
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 23, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Wagoner; Councilmembers: Germaine Kornegay, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman and Police Sgt. Harris.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Johnson moved to excuse Councilmember Dunn Lee and Councilmember Kinzer. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Wagoner introduced a late material item. It is a replacement for Item G due to a typo in the original memo.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including March 14, 2016 Special Meeting – Retreat)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #183436 to #183534 in the amount of \$177,173.73
 - Payroll Checks #58862 to #58873 plus EFT's in the amount of \$209,733.76
- Employment Agreement – Bob Pyritz, Construction Manager
- Request for Budget Amendment for Repairs of Museum Apartment Area & Task Order Authorization for 2016-PW-09-TO-01
- Possible Bid Award – Agreement No. 2016 – PW – 16 Library Vestibule Damage Repair Contract – JM Construction & Drywall LLC
- Possible Bid Awards – 2016 Wheeled Carts, 2016 Commercial Front Load Dumpsters & 2016 Roll-off Containers
- Request for Out of State Travel – Police Department

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the consent calendar items A through H including the late material on Item G. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comment

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley, reviewed statistics on what communities spend on their libraries including Skagit County statistics. She addressed the Mayor's Library proposal,

building costs, funding and the Central Skagit Rural Library Attorney assessment regarding building ownership.

Cole Verner – 1231 Warner St. expressed strong concerns regarding the Mayor’s proposal and agreed with Andersson’s comments. He stated he cannot find a simplified detail for the cost analysis for the proposal. As a consumer of the library it is one of the best in County and it is being put in jeopardy. He noted the Choir is singing loud and clear and urged the Council to consider what citizens are saying.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean Dr. spoke against giving the Library to the Central Skagit Rural Library District. She referenced District website information that gives a good background of the districts position. Her points included offloading the library, representation, funding, and the primary responsibility of the Council to safeguard city’s assets. She requested to think carefully and give it the respect it deserves.

Tony Tomasino – 704 Sauk Mountain Dr. – expressed concern that people don’t know what is going on. He also addressed fiduciary responsibility and provided examples of fiduciary responsibility and encouraged Council think about their obligation.

Margaret Miller – 1221 Independence – expressed strong opposition on building a new library and encouraged to put the issue to a public vote.

Gary Moody – 1035 Clifford – supports the library and would like to see a lot more information put out as to the bottom line. He agrees with others statements and thinks the cart is before the horse and would like to see a public vote.

Debra Peterson – announced the upcoming City Works Day on April 19th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will allow a look at the equipment used within the city and staff will be on hand to demonstrate and talk about their duties. This is the second year and last year over 130 kids and parents attended. She encouraged attendance to see STEM in action and the kick off of the Memorial Park Revitalization.

Larry Stiles – 1227 Independence, questioned why we’re going through this or what the end process is supposed to be. He also questioned why the county does not have a more integrated library system. He stated there is more horsepower in Sedro-Woolley and we should be bringing the County into our system.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Spray Park Update/Professional Services Agreement No. 2016-PS-19 for Professional Landscape Design Services – The Philbin Group, Landscape Architecture

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented a brief background on the revitalization of Memorial Park. The proposed agreement would provide a conceptual design by a Landscape Architect in

order to be able to apply for Recreational Conservation Organizational (RCO) grants. Berg noted that after reviewing all the current parks, Memorial Park was the only one to meet the minimum requirements for a spray park. A public open house will be held on April 19th during the City Works Day to kick-off the revitalization of Memorial Park. Berg also addressed the scope of the project.

Nathan Salseina – Public Works Operations Lead addressed site selection stating that Memorial park scored the highest. It is also the last park in need of revitalization.

Discussion ensued to include the park being a mixed use functionality; full blown design will come after an award of funds and estimated cost of \$400,000.

Councilmember Johnson requested to go on record regarding her concern on the cost and the need to consider if this is a prudent project.

Further discussion took place to include the Recreation Conservation Organization (RCO) grant, maximum grant is 50%, with the remainder of funds coming from REET tax or park impact fee funds along with project partners, community groups and in kind work.

Councilmember Sandström addressed the former Parks Board and a master plan that was created for the park.

More discussion was held regarding the vandalism projection, resident caretaker, fencing and having an investment in the park will bring more use and vitality. There was also discussion on dedicated funds (funds that can only be used for certain things), an analogy of transportation project funding with grants was given as an example of the park project, quality of life issues and the project being one of the Council's 2016 fundamental priorities.

Councilmember Owen noted there are several new councilmembers who are new to the topic. He stated he doesn't agree with the location due to increased traffic and noise and questioned the overall cost, upkeep and maintenance and wants to hear from other cities that have spray parks.

Discussion continued regarding consultation with the Senior Center on the plans, location and providing intergenerational experiences.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize Mayor Wagoner to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement No. 2015-PS-19 with the Philbin Group of Bow, WA to provide professional landscape design services to the Sedro-Woolley Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (3-2, Councilmembers Johnson and Owen opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council Informational Items

Police Sgt. Harris – reported they are in the final stages of hiring another reserve officer which will be an added bonus to the department. Officer Eddy has finished commercial vehicle school. This will allow him to conduct safety inspections on semis. Sgt. Harris noted Eddy is one of the most productive officers in traffic enforcement. Last year he conducted over 1000 traffic stops on his own.

Planning Director Coleman – reported we have received 5 new building permit applications for the Sauk Mountain View Estates V that was approved at the last Council meeting. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 15th on the Critical Areas Ordinance as well as updates to the Capital Facilities Element and others within the Comp Plan. Coleman presented an update on the City's UGA proposal sent to County in April. He announced the upcoming Schmooze Fair on April 14th, noting the City will have a booth. He will also be participating with a presentation at a planning conference on the Northern State area as the Center for Innovative Technology on the annexation process and the planned action process.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on the pre bid meeting held for the Jameson Street Extension Project noting bids close March 31st with construction to begin in May. He also reported on the Ferry Street Overlay Project, Cascade Trail and design work for Fruitdale Road. The fence work at the Janicki Field Babe Ruth field will be starting soon. An open house for the Houser playfield will be held on Thursday, March 24th beginning at 6:00 P.M.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported he has tickets for the Schmooze Fair should any Councilmember want one.

Finance Director Nelson – noted if any Councilmembers have questions regarding the financial reports she is glad to review. Nelson also thanked the Police Department for work in her neighborhood with a nuisance matter.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced the upcoming Wood Fest on April 2nd and 3rd at Cascade Middle School. She also announced the Wood Fest raffle of an arbor; tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Johnson – thanked the audience members for coming out and sharing their opinion. She also thanked Police Sgt. McIlraith for the ride along stating she saw the city in a different light.

Councilmember Owen – reported of his ride along with Officer Hull and said he continues to be impressed at how professional the Officer's are.

Councilmember Lemley – commented on how nice it is to have an audience.

Councilmember Johnson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.