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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
June 27, 2018– 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Brenda Kinzer, Chuck Owen and Karl de Jong. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Merriman, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker

Councilmember de Jong moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Kornegay, Couch and Kelley. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (4-0).

### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember de Jong. Motion carried (4-0).

### **Consent Calendar**

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #188635 & #188728 plus EFT's in the amount of \$309,809.87
  - Payroll Checks #59603 to #59609 plus EFT's in the amount of \$250,696.91
- WA WARN Agreement
- Request for Approval of Grant Agreement – ILA with Skagit County – SR20 West Lane Widening & Safety Improvements Project
- PSE Intolight Authorization Letters for Approval
- Possible Contract Award – Contract 2018-PW-02, Township Street to Fruitdale Road Lane Widening and Sidewalk Project – Granite Construction Company (Resolution 993-18)
- Possible Surplus of United – 1997 Ford Explorer, 2000 Ford Crown Victoria and Layton Paving Box Serial #F-10027-N-8 (Resolution 994-18)
- Possible Sole Source Resolution (995-18) for Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump Station Replacement
- 2018 Annual Budget Amendment #4 (Ordinance 1902-18)
- 2018 Little League State Championship Designation as a Community Event.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-10. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (4-0).

## Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

### **Staff Reports**

Police Chief Tucker – updated the Council on the body cameras for issue to each officer. He also reported that Sgt. McIlraith has been in contact with Phoenix Recovery Services to obtain Narcan for each officer. He noted Narcan is a counteragent to opioid or heroin overdose and would be used for accidental exposure to an officer and spoke of the quick response time of the Fire Department who carries it for use on patients. Chief Tucker also reported on a recent burglary on Fruitdale Road and a connection with Pioneer Recovery Center. He reported they are gearing up for the Fourth of July and reminded all about fireworks. If it goes up and blows up it is illegal!

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the training hub that will be brought to Council for ratification after review. He noted that they will be testing for new firefighters on July 14<sup>th</sup> and have been gearing up for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Klinger cautioned everyone to be careful as they have already had several grass fires. Chief Klinger reported on the need for replacement of teeth for the Jaws of Life and requested to meet with the Police and Fire Committee after the meeting.

Planning Director Coleman – reported he was invited to attend the Washington State task force on water supply. The task force is co-chaired by Senator Wagoner and Senator Litton.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on a request from EMS Director, Jeff Sargent, for cities to consider a plan for fire base delivery of EMS. He noted that Chief Klinger, Finance Director Merriman and he are looking at what it could mean for Sedro-Woolley. He also reported on a tour of the Northern Sate Cemetery with the DAP team and will also be working on a cemetery grant program due Friday.

Councilmember Kinzer commended the work of many groups and volunteers on the cemetery prior to the most recent work. She noted the work of the most recent group could not have been accomplished without the work of the volunteers prior.

Finance Director Merriman – reported he is looking at policy development in areas of financial, investment and debt. He noted there have been changes in the regulations that will require a rewrite of the policies. Other areas to include would be internal controls, safeguarding public funds, debt policy, types of debt rules and responsibility and ethics and communication to City Council. He noted there are tools available through State Treasurers office at a small cost that will certify the policies. As a Finance Department the goal is to maintain public trust.

He also commented on reviews of the utility rate structure and the EMS costing model.

## **Councilmember and Mayor's Reports**

Councilmember de Jong – thanked the Police Department for taking care of the parked cars on State Street. He also noted the Helping Hands food distribution will be on Thursday next week due to the holiday and hoped everyone enjoyed the Loggerodeo celebration. de Jong spoke of overgrown blackberry bushes at Riverfront Park at the ADA fishing ramp and the angler's path.

He then reported on a Utilities Committee meeting held on Monday for a discussion on the changes affecting recycling worldwide and locally. The committee reviewed three suggestions 1) Keep the recycling program and pass the cost onto the ratepayers. 2). Modify the program and make it optional like the yard waste or 3). Discontinue the program. He noted the price would increase to \$4.15 per household. The consensus of the committee was to recommend to keep the program going and pass on the rate increase. He also addressed commercial recycling. The new accepted items list would also be implemented. de Jong closed by wishing everyone a safe and sane Independence Day.

Mayor Johnson – gave thanks to Nathan Salsenia for a clean up on Sapp Road. She also announced on Friday the State will turn over SWIFT Center to Port of Skagit County. Tours and presentations for the public will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Proclamations

## **Public Comments**

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St. expressed concern on the Library regarding lot size and the additional purchase of the Iron Skillet. He believes it to be a cover up of a mistake that was made initially and spoke of cutting revenue to the City and jobs with the purchase of the Iron Skillet. He also spoke on the increased amount of money needed to build and questioned how this happened.

Corriane Jensen – 739 Sapp Road, requested City Support for the Art in the Park event at Riverfront Park. She wanted to confirm the city is willing to work with the Arts Council and requested the event be designated as a community event. Jensen noted coloring pages are available for donations of \$10.00.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the same should be done for the Rotary Summer Concerts.

Councilmember de Jong moved for Arts in the Park be designated as a community event. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Councilmember de Jong moved to designate the Rotary Summer Concerts as a community event under SWMC 12.36.025. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (4-0).

Wendie Granberg – 1009 Polte Rd. commented the library has gone from bad to worse. She spoke of the sq. footage of the space designated to the collection and noted a Library is designed

to house books. Granberg addressed the duplication of events, such as STEM. She stated she agreed with O'Neil's comments regarding the Iron Skillet.

Councilmember Dunn Lee commented on housing of the books within the appropriate rooms such as Early Learning, Teens etc. Not all books will be with the main collection.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comment at 7:49 P.M.

## **Public Hearings**

## **Unfinished Business**

Possible Adoption by Council – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2019-2024

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the detail was presented at the last meeting by Public Works Director Freiburger. This is time sensitive in order to be included in the County TIP and then included in the State TIP.

Councilmember de Jong moved to adopt Resolution No. 996-18 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, 2019-2014. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (4-0) .

New Business

## **Information Only Items**

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Report of Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

## **Good of the Order**

Executive Session

## **Adjournment**

Councilmember de Jong moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.