
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 22, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Kinzer Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen and Rick Lemley. Staff: Recorder Brue, 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 Pro Tem Kinzer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including June 1, 2016 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #183987 in the amount of \$210.00 and #183988 to #184098 plus EFT's in the amount of \$553,164.06
 - Payroll Checks #58951 to #58962 plus EFT's in the amount of \$223,059.43
- Update to Public Defender Agreement
 - Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for rotating representation to arrestees at Skagit County District Court
 - Contract with Bill McCann

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent calendar items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (6-0).

Special Presentation – Family Promise of Skagit Valley, Tony Latham, Network Director

Tony Latham, Executive Director of Family Promise presented information on Family Promise. It is a family shelter housed at host churches. Family Promise has been in operation approximately 1 year and is open 365 days per year, 24 hours per day. Families are provided with case management and help with obtaining housing and jobs. The day center is located at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sedro-Woolley. Latham also addressed the issue with lack of affordable housing and spoke of the housing summit held in January. He addressed the issue throughout the County and provided information via handouts to the council.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted the city worked with Family Promise when first implemented on code compliance and in their year of operation there have been no complaints.

Some discussion was held regarding rental application fees, support with application fees and that homelessness has no bounds.

Public Comment

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., expressed concern on protocol regarding the Library issue presented as a second read as she finds no record of a first read. She also addressed Roberts Rules of Order regarding the chair stepping down if they wish to speak on a topic or motion. She addressed on the wording of the resolution in relationship to the upcoming public forum and applauded Councilmember Johnson and Owen for acknowledging that negotiations should recognize what the citizens want for their Library. She also suggested while running for a County elected office City Supervisor/Attorney Berg should recuse himself from further negotiations.

Dorothy DeFremery – 316 Garden of Eden, thanked Councilmember Kornegay for her comments regarding the Orlando situation. DeFremery stated having a public forum is a great step to clear up the confusion and miscommunications regarding the future of the city library. The format will have a large impact on whether or not it is successful. She suggested after whatever format to disseminate the information a short intermission be held with a question and answer period with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and City Librarian available, so all hear same information at the same time. She also requested it be recorded for future reference. DeFremery requested the public be able to attend any future negotiations or meetings between the city and Central Rural Library and concurred with Mary Andersson's comments regarding Roberts Rules of Order.

Loretta Saarinen – 821 Park Cottage Place. Read, distributed and submitted for consideration a proposed resolution to the Council regarding the Skagit Rural Library contracting library services with the city. She also requested the public comment time limit be expanded to 5 minutes.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., stated the dark comedy should come to an end. He compared it to the gridlock in Congress. Addressing the Council he stated it is their job to represent the people of Sedro-Woolley and they should take the library issue to a vote of the people.

PUBLIC HEARING

Possible Adoption by Resolution of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2022

Public Works Director Freiberger reviewed the proposed 2017 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) along with the expanded 2017 – 2037 Transportation Local. He noted this is an annual process and after adoption is forwarded to SCOG. Freiberger then provided a detailed review of specific projects and noted they need to be listed on the TIP to be considered for grant funding.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg pointed out the total dollar amount of projects completed in comparison to what the actual city cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Kinzer opened the public hearing at 7:42 P.M.

Randy Good –35482 SR 20, President of the Friends of Skagit County, addressed project #C29 dealing with county right of way south of Jameson. He presented handouts of documentation of a clouded title and referred to taking of land. Good cited a court case Lundval vs. Skagit County. He requested the project be removed or at the very least red tagged from the list until ownership can be proven.

Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing at 7:46 P.M.

This is a first read with no action necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed revisions to SWMC 15.04, Local Amendments to Adopted State Building Codes

Planning Director Coleman recapped the proposed revisions to SWMC 15.04 Local Amendments to Adopted State Building Codes. He noted the state codes go into effect July 1, 2016. Action would be a formality in adopting the state codes. Coleman noted there are no major changes.

Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1851-16 to revise Chapter 15.04 SWMC to reflect State adoption of 2015 building codes and enact certain local amendments. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Transportation Impact Fee Update

Public Works Director Freiburger presented information regarding the Transportation Impact Fee Update. He noted the city hired the consulting firm of Transportation Solutions Incorporated to review and find a way to simplify the current fees. He presented some history of the fees. The proposed fees are to be split into two zones; Central Business District Zone and City-wide. He also stated that developers can hire their own engineer to calculate the traffic impact fees with credits for work completed and provided a comparison with 2013. This is a first read with no action expected.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg lead a discussion regarding questions from Council and comments presented by Randy Good.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council
Informational Items

Notice of and Call for City Council Special Meeting on Monday, July 25th, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. – update/report on the status of discussions with the library district and public forum/open house to discuss the future of the Sedro-Woolley City Library

Police Chief Tucker – reported that Sergeant McIlraith fractured his arm and Sergeant Pierce is back from active duty and will be returning in August after some debriefing. He also reported on the Rotary dedication for the Tesarik baseball field. Luigi Gallino who oversees the Offender Work Program will be taking a leave of absence and Melissa Dougher will be filling in while he is gone. Detective Eaton is heading up a department cleanup of the grave of fallen officer Carl Strom who was killed in 1933 as well as other former officers. This will be to pay their respects to former officers.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported he will be going to South Dakota for the final testing on new engine. July 1st is the delivery deadline. The engine striping will be done locally and it is expected to be in service around the 1st of August. Klinger noted they are all set for the 4th of July and the city will be well covered.

Planning Director Coleman – provided an update on the UGA proposal being considered by the County. He noted the Planning Commission will be looking at Planned Residential Developments. The last meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. He also noted that things are picking up in the Building Department.

Public Works Director Freiberger – presented an update on the current active construction projects. The Jameson Street Arterial is in full construction, Ferry Street overlay is close to being complete, and work on the Cascade Trail and Fruitdale Road plans continue. The bid request for the replacement for Riverfront Park Caretaker residence is out and the Phase B Wastewater Treatment Plant capacity analysis being completed.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the Welcome to Sedro-Woolley video is now on the city website and showed it for all in attendance. He also noted the second edition of the City Scenes magazine will be out in July. Things have been very busy with the Swift Center. Job Corps will be gearing up again with a new management company. He discussed the upcoming special meeting and discussion was held on updating the Council Rules of Procedure from 1995.

Councilmember Kornegay – wished everyone a safe 4th of July.

Councilmember Johnson – commented on the dedication of the Tesarik Baseball field.

Councilmember Owen – requested someone look at the landscaping at the Senior Center as it is very overgrown.

Councilmember Lemley – wished everyone a happy 4th of July and to come to the carnival for a burger from your favorite vendor. The Beta Burger stand and Steelclaw Wrestling will be open. The Eagles Club will be having a car show as well and the weather looks like it will be great.

Councilmember Johnson – gave credit to City Supervisor/Attorney Berg for the city receiving the AWC 2016 Wellness award. Berg credited JoAnn Lazon for her role as coordinator for the Wellness Program.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.