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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
July 11, 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, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Pola Kelley, Chuck Owen (Absent), Karl de Jong and Jared Couch. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Merriman, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiberger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker

Councilmember de Jong moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Owen.  
Councilmember Kornegay seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Kelley moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember de Jong.  
Motion carried (6-0).

### **Consent Calendar**

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including June 27, 2018 Special Meeting)
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #188729 & #188797 in the amount of \$166,279.97
  - Payroll Checks #59610 to #59620 plus EFT's in the amount of \$349,954.90
- Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority Appointment – Dona Cowan

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar items 1-3. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

Puget Sound Energy Presentation – Lynn Murphy, Sr. Government Affairs Representative

Mayor Johnson called upon Lynn Murphy of Puget Sound Energy. She presented an update on their home energy assessment program. She gave an overview of the company and service area as well as their Together campaign for home energy assessment. Murphy entertained Council questions regarding low income programs, electric vehicle charging stations, proprietary charging stations and charging station locations along the Cascade Loop.

Helping Hands Food Bank Update – Rebecca Schlaht, Executive Director

In the absence of anyone from Helping Hands Food Bank, Councilmember Dunn Lee announced the upcoming grand opening and ribbon cutting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

### **Staff Reports**

Police Chief Tucker –reported that body cameras were deployed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. With sadness he announced the passing of long time crime watch volunteer Keith Ridgley. He also reported on the scheduled training from Phoenix Recovery for narcan training and on a double fatality Saturday night. He noted the State Patrol is leading the case on the double fatality. Enforcement on the left turn lane at Floyds has also begun.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the start of a County burn ban to begin on July 13<sup>th</sup>, however, the burn ban doesn't affect city. He also reported the building at 315 Metcalf has been demolished. Firefighter testing has been rescheduled to August 25<sup>th</sup> and the Training Hub materials will be on next council meeting agenda. Chief Klinger reported on the Ambulance meeting he attended and noted they are still working on a response to County request regarding ALS service.

Planning Director Coleman – reported that Maul Foster Alongi has completed the Phase 2 study at 109 Jameson. The Planning Department has also completed the update to local addresses for the census. He thanked Amanda Miller in the Finance Department for her work on the project. Coleman reported that Pace Engineering is working on sewer study and did an urban growth expansion sewer study which will allow the annexation north of Basset Road to go forward. He presented an overview of the annexation process and reported on a hearing on a small plot at Cook/Trail. He is waiting on the hearing examiners recommendation. Upcoming will be a Public Hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting on Planned Residential Developments. Council questions were entertained regarding the census bureau and standardization of addresses.

Public Works Director Freiburger – gave an update on the Fruitdale Road project. He also noted the SR20/Township Lane Widening project has been awarded to Granite Construction and will be starting shortly. The finish design is being done on the State Street Overlay project and will go to bid on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The West Nelson/Batey sewer is expected to be a late season bid. Pace Engineering completed the 2016 UGA expansion report. Freiburger reported they will be moving into the second phase for the Jones/John Liner scoping study and will be meeting with BNSF regarding design work for the bridge. The Solid Waste Fleet/Operations facilities plan is ongoing and the SWIFT Center park consultant selection has been completed.

Freiburger entertained Council questions regarding a clarification on timing of the Solid Waste facility and the schedule for removing the tracks at W. Ferry.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the Washington State Potato Commission will be serving free French fries from 10-Noon on Friday at City Hall. He also reported on the Library

noting all of the real estate has been acquired and the lots are having a topo survey completed. He noted the plans are on track for the second joint meeting in October to review the 90% design.

Finance Director Merriman – addressed the financial reporting and a new financial report for Council. He stated staff continues to put their best face on for the public and work continues on cost tracking for the Library project and costing for potential ambulance services and solid waste services.

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

Councilmember Dunn Lee – again noted the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Councilmember Kornegay – thanked Finance Director Merriman for the new financial report and thanked the Council for excusing her from the last meeting. She also commented on the great fireworks show on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Kelley – noted there is a lot going on this coming weekend. Events such as the Quilt show and the Fly in at port. She encouraged everyone to check the website for more events.

Councilmember de Jong – stated he enjoyed the Loggerodeo activities in town and the carnival was a great time. He commented on some neighborhood issues regarding unauthorized yard signs and zombie homes. de Jong also reported on the Skagit Transit Strategic Plan meeting he attended and noted some significant route changes to the 300 (Sedro-Woolley) route. He requested Council schedule Skagit Transit presentation in the near future.

Councilmember Couch – expressed his thanks for being excused from the last meeting. He also gave a thank you to Asst. Fire Chief Frank Wagner for his quick response to a motor vehicle accident and announced the Lyman Car Show on Saturday and encouraged everyone to stop by.

Mayor Johnson – extended a thank you to Dottie Chandler for a great Loggerodeo. She also thanked the street crew and fire and police staff for the extra work during the celebration. She gave Council a heads up regarding a meeting that will be on staffing coming soon. She also announced the upcoming Skagit PUD watershed tour for elected officials and invited Council to attend the civil discourse event in August.

Proclamations

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Johnson opened the public comment at 7:55 P.M.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., addressed the lack of a published agenda in the paper and the tax on domestic water.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comment at 8:01 P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

**New Business**

Recycling & Garbage Rates

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed issues in changes in the international recycling market that will have an impact on our recycling and noted the recycle contract expires at the end of August. He also addressed timing and changes in the type of recycling.

Councilmember Kelley, Chair of the Utilities Committee reported on a meeting of the committee to discuss utility rates. She noted the consensus of the committee on eliminating curbside recycling was a bad idea. They also felt having the service as an optional service was also not a good idea and believes it more fair for everyone to pay same rate. The Utility Committee recommended to go with an increased rate to cover the cost of disposal. She also stated the Committee addressed additional staffing and the revised list of what can or can't be recycled is important to get out to the public.

Council discussion ensued regarding potential staff impact with the changes and a review of the list of items that can no longer be recycled.

Leo Jacobs, Solid Waste Supervisor discussed plans for the educational program of the new recycling guidelines and a quick crack down.

Discussion ensued regarding providing information through the utility bills, stickers for the cans outlining the new requirements, trending on outlawing single use plastics,

Councilmember Couch expressed wanting to make the rate change now. Some discussion ensued regarding other staffing requests and impact to the budget, budgeting process and timing for the additional solid waste employee.

**Information Only Items**

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Report of Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060
- Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program/Application

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**Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:31 under RCW 42.30.110(1) (c) to consider the minimum offering price for the sale of real estate.

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 P.M.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. At 8:45 P.M.