
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 24, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen and Rick Lemley Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, 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 Wagoner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Johnson moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Kornegay and Sandström. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (5-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #183266 to #183338 plus EFT's in the amount of \$150,110.05
 - Payroll Checks #58833 to #58844 plus EFT's in the amount of \$206,871.59.
- Memorial Park Caretaker Agreement
- Possible Bid Award – Agreement No., 2016-PW-14 – Fire Station 2 Storage Building Project – Alvord & Richardson Construction Co. Inc./Texmo Buildings
- Local Agency A & E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement No. 2016-PS-03
- Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2016-PS-07 for On-Call Economic Development Coordinator Services and Planning and Development Services of Parks

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through G. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (5-0).

Special Presentation – 2016 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster – Cindy Verge

Cindy Verge, Executive Director and Tina Pollard, Board President of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival thanked the Council for their support. Verge presented Mayor Wagoner and the Council with the 2016 Tulip Poster. She noted the daffodils are starting to come up and the tulips will follow shortly after. She also invited everyone to attend locals night to be held on April 13th at Tulip Town.

Public Comment

Dave Andersson – 928 Beachley, addressed the Council regarding the Library proposal. He stated his opposition for the proposal and noted his reasons. Andersson demanded an informed public vote before moving forward.

Christine Johnson -- 801 McLean Dr., voiced her opposition to the proposal. She said she met with the mayor and is still against the proposal. She stated it makes no sense to hand over the assets when the City has the majority. She also reported the Rural Library is in discussion on another location in Big Lake. Johnson stated the proposal reminds her of the previous affiliation of the hospitals. Once control is given away it is not easy to get back. She encouraged an advisory vote, it's the only way everyone gets a chance to be heard.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley, spoke to the Council in opposition of the Library proposal. He cited no equal representation on the governing board and no realistic cost projection for any building large enough within the city limits. He also does not support the proposal without a written guarantee as to how much the Rural Library will commit financially to the cost of a building purchase or remodeling. Andersson also spoke of no guarantee for the current library staff under new management and supports an informed public vote.

Loretta Saarinen, 801 Park Cottage Pl. spoke in opposition of the library proposal. She noted that County residents can use the City library for a fee. She also stated elected officials made the honorable choice to serve the residents. This decision needs to be made by residents and there needs to be a vote.

Mary Johnson – 8596 Garden of Eden, also owns property within the city limits stated she is opposed to the proposal and supports an advisory vote.

Anthony Tomasino – 704 Sauk Mtn. Dr., opposes the proposal and spoke on libraries being important for the educational system and community. There needs to be an advisory vote.

Pat Hammond – 729 Sauk Mount Dr., opposed to the proposal and stated it needed more consideration and an advisory vote.

Jim Johnson – 587 Carter St., has enjoyed the Library during his 22 years as resident. Johnson said he resented the tone that the public library is denying opportunities to the rural people. He also noted the current library is inadequate and out of date and he feels the Library has been viewed by the City as a poor step child and has not been adequately funded. The current staff are professional people and need to be hired as such and need to have representation on the board.

Debra Lancaster – 201 W. Nelson St., spoke of having a great library and the citizens deserve to have a deep voice in the decision. She also spoke very highly of librarian Debra Peterson, noting she is deeply respected throughout the county for her work, especially with children's programs. Lancaster invited more conversation and encouraged an advisory vote.

Sue Wickers – 1201 6th St., chose to move to Sedro-Woolley upon retirement in part because of the library. She referenced the letter in the packet by Danny and Linda Noel and encouraged further discussion starting with education of the citizens on the legal aspects of any proposal.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Actions Regarding Public Uses in the Mixed Commercial Zone

Planning Director Coleman reviewed background information on the moratorium on public uses in the mixed commercial zone. He noted in December the topic was brought to Planning Commission for review. A public hearing was held on February 16, 2016. The Planning Commission has recommended the change for public uses to a conditional use. Coleman entertained questions from the Council regarding public participation.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1840-16 adopting amendments to Chapter 17.20 SWMC designating public uses as a Conditional Use in the Mixed Commercial Zone. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (5-0).

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed ordinance that would end the current moratorium.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1841-16 Ending the Moratorium on Accepting Applications for Permits Related to Public Uses in the Mixed Commercial Zone. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Sauk Mountain View Estates North V – A Planned Residential Development

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the final plat approval for the plat of Sauk Mountain View Estates V North. The plat consists of 28 single family residential lots. The site work has been completed. Coleman noted this is a first read with no action necessary at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council

Informational Items

Police Chief Tucker – reported on a recent targeted operation at an apartment building on West Woodworth. He stated the department will continue to identify problem houses in town. They are also trying to address the homeless issue with people sleeping on the benches in town. They are working with Liquor Control and supporting the stores to not sell them liquor. Chief Tucker also reported on some missing baseball equipment taken from the ballfield storage.

Planning Director Coleman – updated the Council on the UGA changes submitted to the County for their review. The Planning Commission will begin working on Comp Plan items; land use element, vision statement, economic development, critical areas and transportation element.

Public Works Director Freiburger – presented an update on projects noting an open house will be held for the Jameson Arterial Extension project on Wednesday, March 2nd. He also addressed the Cascade Trail Extension, Ferry Street Overlay and the Fruitdale Arterial Project. The next round of economic development funding is coming up. The plan is to partner with the Port and Skagit County to provide match funds for the Fruitdale Arterial Project. Freiburger updated the Council on the Babe Ruth field noting that the School District has also contributed funds to the field to complete outstanding items. He also noted he will be working on the Transportation Element Update, the final report on the Wastewater Treatment Plan structures and equipment has been received and noted summer will be busy with overlay and chip seal projects.

Councilmember Johnson – reminded Councilmembers to submit their biographies for the upcoming City Magazine. She thanked Police Officer Jed Cates for his work with some recent graffiti behind her house.

Councilmember Owen – thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their comments.

Councilmember Lemley – concurred with Councilmember Owen, noting it will be a long process and a deeper topic than anticipated.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.