
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession
March 2, 2016– 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

The worksession was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Keith Wagoner.

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Police Chief Tucker, Sergeant McIlraith, Sergeant Harris and Records Supervisor Blunt.

SWPD Update

- Police Chief Tucker presented a history of the department as well as a departmental overview. He also thanked the City Council and Mayor for their support of the department, noting that the department is adequately staffed, except for records, for the first time.
- Sergeant McIlraith discussed the hiring process for the SWPD from 2015 that lead to the hiring of three new hires and three new lateral hires. Questions were asked about the hiring process followed by some discussion. Sergeant McIlraith profiled the six new hires in the department from last year. Councilmember Johnson asked about critical incident stress debriefing and Councilmember Sandström asked about the reserve program.
- Sergeant Harris addressed the new reserve recruit and then discussed the proactive policing policies of the city. He talked about a recent proactive enforcement matter involving a drug house. Sergeant Harris showed footage of departmental Taser training and discussed plans for 2016.
- Records Supervisor Blunt talked about the records department. SWPD has less records staff than any other agency in the county. She reported that we are short by two FTE's. She reported that 40-50% of her time is now spent complying with the Washington Stater Public Records Act (RCW 42.56). Records management, PRA requests, redaction, and related issues were all discussed. The records division also handles concealed pistol licenses with the quantity of CPL's tripling in the past two years. The workload in records has increased substantially and staffing has remained static. New officers are also generating increased workload for records.
- Sergeant Harris handed out a report from Officer Carr that detailed 2015 statistics and included before and after photos. Some discussion followed.
- Police Chief Tucker invited the Council to participate in other departmental activities and training, if desired. Councilmember Johnson asked about the downtown bars. City Supervisor/ Attorney Berg talked about possible new ordinances that may offer new tools to help enforce liquor laws. Officer

Rogers is researching options that may be presented to the Council in the future. Mayor Wagoner asked about the new jail and how it will assist in law enforcement efforts. Councilmember Kornegay asked about graffiti abatement and enforcement.

Council Roundtable

- Mayor Wagoner introduced the roundtable agenda item.
- Councilmember Dunn Lee reported on a utilities committee meeting regarding solid waste and recycling.
- Councilmember Kornegay reported on the housing trust meeting as well as a trip to Olympia last week to discuss the Northern Sate Project and police body cameras.
- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reminded the Council about the retreat scheduled for March 14th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Swinomish Lodge.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (7-0).

The worksession adjourned at 9:04 P.M.