
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 26, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee (Late), Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen and Rick Lemley. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiberger, 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 Lemley moved to excuse Councilmembers Sandström and Dunn Lee. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #184767 to #184875 plus EFT's in the amount of \$525,906.62.
 - Payroll Checks #59073 to #59086 plus EFT's in the amount of \$258,577.41.
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2016-PW-03, 2016 Ferry Street and Township Street Overlay Project – Colacurcio Brothers, Inc.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the consent calendar items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (5-0).

Special Presentation – Skagit 911 Update with Helen Rasmussen

Presentation to be rescheduled.

Proclamation – National Hospice Palliative Care Month – November 2016 with Kacey Shoemaker from Hospice of the Northwest Foundation

Councilmember Dunn Lee arrived at 7:02.

Kacy Shoemaker representing Hospice of the Northwest Foundation addressed the Council and spoke of the organization and thanked those who have supported their efforts.

Councilmember Lemley stated he has had personal and professional dealings with Hospice and he thanked Shoemaker for the good of the organization.

Mayor Wagoner read a proclamation proclaiming November, 2016 as National Hospice Palliative Care Month and encouraged all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

Public Comment

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., addressed the Council and stated that 2016 was to be the year of the Library, an architect was hired and it is almost November and no one has seen the architect. The last 10 months have been spent on bickering over the library. She said it was made clear at the Library Board meeting that the Central Skagit Library doesn't need or want us so why are we still pursuing collaboration. Is there a hidden agenda. What happened to the open and transparent government that was promised last year. Andersson called on all to stand up for the citizens of Sedro Woolley reminding Councilmembers, "You are not public masters, you are public servants". It is your duty and obligation and privilege to do the will of the citizens. It's time to move on and get the architect working on upgrading our City Library. Let's show the world that we can and are willing to support literacy and education right here in Sedro-Woolley.

Tony Splane -- 714 Sapp Rd. addressed the Council regarding property tax season and encouraged the Council to remain at 0 percent increase for property taxes.

Carl DeJong – 1030 Warner St, noted that lives were forever changed on October 22nd in a senseless and cowardly act of violence. He asked everyone to join him in thanking the 911 Dispatchers, Paramedics, Fire Fighters, Emergency Responders, Hospital Staff and Police for their response and to thank Sedro-Woolley's bravest and Sedro-Woolley's finest.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Property Tax Levy Ordinances

Finance Director Nelson presented background information on property taxes and stated the Council determines the total dollar amount collected for the city, the Skagit County Assessor determines the value of the property. She also addressed the maximum amount of increase, Implicit price deflator, substantial need, preliminary tax values, maximum levy amount, state limit on maximum tax rate, tax exemption and banking. Nelson highlighted sample property tax ordinances for review and the impact of new construction and the Northern State properties that were annexed. She also noted the Mayors Budget for 2017 that will be presented at the worksession will include a 0% property tax increase.

Mayor Wagoner noted the information is on the City website for public review. He also reviewed his philosophy to be more of a user fee basis so that everyone pays their part.

AWC Legislative Priorities 2017

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the AWC Legislative Priorities for 2017. He noted there are seven priorities and briefly spoke on each one listed below:

Public Records Act
Affordable Housing
Infrastructure Assistance
City Local Authority
City State Partnership on Shared Revenues
Basic Law Enforcement Academy
Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC)

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Sgt. Harris – reported on another tough day on Saturday noting a second shooting within the week. He stated the Saturday event is an ongoing investigation. He also reported that word is getting out on the truck safety inspections and they will have the availability of a detailed report at the end of the year.

Planning Director Coleman – reported they are working on some larger projects in the Building Department. He attended FEMA Floodplain Management training and reported he will be leaving for Portland to accept the Comprehensive Planning Award for the SWIFT Center.

Public Works Director Frieberger – reported on the final acceptance of the Ferry Street Overlay Project. He reviewed the funding for the project and the use of the TBD funds noting they are making a difference. Frieberger also noted some additional work will be completed on the Jameson Roundabout.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reviewed the recent status conference on the Dike 12 hearing with another one scheduled in a couple of weeks. He highlighted the report for the recommendation of the Skagit County EMS Delivery Model Advisory Group. Berg explained the process for implementing. Berg also reported on Sedro-Woolley STEM receiving the Washington STEM Award which is a grant of \$200,000 and reminded Council that the second meeting in November is on Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Finance Director Nelson – reported the State Auditors have finished their onsite work and once finished with their reports will be contacting Councilmembers to schedule the exit conference.

Councilmember Kornegay – reminded everyone to vote.

Councilmember Owen – reported being out and about with the radar gun on Saturday as part of the Senior Crime Watch Patrol.

Mayor Wagoner – reported on the negotiating session held with the Skagit Rural Library. He spoke of a document that has been posted stating they have come a long way but still had a

handful of items to work out. He noted he is still committed to working forward. He also stated he will be out of state next week and Mayor Pro Tem Kinzer will be in charge. Mayor Wagoner spoke of the EMS Delivery model noting that the City was represented by City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Councilmember Dunn Lee. They can answer any questions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.