
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 8, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith 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
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #183915 to #183986 in the amount of \$245,534.89
 - Payroll Checks #58934 to #58950 plus EFT's in the amount of \$301,363.07
- Public Hospital District No. 1 – Agreement for Medical Services

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Wagoner announced that in light of the interest of the audience he was moving *Unfinished Business Item Resolution Establishing a Public Participation Plan for Library Decision-making* to take place prior to the public comment period.

Resolution Establishing a Public Participation Plan for Library Decision-making.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information and a timeline regarding the library concept. The proposed resolution confirms a formal process for public input and comment. He addressed Item 5 within the resolution on a Needs Assessment/Library Site & Design Process which will be a separate process and detailed the steps.

Council discussion ensued regarding advertisement of meetings.

Mayor Wagoner opened the topic for public comments.

Kindred Martin – 1009 Polte Road, addressed the Council regarding the importance of having a library card and participation in the programs that always provided an outing when he was young. As a teenager, it provides a safe place to go for homework or reading after school. He

commented on the convenient location of the library and the openness of library staff. He encouraged a time for open communication for questions and answers.

Susan Wickers – 1201 6th St. stated she was glad to see the issue is being addressed and commented for more robust communication, she suggested before further negotiations that input be gathered from the community for ideas. She noted it's crippling the negotiating team by going in with one sided input being received.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean Dr., would like to see interaction prior to further negotiations. She also commented on the topic being listed as a second read as she has not seen a first read before tonight.

Pat Hammond – 729 Sauk Mtn. Dr., commented that she is very happy to see this come together and wants everyone to have access for a great public library.

Dorothy DeFremery – 316 Garden of Eden – read a prepared statement addressing county library systems with a branch in each town. She noted she can't see any pluses to merging and there being lots of confusion and the loss of a big piece of heritage. She also referenced a letter dated April 27th regarding contracting with library and that it seems the rural library concerns and opinions are being weighted more heavily. She addressed the current site as being the ideal spot and the building could be expanded where it is. DeFremery also expressed concern of going forward and the move toward eBooks.

George Wolner – 1641 State Hwy 9, commented that nothing is chipped in granite on the proposal and stated a merger is not a loss of resources. He commented on his belief of the Councilmembers and Mayor being open to communication with the public so there is no excuse not to be able to get questions answered.

Debra Lancaster – 201 W. Nelson – expressed her pleasure to see the resolution and encouraged the Council to find a good facilitator for the open house.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Road, stated he has previously mentioned the topic be submitted for a vote, this time he would suggest having a contract period before a binding agreement.

Loretta Saarinen – 821 Park Cottage Pl., submitted her request for several additions to the ordinance for consideration. She requested the public notification period be changed from 7 days to 10 days and also requested the addition in two areas for citizen engagement for questions and answers. She expressed her gratitude for exceeding the state minimum on public hearings and opening up the process. Saarinen apologized for exceeding her time limit at the last meeting.

Amanda Sonndagh – 222 Ball Street, addressed the Council noting there is no choice. She also addressed language within the proposed ordinance and feels the citizens are not getting the true light.

Mayor Wagoner closed the public comment period at 7:32 PM.

Council discussion ensued regarding a 10 day notification period and a question and answer opportunity.

Lorretta Saarinen was requested to come back to the podium for clarification of her request.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to have no further negotiations with the Library District until after a public forum is held. Seconded by Councilmember Owen.

Discussion was held regarding input received at each meeting from the public, addressing concerns with any member of the negotiating committee, crippling any progress we have made, concerns are being heard and trust that the Council is thinking of the citizens and the notification process.

The Mayor restated the motion. Motion failed (2-5, Councilmembers Dunn Lee, Kornegay, Johnson, Lemley and Sandström opposed).

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve a Resolution No. 943-16 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Establishing a Formal Public Participation Plan for Decisions Regarding the Sedro-Woolley City Library with the notice being extended to 10 days. Councilmember Kornegay seconded.

Discussion ensued with metaphors and abstract art analogies, revision for public notification of 10 days, format of public forum and pre-submission of questions for forum.

Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Kinzer opposed).

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution Establishing a Public Participation Plan for Library Decision-making.

In the interest of the audience this agenda item was moved.

Public Comment –

Jack and Shannon Moore – 402 Burrows Ln. thanked the Council for their continued focus on keeping neighborhoods safe. They specifically thanked City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Police Chief Tucker and Code Enforcement Officer Carr for their work on a structure within their neighborhood that was attracting nuisances.

Christine Johnson – 801 McLean Dr., addressed the rules and regulations for public input at Council meetings and worksessions, she noted that Mount Vernon citizens get to speak for 5 minutes at both Council meetings and worksessions and requested consideration of the 5 minute time limit.

Steve Krein – 8053 State Rt. 9, reported his property is just outside city limits and is a parcel in the process of being annexed into the city UGA. He requested to be able to hook up to city sewer.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Revisions to SWMC 15.04, Local Amendments to Adopted State Building Codes

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed revisions to SWMC 15.04 local amendments to state building codes. He noted the state requires the codes go into effect July 1st. Local jurisdictions can make minor adjustments. No additional changes are recommended with exception of the urban fire interface code. Coleman stated this is a first read with no action required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council

Informational Items

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the internet exchange site that has received good input. He also reported that Sgt. Peirce will be returning from Coast Guard deployment. A gathering will be held to welcome him back. Chief Tucker's new truck is getting outfitted which will give the crime watch program a newer vehicle. Chief Tucker spoke of changes coming with the crime watch program and addressed some homeless issues in the downtown area.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – gave recognition to Mark Nysether owner of the property at 500 Metcalf for allowing use of their building for various training scenarios. He also noted it has been a very busy day.

Planning Director Coleman – presented an update on the UGA approval process at the County. He will be attending another meeting at the county on June 20th. He also noted a letter has been received from the Department of Ecology accepting the city's shoreline management plan.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on the numerous projects in the works including the Jameson St. Arterial project and the Ferry Street Sidewalk and Overlay. He also gave updates on the Cascade Trail expansion, Fruitdale arterial and the upcoming TIB meeting for grant programs. He noted a public hearing will be held for the 2017-2022 TIP at the next meeting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the deadline for the City Scene magazine is June 20th. He also reported the jail project is progressing and gave a report on the Council jail tour. Updates were presented on the SWIFT Center, mental health community report, emergency medical system, GEMT and STEM. Berg also reported he represented the City well by placing 1st in the jump rope contest at Blast from the Past.

Public Works Director Freiburger – noted he will follow up on the sewer request made this evening.

Finance Director Nelson – reported on a webinar on the Transportation Benefit District. She also reported on the recent enhancement to the financial software that will allow for online payments, paperless billing, email payment confirmation and auto pay credit card payments. She noted the benefit to the city will be time savings, printing and mailing costs, landlord inquiries, manual credit card payments and a website link.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced the June 18th official dedication of Tesarik Field and reported on Blast from the Past and the upcoming Oaysis Teen Shelter auction at Skagit Valley College.

Councilmember Johnson – spoke about her recent trip to Ireland saying she had the honor to meet the Mayor of Kilkenny, who sends his greetings to the fine folks of Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember Owen – reported on a ride along with Officer Rhonda Lasley. He stated she is very dedicated and he was impressed with her professionalism. He also thanked City Supervisor/Attorney Berg for arranging the jail tour.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on the new layout at the recycle yard and the Blast from the Past car show with 153 cars.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the status of Heather Lane.

Mayor Wagoner -- reported on the Sedro-Woolley High School awards night with over 8 million in scholarships given away. He also reported on the Memorial Day weekend noting the Cemetery looked fantastic and the Blast from the Past.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes under RCW 43.30.140 (4) collective bargaining at 8:37 P.M. with possible action.

The meeting reconvened at 8:58 P.M.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the draft MOU between the city and AFSCME regarding step placement for recent hires. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.