
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 26, 2019 – 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: Brenda Kinzer, Germaine Kornegay, Chuck Owen, Judith Dunn Lee, Karl de Jong, Jared Couch (absent) and Pola Kelley. 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 Councilmember Couch. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Johnson requested Unfinished Business item Parking on Nelson Street be removed from the agenda to a future meeting. She stated it will give staff time to review stormwater issues, potential additional parking and/or one way street.

Councilmember de Jong requested to add to the agenda the Planning Committee Report under New Business.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to accept the agenda with the addition of item M-1 and deleting item I-1. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including June 5, 2019 Special Meeting)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #190961 to #191067 plus EFT's in the amount of \$229,509.31
 - Payroll Checks #59832 to #59838 plus EFT's the amount of \$297,820.96
- Possible Change Order 1 – Contract No. 2018-PW-04, 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – Fisher Construction Group, Inc.
- Yard Waste Disposal Agreement with Skagit Soils, Inc. (9/1/2019 – 9/30/2021)
- 2019 Annual Budget Amendment #1 (Ordinance No. 1928-19)
- Final Plat Approval of East Jones Estates – aka “The Park in Sedro-Woolley” (File #05-SD-02) (Resolution No. 1027-19)

Councilmember de Jong requested Finance Director Merriman have an opportunity to address the budget amendment. Merriman commented regarding estimates of the library costs at time of budget with actual bids. The amendment is to fine tune the budget to the actual costs through the end of the project.

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

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Special Recognition – Marilyn Dite – Interim Court Clerk

Mayor Johnson called upon Marilyn Dite to come forward. She spoke of Marilyn's graciousness of stepping in as court clerk during the absence of the regular clerk. She stated Dite was very faithful and did a great job. Dite was presented with a memento from the City of Sedro Woolley for her service and received a round of applause.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – reported that the oral boards for new officers have been completed and they are now conducting background checks. He also announced an upcoming I1639 Compliance Class regarding firearms. The class will be information only. Chief Tucker stated they are gearing up for fireworks enforcement on July 4th and Sgt. Harris is working on conducting crosswalk compliance.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported they are prepping for July 4th activities. He also reported they have three new EMT's and will add new residents soon. Klinger announced the switch to criteria based dispatching and noted one of the fire engines is in the shop.

Planning Director Coleman – reported there will be a public hearing held July 10th on the proposed 1.25 acre annexation on Jones Road. He also noted July 10th will be the first reading of the urban village mixed use sub area plan and development regulations. The Planning Commission is currently working on regulations for accessory dwelling units with a public hearing scheduled for July 16th. Coleman noted applications have been received for the 18 lot development on Trail Road. He also reported on the retirement of Permitting Clerk, JoAnn Lazaron with a city wide retirement luncheon at Riverfront Park on Thursday.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported the WWTP bypass line project has been completed. He noted he will be bringing to Council an amendment to the Brown & Caldwell contract for electrical modifications at the WWTP. Plans and specs for the sidewalk and ramp project are almost complete and ready for ad. The SR20 West Lane Widening will not bid this year. Advertisement will be going out for design consultants for the SR9/SR20 Intersection Improvements and he addressed the parking revision on West Nelson.

Council questions and discussion was held regarding direction of cars, funding, longer vehicles, the gate on the west end and consideration of Jameson St. property. The Council consensus was for staff to pursue a plan with the School District.

Public Works Director Freiburger then spoke of his review of the preliminary estimate on the Solid Waste facility. He noted the price is excessive and other options will need to be looked at. He also addressed the preload material from library and noted a work order has been issued to place stop bars on Longtime Lane.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on new signs on the buildings and in the parks addressing smoking, vaping and marijuana. He stated this is a Skagit County code requirement. He also addressed the contract with Valdez Construction for the Library project.

Finance Director Merriman – reported the bond for the library closed and financing is in place. Other projects that are happening include demos on fixed asset software and Microflex software that will monitor trends in Sedro Woolley sales tax. He announced the 2020 budget season is upcoming and spoke of moving to a biennial budget. The annual State Auditor visit is anticipated to be sometime in August. He reported the property purchased last year on Murdock Street for the Fire Department will be paid in full in mid-July with the use of GEMT funds.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Kornegay – thanked Public Works Director Freiburger for the Longtime Lane work order. She also encouraged everyone to have a fun Loggerodeo.

Councilmember de Jong – thanked staff from code enforcement to legal with handling of some nuisance properties. He also stated he has received a number of complaints from business owners regarding parking of construction equipment in the Central Business District. de Jong reported the Water Supply Joint Legislative Task Force will be meeting on July 19th and is looking forward to Loggerodeo and a robust recycling program during the festival.

Councilmember de Jong, as chair of the Council Planning Committee reported on a meeting held at 6:00 P.M. with Councilmembers Dunn Lee and Owen, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Mayor Johnson, Planning Director Coleman and himself in attendance. The topic was to discuss parking ratios to new residences to the Central Business District area. The recommendation of the committee is to refer to the Planning Commission.

Dunn Lee – encouraged keeping close track of your pets during the 4th.

Councilmember Kelley – passed on a thank you from Monique Brigham, Relay for Life Chair who thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers who came. Kelley announced they exceeded their fundraising goal.

Mayor Johnson – reported on the Opportunity Zone presentation. She also announced the retirement party for JoAnn Lazaron after 30 years of service to the city at noon at Riverfront

Park on Thursday. She thanked staff for their preparations for Loggerodeo and wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4th.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comments at 7:52 P.M.

Tom Pasma, District 5 volunteer firefighter addressed the Council noting with the dissolution of the Central Valley Ambulance Authority there were changes to the fire and life program. He spoke of the grueling testing and the opportunity to shadow medical professionals. He thanked the city fire department for participation in allowing job training to be made available to the rural firefighters.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comments at 7:54 P.M.

Public Hearings

Proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2020-2025

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing on the 2020-2025 TIP at 7:54 P.M.

With no comments received Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

Public Works Freiburger reviewed the 2020-2025 TIP. He noted the document is updated yearly for inclusion in the Regional and Statewide TIP and is required for state and federal funding. The TIP is based on updated projects identified in the 2017 Comp Plan Amendments and Chapter 3 Transportation Element as adopted by Council on May 9, 2019.

He stated the primary focus is funding and completing the critical transportation projects with concentration on the Jones/JohnLiner/Trail Road Corridor projects, John Liner Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project, SR20 West Lane Widening & Safety Improvements, Holtcamp to Hodgin, SR20/SR9 Township Intersection Improvements Project and SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 2A, Holtcamp to Hodgin.

The secondary focus is on maintenance of existing arterial streets via the overlay program and third is to update ADA Ramps and Sidewalks citywide.

Freiburger reviewed changes from the 2019-2024 to the 2020 -2025 TIP and other significant changes to include rescheduled projects and updated estimates.

Questions from Council included chip seal, bike path on SR20, John/Liner and items C7 B and C7 6 regarding Jameson Avenue.

Unfinished Business

Parking on Nelson Street – pulled from agenda.

Weight Limits on City Streets

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted there are no changes or anything to add from the last meeting regarding weight limits on city streets.

Council questions regarding the previous ordinance, clarity of semis with exceptions within the code and the ability to enforce.

Councilmember Kelley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1929-19 an ordinance amending Chapter 10.20 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code and delegating authority to the public works director to establish weight limits. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

New Business

Councilmember de Jong moved the recommendation of the city Council Planning Committee to direct the Planning Commission to consider the parking issues related to new residential in the CBD. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (6-0).

Information Only Items

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Library Project Update
- Report of Contracts approved under SWMC 2.204.060

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Executive Session

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.