
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Brenda Kinzer, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay (Late), Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: 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 Pro Tem Kinzer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #184317 to #184440 in the amount of \$326,997.12
 - Payroll Checks #58994 to #58995 plus EFT's in the amount of \$311,221.56
- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement – Skagit county and City of Sedro-Woolley/Port of Skagit County for Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvement.
- Proposed Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County re: Brickyard Creek Annual Maintenance Work Reimbursement
- Request for Approval of Grant Agreement – Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvement Project – TIB Grant Submittal Authorization
- Request for Approval of Grant Agreement – State Street Overlay Project – TIB Grant Submittal Authorization

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

Special Presentation – Luigi Gallino, Offender Work Program Supervisor Retirement

Mayor Pro Tem Kinzer introduced Luigi Gallino and presented him with a plaque commending him for his distinguished service as the Offender Work Program Supervisor and wishing him well upon his retirement. A round of applause was received.

Nathan Salseina – Public Works Operations Supervisor expressed his thanks to Luigi in pioneering a great program to the City and wished him well in his retirement.

Councilmember Kornegay arrived.

Special Presentation – DEM CERT Training – Dean Klinger

Christa Salinas of Skagit County Department of Emergency Management spoke on the CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Training) Program. She stated it is a program that trains citizens how to prepare for themselves, their family and neighbors in disasters. It is a 6 week course and the Sedro Woolley Fire Department will be hosting a class in September.

Rick Wallace spoke on the program that teaches people to be safe in a major disaster.

Special Presentation – Lethality Assessment Program Updated with Nancy Tiffany from Skagit Domestic Violence

Nancy Tiffany – Associate Director at Skagit Domestic Violence, addressed the Council on the Lethality Assessment Program. She reviewed the history of the nationwide program, the assessment screening tool, benefits of the Lethality Assessment Program, why it is important in Skagit County and what the next steps are for the program.

Public Comment

Debra Peterson – thanked the Police and Fire Department for their response to a recent medical emergency at the Library. She also pointed out a news piece on King 5 about the Sedro Woolley Police Department.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., addressed the Council regarding her stance taken against the Mayor's Library proposal noting she has become a victim of lies and calumny by proponents of the proposal. She stated for the record, she has taken her stance with the highest sense of right striving to be honest, conscience and courteous in behavior and statements. The stand has nothing to do with personal gain. The principle she stands for is for the citizens of Sedro Woolley who have supported the Library for over 100 years and deserve to be asked about its fate. She requested to ask the citizens and let them decide because it's their library.

Nicole – Ball Street stated she loves the library and everybody feels like family. The Library works real well as is. She questioned where the money will come from and how it will be paid for.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo, spoke on community and the library. He encouraged maintaining community police within our town and to encourage people to respect and enjoy our community. He spoke of moving her 20 years ago and his experience as a single father in connection with the library. Koogle expressed opposition to a merger and sees no benefit to the community. He stated there is no need for a bigger library but it needs to be funded properly. He also stated he resents how the merger has been managed and the Library is not worthless, it's priceless.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean Dr., stated the residents use the library and should be asked. She requested meetings be held of the city residents who use the library. One to be held at the library as well as one to be held at City Hall where city residents who use the library are asked for ideas and opinions. She noted that many people are afraid to come to City Hall and express

~~their opinion and believes this to be a reasonable request. asked for a separate meeting, not a joint meeting, where city residents who use the library are asked for ideas and opinions. Johnson stated this was a reasonable request and she will be asking the same of the rural library. She also asked that the meeting be held at the library not City Hall as many people are afraid to come and voice their opinion at City Hall.~~

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., spoke of a smear campaign against his wife, addressed her exquisite speaking skills and stated all could be settled by a vote. He also stated if the Mayor needs legacy he should look into providing fiber optics.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St, stated he is bothered by Council following the Mayor regarding the Library. He pointed out the Council is elected separately from the Mayor and represent the people within their wards. He would like to see more respect from the City Council. He addressed the amount of time wasted because people don’t know what is going on and the thankless job to be a City Councilman. He noted that all Councilmembers joined the Council for a reason because they didn’t like what was going on but are now rubber stamping decisions. He encouraged the Councilmember’s to take an active role and not do a disservice to the people you represent.

Ed Koogle – again to the podium referred to the former garbage dump issue that came to a lawsuit and suggested a vote on the library.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Council Critical Goals and Objectives

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg highlighted the City’s Vision, Mission and Critical Goals and Objectives for Council review. He requested Council review so the document can be updated as desired. Recommendations for 2017 were reviewed to include: updating the name of the Northern State Campus to the SWIFT Center, remove the Cascade Trail project as it should be complete, update the Fruitdale project to construction phase, update the library project and update the Memorial Park/RCO funded park improvement to construction phase, if funding is approved.

Councilmember Sandström requested improved signage, welcoming and directing visitors to the downtown area be added with discussion held to include sign locations and updating the trestle signage project.

Other topics discussed by Council included emphasis of encouraging revitalization of downtown buildings, improve staffing in the parks department, community cleanup day in parks and beautification of the roundabouts.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Code Update

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced Officer Laura Carr who reviewed changes to the city's animal code. She noted most importantly the changes would establish procedures on how to be able to impound and feed dogs and prosecute people that commit acts of cruelty to animals. She explained the current time consuming process to be able to prosecute. This is a first read with no action necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council

Informational Items

Police Chief Tucker – stated he has been involved with working on the Lethality Assessment Program. He addressed the department becoming more active in the social media network by ongoing training and how to handle incidents on social media. Chief Tucker reported on the Dining Behind the Badge fundraiser, spearheaded by Dave North of the Bullpen, noting it's success with proceeds going to the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. He also reported on the Why I Wear the Badge Campaign, frequently asked questions and the Pay It Forward program available on Facebook. Other items of interest included that Sergeant Pierce is back, testing for reserve officers, burglary at the Cemetery with most items recovered and an arrest made in the case and the receipt of two radar grants which helps with traffic enforcement.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the use of the new fire engine at a recent fire. He noted the truck was on display today at the Skagit County Fair. He also reported he is enjoying being a first time grandfather. Granddaughter Charlotte Lacey Klinger was born 2 weeks ago.

Public Works Director Freiburger – presented an update on the Jameson St. Arterial Extension which is expected to be completed by the first week in September. He also reported on the SR 20/Cascade Trail project that is currently out for bids, the difficulty with timely responses from DOT due to loss of staff, the Fruitdale Road Extension Project and TIB applications.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the presentation to Recreational and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Memorial Park Project. He stated they would know the ranking within a month and funding would not happen until the next legislative session. He has also been working on the SWIFT Center with an interlocal agreement to be on the next agenda, County EMS models and updating rules and procedures for special committees as well as Library updates to the Website.

Finance Director Nelson – reported last month 1,100 utility rate payers have paid their bills through the new online bill pay program. She also reported the State Auditors will begin their

annual audit on September 27th. Nelson reviewed the audit process for the newer Councilmembers.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – reported on the Emergency Delivery system meeting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg described a Countywide EMS District concept that is being considered for further deliberation.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – reported on a call she received regarding the Summer Concert advertising with a request to include the genre of the music.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced the upcoming Toys for Tots benefit on August 27th.

Councilmember Johnson – announced the Chamber is hosting the cantina at the Fair tomorrow.

Councilmember Owen – thanked Chief Tucker for the Senior Crime Watch BBQ and noted that fun was had by all.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the birth of his first grandchild, Brayden Richard Lemley.

Councilmember Sandström – requested the Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Library be put out for the public at the Council meetings and other strategic areas at City Hall.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.