
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 13, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including May 6, 2015 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #181433 to #181553 plus EFT's in the amount of \$1,333,543.13
 - Payroll Checks #58538 to #58556 plus EFT's in the amount of \$269,850.89
- Proposed Resolution 915-15 Local Agency Agreement between the City of Sedro-Woolley and WSDOT for Design & Construction Phase Federal Funding Obligation for the SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 1A Trail Road to SR9 South

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

No public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution Withdrawing from the Skagit-Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SIRTPO)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced Kevin Murphy, Executive Director of Skagit Council of Governments who was in the audience. Berg noted that as the SIRTPO is formed there is no advantage for Sedro-Woolley in maintaining the relationship. We would be able to accomplish more as a Skagit County organization. The resolution would give authorization for the Mayor to withdraw from the SIRTPO.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Resolution No. 916-15 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington Withdrawing from the Skagit-Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification on reasons for withdrawing, making decisions for area not familiar with and population for federal funding.

Kevin Murphy explained what would happen with Island County who would transition to being under WSDOT as they do not have enough population to have an RTPO on their own.

Motion carried (7-0).

Recycling/Yard Waste Contract Expiration

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented additional information on the proposal to provide residential and commercial curbside recycling and yard waste services as part of the city's utility. He also reviewed a proposed time line for moving forward and the necessary steps. Berg stated a budget amendment to accommodate additional staffing and equipment would be necessary. The first pick up week would be the first week of September. He also reviewed the memo referencing revenue and expenditures.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed internalizing the program, cost comparisons, the significant decision of the Council and customer service.

Discussion ensued regarding internal billing and paperwork, funding for trucks, reality of costs, customer service and number of complaints.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to provide direction to the City to provide residential and commercial recycling and yard waste at the end of the contract with Waste Management which is August 31, 2015. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg directed attention to toter's located in the back of the room and explained the cans and lid colors. The consensus was to come up with a coded lid system that works for the Solid Waste department.

NEW BUSINESS

Sign Permit Fees – Amendment to Fee Schedule

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed amendment to the Fee Schedule for sign permit fees. He noted it was a first read with no action requested at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – reported that the front office staff is now wearing uniforms. He also reported on a recruit visitation that was done last week. All the recruits are doing well. The first two will graduate mid-July and the third will graduate around the first of August. Chief Tucker reported on noise complaints received at a townhouse on Township Street. Work has begun on planning for Loggerodeo.

Mayor Anderson acknowledged National Police Memorial Week. Fire Chief Klinger announced that flags will be at half-staff on Friday in recognition.

Fire Chief Klinger – announced testing in July for new volunteers. He noted their numbers are dwindling as people retire. Flyers will be included in the utility bills.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the EIS scoping meeting for Northern State. He stated it went very well with lots of support and most of the comments have been common sense comments. The comment period will stay open until Friday. He also reported the Planning Commission will be looking at the Land Use Element as well as working on some housekeeping items and having a public hearing to address odors in connection with marijuana producers and processors.

Public Works Director Freiburger addressed the storm drain in connection with the Cascade Trail on Hwy 20 and preliminary funding. Freiburger reviewed the final cost analysis for the SR20/Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project. Other projects updated were the Jameson Street Arterial Project, Impact Fees, School District grading plan and the 6 Year TIP.

Mayor Anderson commented on the new fencing at Bingham Park.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg -- reported that his role as consultant for the 911 Center is now completed.

Mayor Anderson commented on the negotiations with the board being impressed by Berg's knowledge and negotiation skills.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported that Robert Osborne has been brought back as a part time building inspector. He also updated Council on the Police Repeater project and entertained the Council opinion of hosting a voter forum. The consensus was to host the voter forum with the same format as previous.

Finance Director Nelson – reported on receiving a call on behalf of some investors in Summit, New Jersey who holds City of Sedro-Woolley bonds inquiring if we were going to have any new offerings. She felt it spoke well for our City.

Councilmember Sandström – noted his dissatisfaction with the response from the High School on the kids loitering during school hours. Some discussion ensued. The topic will be placed on

the list to discuss with the School District at the next monthly meeting between the City and School District.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported that the Oasis Teen Center is now open again.

Councilmember Galbraith – addressed the traffic stops on trucks going too fast down Hwy 9. Discussion ensued regarding best time of day for traffic enforcement.

Councilmember Wagoner – announced the outstanding year for the SWHS Boys Soccer Team. He also reported on overhearing positive comments from customers working with JoAnn and the Building Department. He questioned the status on the number of permits in comparison to previous years.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on a debriefing meeting for Woodfest.

Councilmember Loy – reported on attending a seminar on mental health in the area.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported that Fire Chief Klinger, Finance Director Nelson and himself will be applying for the City's Medicare number to be able to bill for transporting.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.