
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, Asst. Fire Chief Olson and Police Chief Tucker.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to excuse Councilmember Johnson. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Wagoner pulled Item B – *Minutes from Previous Meeting* from the consent calendar. He stated there had been a request by Christine Johnson who commented in the Public Comment section that her statement was misinterpreted and requested a correction.

Councilmember Sandström moved to accept the amended minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #184401 to #184491 plus EFT;s in the amount of \$1,046,355.08
 - Payroll Checks #59013 to #59025 plus EFT's in the amount of \$224,089.76
- Resolution 946-16 Appointing Members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Collection Services Contract Addendum

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent calendar items A through E with the exception of item B. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

Councilmember Wagoner reviewed the rules for public comment. He also reported he was not at the last meeting but he had listened to the recording of the meeting. He spoke of some very serious allegations made and stated that specifics are very helpful in order to investigate the allegations. He reported he has requested the State Auditor's office look into the allegations when they are here for the annual audit.

Mike Cervera – 1417 E. Gateway Heights – addressed people within his neighborhood driving too fast on the streets. He noted the speed limit is 25 and it is not being obeyed. He also requested speed bumps be placed in the area as there are a lot of children within the neighborhood. He addressed regulatory signs and requested a "Children playing" sign.

Councilmember Sandström questioned for clarification if the cars are racing in the loop. Cervera noted they are not racing, just going too fast.

Discussion of crime watch with radar surveys and the radar cart was held.

Patsy Burke – 286 Klinger St, expressed the same concerns of traffic and speed limits within the neighborhoods. She also addressed a new construction site at Lewis Place and expressed concern of safety and would like to see a temporary construction fence.

Wendy Granberg – 1009 Polte Road – read a statement regarding the Library issue noting it is always referred to as a proposal but the larger communication to the general public makes it appear that it is a done deal. Granberg cited the most recent issue of the "City Scenes" magazine. She also addressed the fact that Lyman and Hamilton are not included within the proposal and lack of concern or consideration by the Council. She addressed the word public being in the name of the library, belonging to the citizens and being open to all. Also addressed was the District library having three years to get up and running, education of the librarians and she questioned why the library was not included on the agenda for updates and reports as other departments. She addressed the community forum and the behaviors and actions of those representing the Rural Library.

Nicole – 627 Ball Street. Questioned whether we need or want a new library. She also spoke of the cost of a library card in comparison to other things people buy and expressed concern of the cost of a new library.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo, spoke in opposition to a library merger. He cited doubling the library population, overcrowding and ownership. He spoke of the investment of over 100 years with over 60,000 books and the tradition of having an independent library and compared it to a bad marriage being convenient right now, but in the future being under represented. Koogle also expressed concern of downtown being the wrong location. The library should be as kid friendly as possible. It would be a better value for an addition to the current library and we could do it ourselves.

Corrienne Jensen – 739 Sapp Rd., Vice President of the Arts Council of Sedro Woolley, addressed trying to get some art work at the Skate Park and the lack of recycling there. She requested consideration of placement of a recycle container and to have some kids refurbish it with a design. She would like to incorporate it into the upcoming Skate Board Competition to be held on September 10th.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., stated the library issue could be solved by having it on the voters ballot. O'Neil then turned his comments to the audience and encouraged them to get their

neighbors to register to vote and to get involved with what is going on. He spoke of the low voter turnout at the last election and stated you can't change politics but you can change people.

Karl DeJong – 1030 Warner St., thanked Mayor and City Council, noting he has had nothing but great interactions when seeking information about the Library. He referred to packet information (pg. 27/28) of a bullet point for STEM and addressed the quality of life and the possible loss of an opportunity noting that we are stronger together and we are coming together to make a jewel of the library.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley, gave the City Council and Mayor credit for allowing citizens to be able to stand up and speak at city council meetings. He spoke of meetings in his home country of Sweden where it is not allowed. He also addressed a discussion with Councilmember Sandström after the last council meeting of having a once a quarter town meeting with Council and citizens in an informal setting. He requested this be considered. Andersson also pointed out staff members in attendance at the meeting and questioned why the Library Director was not included.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Council Critical Goals and Objectives

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the changes from the last meeting and requested action.

Discussion was held regarding the removal of Cascade Trail project due to the low bidder being not responsive because of a paperwork issue. Public Works Director Freiberger stated the City does not have funds to award the bid to the next highest bidder as well as not having time to rebid and complete the project this year. He requested Council reject all bids with plans to rebid this winter for the 2017 construction season.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to reject all bids for the Cascade Trail Project. Councilmember Dunn Lee seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to accept the critical goals objective with the exception of removing the line out of funding the Cascade Trail Extension. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Ordinance – Animal Code Update

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1853-16 an ordinance updating the city's animal code. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

A short discussion on chickens was held. It was noted Chickens are addressed in the zoning code.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution and Possible Contract Award (2016-PW-02) – SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 1A Trail Road to SR9S and Phase 1B Hodgkin Road to Trail Road

Report given under City Council Critical Goals and Objectives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – requested input from Council or the public for places to set up the radar trailer. He also reported on the following: Detective Sorsdal will be working with a Girl Scout Troop painting benches, a department meeting was held with training on developing an emergency plan for city hall, negotiations have started with the Public Safety Guild, the new patches for uniforms have arrived to give a new look and new identity for the department. Tucker also addressed managing Facebook and social media, the receipt of coffee cards from Morgan's Espresso that have been used for officers to give out as a thank you to citizens and . Sunset Car Wash has also given coupons that will be used in the same manner.

Some discussion was held regarding traffic on Ferry Street and trucks coming down Highway 9.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – noted it had been a rough day for the department. He reported on continued training with the driver simulator, four firefighters will be attending a fire officer class, upcoming retirements, hazmat tech course, hydrant maintenance and annual fire inspections. Asst. Chief Olson announced the upcoming Boot to Burn Event on October 1st. This will be the 26th year and since inception the event has raised over \$280,000 for the burn foundation.

Public Works Director Freiburger – presented a late materials request for an amendment with Brown and Caldwell for WWTP structural equipment assessment. He reviewed the need and history of Clarifier #1. He noted the equipment is needed in service during time of high water.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2015-PS-18 with Brown and Caldwell Inc. of Seattle WA add nondestructive testing and evaluation work for Clarifier 1 to the Phase B services for the Sedro-Woolley WWPT Structure and Equipment Assessment Project in the Amount not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger presented an update on the Jameson Street Arterial Extension, Ferry Street Pedestrian Signals, Fruitdale Road TIP Application, State Street Overlay and the Chip Seal Program.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned placing rumble strips at the speed limit change on Highway 9.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – shared a letter from the Washington Finance Officer Association, announcing Finance Director Nelson has earned the Professional Finance Officer

Award for the 8th year in row. He reported on the Library District negotiation session with a number of topics presented for conversation. Berg addressed a concern that if the negotiation failed that our Library would close. He noted there is no intent. The Library will be included within the 2017 budget.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – announced an upcoming EMS meeting. She also stated she has a new puppy.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on a work party for the Helping Hands Food Bank and Food Forest on Sunday at 10 AM. She also reported on a sex trafficking awareness conference. She spoke of the issue and encouraged people to check out the website www.skcat.org.

Councilmember Kinzer – reported on receiving an email that suggested weeding the roundabouts. She also addressed the piles of free items left out on sidewalks and streets for long lengths of time.

Councilmember Owen – thanked Councilmember Kinzer for a great job in running the last meeting.

Councilmember Lemley – gave kudos to Finance Director Nelson on her award. He also reported on the upcoming Founders Day activities with the Skate Board Competition on Saturday and Car Show on Sunday. Proceeds from the Car Show will benefit the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Councilmember Sandström – also gave congratulations to Finance Director Nelson. He suggested placement of a traffic calming circles at the corner of F&S Grade Road and Jones Road. Sandström also addressed the suggestion of an open house between Council and the public as suggested by Helge Andersson.

Mayor Wagoner – again addressed the feeling of retribution and that he takes it very seriously. He stated he was not at the last meeting because he went to the Naval Academy to see his son and proudly announced he was selected as the #1 Plebe in his unit. He also spoke on the Human Trafficking conference and the vast nature of the problem.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by all. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.