.
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Jameson ROW

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent calendar items A through J. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Councilmember Kornegay requested local businesses be used whenever possible. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

PUBLIC HEARING

Peter Koenig – owner of Tri County Recycling, addressed the Council regarding commercial recycling services. He stated he is a private contractor and addressed the city being in business against private industry. He also addressed the loss of revenue and accounts, as well as loss of tax revenue to the city since the city took over recycling and yard waste pick up. Koenig also commented on correspondence with the previous Mayor and Council and not getting information requested or reasonable answers. He stated he believes his business is being targeted. He addressed the City's slogan of being open to business but noted it seems business is being chased away.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution on Proposed UGA Expansion

Planning Director Coleman presented a brief background for the second read of the proposed expansion to the Urban Growth Area. He requested support of the resolution in order to forward on to Skagit County for review.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Resolution No. 936-16 showing City Council support for the proposed UGA expansion as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

Downtown Flower Baskets

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information regarding the flower baskets. He noted the baskets had been taken over by the Chamber of Commerce and select merchants and organizations during the downturn of the economy. The groups have notified the city that they are unable to continue. It is brought to Council for consideration as an unbudgeted item with no identified source of funds for 2016. Berg noted the flower program estimate is approximately \$8,000.

Mayor Wagoner spoke in support of the flower baskets noting it is an important part of the community.

Mike Anderson – 900 West SR 20, commented on other parts of the town who provide revenue but do not have the advantage of the flower program. Anderson stated he likes to see the flowers but feels the merchants need to take some responsibility of keeping the town nice.

Councilmember Sandström spoke of the long standing tradition of flower baskets.

Councilmember Sandström moved to fund the flower baskets for 2016. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

Some discussion ensued regarding polling of merchants and uniformity in care of the flowers.

Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Library Partnership Concept

Mayor Wagoner reviewed a proposal he presented to the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District at their January 21, 2016 public board meeting for a combined City/District library. He then addressed concerns he had heard out in the community and encouraged everyone not to be sidetracked by innuendo. He noted the proposal is available on the city website and is a proposal only. The Mayor also stated there will be lots of opportunity for public comment.

The following people spoke on the library partnership concept.

Kim Morgan – 413 Talcott, spoke of being neighbors with Mayor Wagoner and City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and said there are no finer neighbors.

Sylvia Matterand – PO Box 597, Clear Lake, stated the proposed collaboration was a great start and draft to work from. She encouraged support of the proposal and to move forward with a plan to build one great library.

Talia Honea – 28022 Buchanan Rd., recalled a story of her young neighbor with a troubled family life and how someone was able to get her a library card. The young girl thought it was the greatest gift ever. She encouraged support of the proposal.

George Wolner – resides 9 miles north of Sedro-Woolley, recalled his time as a child spending a lot of time in the library and would like to see the rural people be able to access a resource like what is proposed.

Pola Kelly – 407 State Street and Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Council for voting for the flower baskets. She also spoke of growing up in Clear Lake and how special it was to be able to go to the Carnegie Library. She stated they needed special permission to use the library and because they were in the school district the students were allowed use of the library, although she can't remember when or why it shifted. She encouraged continued work on the plan.

Beverly Sarchet -- 429 Spring Lane. Stated she has lived here for 12 years and one of the first things that made her feel at home was the friendly and wonderful staff at the Sedro-Woolley Library. She expressed approval of the proposal, as our children must be the top priority. She expressed concern with the level of empowerment for the City librarians noting they need to be

ensured comparable positions and a voice in the decisions. They have done so much with limited resources and the community will be better off if we protect their influence.

Troy Erwin – Reed Street, questioned the cost and where the money will come from. He stated he uses the library a lot at various times of the day and notices few people using it. He cautioned on borrowing funds and to be careful of what is being done with the funds.

Sharon Shoop – 608 Ferry Street, expressed concern on where does more money come from. She referenced the King County Library system and changes in technology in the homes. Nobody knows what it will cost and nobody knows what the cost over runs will be.

Wendy Granberg – 1009 Polte Road, expressed concern of not placing value on the Sedro-Woolley Library or the culture of the community. She questioned why the proposal is not being put to a vote.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean, quoted from the proposal and respectfully disagreed with the Mayor's statements. She addressed control and taxation without representation because an advisory board has no power. She also questioned equal representation and stated the proposal is not a win-win.

John Janicki – 13563 Teak Ln., Clear Lake, spoke in support of the Mayor's proposal. He believes it to be well thought out and acknowledged that details do need to be worked out. He spoke of the County Commissioners authority to change the board and by laws. He also addressed duplication of services if there are two libraries.

Will Honea – 28022 Buchanan Rd., spoke of it being a judgement call of where to put money and parody in economic commitment. He also spoke of support for plans of placing it in the downtown area noting the downtown should be the center of the city's social life.

Dr. Neil Isihara – 801 McLean, questioned the authorization and requested to see the Library board authorization giving the Mayor the right to act as the boards agent. He questioned whether SWMC 2.76.022 and RCW 27.12.270 has been violated and encouraged consideration of an advisory vote for both entities.

Dagni Cole – 510 Sapp Road, also Chairman of the Sedro-Woolley Library Board of Trustees thanked everyone for the support of the library and expressed her hope that things can move forward and in the end everyone can be happy.

Mayor Wagoner thanked everyone for their comments and complimented the audience on maintaining good decorum.

Elizabeth Schweigert -- 29082 Outlook Ln., noted she resides outside city limits and pays over \$200 in taxes for a library that doesn't exist. She expressed concern should the plan move forward, of the current board members remaining. She believes the current board should resign and a new board be appointed that will not be adversarial.

Silas Maddox – 330 Metcalf S. – moved to Sedro-Woolley about 3 years ago. He stated he grew up going to the library and has a strong emotional connection with libraries. He said the proposal is an awesome opportunity for the community and a good time for the reimagining of what libraries should be for the future.

Jim Johnson – 587 Carter St. retired high school English teacher and strongly supports libraries. He encouraged a new board of directors be elected or appointed that reflects some representation of both entities. Johnson also expressed skepticism of the details to be worked out

A short pause was taken to allow audience members who chose to leave a chance to do so.

Late Materials

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reviewed the potential purchase of property at the corner of Fruitdale and Wicker Road. The parcel is approximately 10 acres located adjacent to the Cemetery. Berg noted the City has been interested in purchasing this property for at least a decade. He reviewed the purchase and sale agreement and requested ratification of the purchase and sale agreement, approval of the proposed resolution and authorization to issue a manual check for earnest money.

Councilmember Sandström moved to ratify the attached purchase and sale agreement between the city and Mr. & Mrs. Riggles for the purchase of their property and authorize the mayor to execute all necessary documents to close the transaction. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve Resolution No. 937-16 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Authorizing an Interfund Loan from the Sewer Cumulative Reserve Fund (410) to the Cemetery Operating Fund (102) to purchase land, and providing for repayment thereof. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Lemley moved to authorize the issuance of a manual check in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Land Title Company as earnest money. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Kornegay reported on a Parks Committee meeting regarding the Babe Ruth field. She noted the project is short funding to finish for the 2016 season. The additional funds would go towards fencing, dugouts and turface (red dirt).

Councilmember Kornegay moved to authorize an expenditure of \$5,000 towards the completion of the Babe Ruth field. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer.

Discussion ensued regarding some background information on the moving of the field and possible School District participation.

Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council

Informational Items

Correspondence to Council

Police Chief Tucker – reported the new transcriptionist started on the first of month and Officer Rogers continues to be on light duty. The drywall work is looking nice thanks to the Kevin Kesti. Chief Tucker spoke of plans for a commemorative wall in the department. He also reported that Officer Eddy will be attending commercial vehicle enforcement training and they are conducting a background investigation for a reserve officer position. Tucker noted that several of the Department staff attended the marijuana processor open house and toured the facility.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported that all positions have been filled at the resident’s quarters. The new fire engine is in and mid-point inspections will be done sometime in March or April.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the upcoming public hearing on public uses in the mixed commercial zone next Tuesday night which is part of the moratorium as well as other Comp Plan items. He also reported on an increase in pre app meetings for larger developments.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – presented an update on the broken front door at the library noting the engineers report has been received and they are currently working with the insurance company for a settlement . The plans for the vestibule are currently being reviewed by the Building Official. Estimated repair cost is approximately \$30,000.

Berg reported the Request for Statement of Qualifications from architectural firms has been published. This is consistent with 2016 budget and is broken up into three phases. Phase 1) Conceptual Design. Phase 2) Full Design and Phase 3) Construction Management.

He noted that it has been a busy start to a new Mayor’s term.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented a Public Works update on behalf of Public Works Director Freiburger. He noted the Jameson Street Extension project is on track as well as the Fruitdale Road design. He also reported that Governor Inslee will be visiting the Northern State Site on Friday.

Finance Director Nelson – spoke on being one of those Clear lake grade school students who were able to receive a City library card. She noted some time ago the State Auditors deemed this practice as gifting of public funds.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on attending a Community Action board meeting with discussion on the homeless population. She presented some statistics regarding the county homeless community.

Councilmember Sandström – thanked the City for the opportunity for visiting Olympia. He also reported an area in the Skate park that seems to be a problem area.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.