
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 13, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, 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 Wagoner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including April 6, 2016 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #183535 to #183639 in the amount of \$296,405.23
 - Payroll Checks #58874 to #58890 plus EFT's in the amount of \$288,714.51
- Ordinance (1843-16) – Speed Limit Revision on SR9 from South City Limits to SR 20
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement No. 2016-PW-17 – 2016 Annual On-Call Plumbing Services
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement No. 2016-PW-18 – 2016-2017 Annual Portable Fire Extinguisher and Kitchen Hood Service and Inspection
- Land Pride 14' Pull Type, Towable Mower Award – Purchase Order No. 2016-PO-09
- Utility Relocation Agreement – Puget Sound Energy – Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 Project
- Possible Sole Source Resolution (939-16) for Wastewater Treatment Plant Rotor #4 Replacement Parts – Evoqua Water Technologies LLC – Purchase Order 2016-PO-13
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Possible Drainage Projects
- Possible Contract Award – Contract 2016-PW-01 (Resolution 940-16), Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 Project – SRV Construction, Inc.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the consent calendar A through K. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Oath of Office – David Miller, Reserve Officer

Mayor Wagoner administered the oath of office to David Miller who is joining the Police Department as a reserve officer.

Chief Tucker introduced Officer Miller noting he was formerly with the Burlington Police Department.

Public Comment

Councilmember Wagoner commented on the importance of continuing with civility during the public comment period. He noted that no matter what the opinion there are no bad intentioned people. He urged everyone to stick to the issue and then reviewed his proposal with the hopeful outcome and desire to create an equal opportunity for everyone in the school district a better and bigger library than we have today. Wagoner addressed representation and control noting that strides have been made in that area by the Library District amending their bylaws.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean Rd. speaking from the heart noting she is like a kid in the candy shop when she's at the library. The library is a central gathering place and contributes to the quality of life. She addressed the revitalization of downtown and respect for the city and the move would be a loss of community and pride.

Loretta Saarinen – 802 Park Cottage Place, questioned what a councilmanic bond is? She commented that citizens will pay for a new library and the Library District will take over after the bond is paid off. She noted it doesn't feel, smell or taste good. The library has been a legacy left by prior citizens. Saarinen questioned the cooperative spirit.

James Johnson – 587 Carter St. – stated he is not related to any of the library staff as has been rumored that all opposed to the proposal are related to library staff. He spoke of the professional dealings and personal interest in the patrons. Johnson addressed the city wanting to get out of the library business and past ideas for the city and does not see much in the way of a vision or positive outlook for the community. He hopes for continued work in a congenial manner and would like to see the City take some initiative in the proposal.

Sue Wichers – 1201 6th Street, expressed concern about counter proposal relating it to a medieval romance story. She stated it sounds worse than before and encouraged consideration of a better cooperative partnership.

Wendy Grandberg – 1009 Polte Rd., stated she agrees with previous comments made. She quoted the city mission statement and fails to see how the city government and citizens are working together on the library. She spoke of the underfunding over the years for the library, payments to the library district, routine maintenance and does not want to lose the local city library.

Shelia Lemiux – 1201 State St., spoke of her love of the library and opposition to a new library.

Dave North – 701 Metcalf St. , asked the correct timing to speak on the liquor license issue.

Robin Gillis – Jameson St., addressed the financial impact on senior citizens for the cost of projects within the city such as the Jameson Street Roundabout, proposed water park and does not understand the importance of merging with the County. She noted that people go to a library

because they cannot afford to buy books or eBooks and kindles. People depend on the library as a social outlet and education and citizens should be allowed to vote.

Kim Devaney – 728 Fidalgo St. – stated she concurs with all others that have spoken today. She noted everyone should have been aware and given the opportunity to vote and encouraged Council to think about the County and City and to have more accountability.

Community Action Presentation – Bill Hinckle

Bill Hinckle, Executive Director of Community Action of Skagit County addressed the Council. He thanked Councilmember Kornegay for her participation on their board. He presented a PowerPoint presentation on Community Action. He provided information sheets to include statistics and various services provided to citizens in need in Sedro-Woolley. Hinkle announced several of their fundraisers held throughout the year to support their cause. The Have a Heart Run is scheduled for May 7th Take a Bite for Skagit will be held on May 18th and the Spirit of Hope on October 13th .

He also addressed the capacity for emergency housing, prioritizing the most vulnerable and the community issue on the lack of available affordable housing. He entertained council questions regarding the percentage of homelessness.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Retreat Follow-up: Downtown Liquor Establishments

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed a follow up topic from the Council retreat on how to develop a more vital downtown and how to support new business when there has been more than a reasonable amount of vandalism or littering. Berg addressed the implementation regarding the additional fee for businesses that serve liquor. He noted when looking at the call volume there are four addresses in the downtown from midnight to 4 am. that stand out. He noted the core issue is an unreasonable demand for service from few addresses.

Discussion ensued regarding regulating hours for alcohol consumption and sales, calls for service by hour.

Police Chief Tucker gave some history of downtown activity from midnight on during his time on the force. He spoke of the ebb and flow of activity and working with Liquor Control to help curb activity.

Dave North – 701 Metcalf St., addressed closing hours for his establishment and the need for more liquor control, affecting the livelihood of owners and there being a larger issue at hand.

Further discussion was held regarding closing time of establishments, incentive based fees, charges for calls, discouraging calls if a fee is associated, summit with bar owners and Liquor Control and minimizing activity in the downtown.

The topic was referred to the Public Safety Committee for further consideration.

Spray Park Update

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the work completed on the proposed spray park and the path forward. He noted on April 19th the City Works day will be held at Memorial Park and an open house will be held for citizens to see the plans for the park improvements. Public comments will be taken. Providing success on receiving the RCO grant the target opening would be in the spring of 2018. Berg discussed separation of funds and limited use of funds. The city match would utilize park impact fees, REET funds, service groups and in kind city crew work to complete the project.

Berg discussed the location review with Memorial Park being the only location that is RCO fundable. He also referred to the 1940 vision for the park with a fountain where the site of the spray park is proposed.

Councilmember Sandström commented on parking at the Mount Vernon and Burlington Spray Parks.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg announced the caretaker cottage is almost complete and the caretaker will be moving in soon. The belief is this will be a first step in changing the atmosphere of the park.

Central Skagit Library Letter dated April 5, 2016

Mayor Wagoner addressed a counterproposal letter received from the Central Skagit Library expressing their intentions to continue working on an agreement. He noted the City representatives for negotiations will consist of the City Library Director Debra Peterson, 1 Library Board member, Himself and legal counsel.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 Comprehensive Plan Docket

Planning Director Coleman addressed the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Docket including updates to the Capital Facilities Element. This document enables public works, fire and police departments to update projections to accommodate next 20 years of growth. Coleman also addressed the School District Capital Facilities Update.

He reviewed changes to the fire impact fees and the calculations for determining within the document. This is a first read with no action necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council

Informational Items

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the delivery of a new vehicle. He also stated the department is working on a design for a new patch and hopes to have a mock up to show at the next meeting. Officer Eddy is working with the Washington State Patrol as part of his training on commercial vehicle enforcement. Chief Tucker reported on plans to purchase more body cameras and reported a couple of seizure trucks will be going up for sale. In May the Sheriff's office is expecting protests at the refinery and the Department will be providing mutual aid support if necessary.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported the ladder truck is back in service and the annual testing of the vehicles has been completed for year. He noted that the transports for the ambulance are up and they will be testing for volunteers once again.

Planning Director Coleman – reviewed the upcoming Planning Commission agenda items and noted the Schmooze fair is being held tomorrow evening. He has tickets available for Councilmembers. He will be staffing a booth to let people know what's happening in Sedro-Woolley.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported they are working on an update to the traffic impact fees. The Jameson Arterial Extension project bid has been awarded to SRV Construction with the project starting the third week of May. Bids were closed for the Ferry Street Overlay and will be awarded at the next Council meeting. He also reported on the Cascade Trail, Fruitdale Road project and the Janicki Field fencing and backstop.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the upcoming EMS Delivery workgroup, He and Councilmember Dunn Lee will be representing the City to work on the EMS system. As a follow up to a Council retreat subject he has most of the previous work gathered on the on downtown revitalization. He is attempting to organize and identify areas that may be of interest for today. The Mayor will be attending a Revitalize Washington conference. Berg also reported on the Library entrance repair. There will be some changes to the parking lot at City Hall with the implementation for an internet commerce parking area. Berg also reported on his recent tour of the jail construction. The Sedro-Woolley "City Scenes" magazine will be out next week.

Berg discussed the body cameras for the Police Department and recent legislation on a 3 year pilot program that allows certain exemptions under the Public Records Act.

Finance Director Nelson – reported the park and shelter rentals are up due to the nice weather. There has also been an increase in permit sales. Human Resources is busy with new hire paperwork for the seasonal employees.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced the City Works day at Memorial Park. Plans for Spray Park will be available for viewing and comment.

Councilmember Sandström – addressed promotional signs at the Tesarik Little League Field. Mayor Wagoner noted the committee met and signs will be allowed under certain terms during the season only. Some discussion regarding the little league fields next to Riverfront Park which are owned by Skagit PUD was held.

Mayor Wagoner spoke of the Senior Watch Group. Councilmember Owen will be working on trying to enhance the program.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 P.M.