
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 13, 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 and Rick Lemley. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiberger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

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

Moment of Silence

Mayor Wagoner requested a moment of silence to honor dead and injured officers and those that died needlessly in the recent months.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Kinzer moved to excuse Councilmember Sandstrom's absence. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried 6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #184099 to #184213 in the amount of \$256,095.18
 - Payroll Checks #58963 to #58979 plus EFT's in the amount of \$295,103.22
- Planning Commissioner Appointment – Joe Franett

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

Randy Good – 35482 SR20, commented on his concern on the public records he submitted at the last meeting. He also addressed project 29 on the Transportation Improvement Project and differences in the quit claim deed and chain of ownership, leaving project 29 with a clouded title.

Helge Andersson -- 928 Beachley Rd. requested a correction in Mayor Wagoner's statement of being "repeat customers" to "repeat citizens". He addressed the Council noting they are not here because they like it but because nobody is hearing what is being said. He would also like to rename the Mayor's proposal to the Mayor's Ultimatum.

Loretta Saarinin – 821 Park Cottage Place, read a statement with information on Representative John Lewis and his action to bring a blocked piece of legislation to the floor of congress to a vote. She questioned why citizen’s concerns have not been addressed as well as why the urgency to provide service to people outside the city limits and questioned what other forces maybe driving the library proposal. She stated government is to serve the citizens and recommended Council read Representative Lewis’ book The March, available in the library.

Troy Erwin – 124 N. Reed St. – commented this is the nicest community he ever lived in. He also spoke of the positive experiences with the police department and stated he likes the library as it is and uses it a great deal.

Dorothy DeFremery – 316 Garden of Eden Rd., addressed the hostility that is being heard with the library proposal and hopes for an agreement to be reached. She requested the Council to use whatever influence they have to allow adequate time for a question and answer period, where every one will hear the same thing at the same time at the upcoming meeting. She also requested comments be recorded and documented, both the question and answer and be made available to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Possible Adoption by Resolution of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2017-2022

Public Works Director Freiburger introduced the second read for the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. He offered to entertain any questions Council may have.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve Resolution No. 944-16 A Resolution Adopting the 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

2016 Transportation Impact Fee Update

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed the second read on the 2016 Transportation Impact Fee Update and entertained any questions from Council.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve Ordinance No. 1852-16 Amending SWMC Sections 15.60.060 to Increase the Amount of the Transportation Impact Fees and to Updated the Methodology Utilized to Calculate said fees. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

City Approval of Supplemental Agreement 1 to Local Agency Agreement(s) 8689 and 8760 with WSDOT for Construction Phase Federal Funding Obligation for the SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 1A Trail Road to SR9 and Phase 1B Hodgkin Road to Trail Road

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed the SR20/Cascade Trail project providing details regarding funding, noting the traffic control within the project is greater than anticipated. He reviewed replacement of the traffic signal at Trail Road and how to fund the increase. Freiburger requested ratification of Mayor Pro Tem Kinzer's signature on the supplemental agreement #1 noting there are sufficient funds to move forward.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to ratify Mayor Pro Tem Kinzer's signing of Supplemental Agreement(s) 1 and updated Prospectus for the Local Agency Agreements between the City of Sedro-Woolley and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the construction phase of the SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 1A Trail Road to SR9 South and Phase 1B Hodgkin Road to Trail Road, totaling \$1,124,218, including total city match funds of \$388,760. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Skagit County Parks Request for RCO Grant Letter of Support for the Centennial Trail Phase 1 Project

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed a request from Bryan Adams of the Skagit County Parks Department for a letter of support for an RCO Grant for the Centennial Trail Phase 1 Project. Freiburger reminded Council of previous comments regarding land transfer and clouded titles addressed along the area of the proposed project. He noted staff is supportive of the concept and requested guidance of how to proceed.

No concerns were raised by Council and the consensus was to authorize the requested RCO Grant Letter of Support for the Centennial Trail Phase 1 Project.

Late Material Item – Request for Manual Check

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a late materials item of a request for a manual check #184214 payable to USPS in the amount of \$1,174.90 for mailing of the July issue of the City Scene magazine.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to authorize the issuance of manual check #184214 payable to USPS in the amount of \$1,174.90. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Reports to Council
Informational Items
2016 Budget

Police Chief Tucker – reported on a “United We Stand” ceremony held in Burlington sponsored by Christ the King Church. He said it was a very touching ceremony to support local law enforcement. He also addressed the tokens of support the Department has received. Chief Tucker reported on a busy weekend with an uptake in gang tagging noting this has been a County wide trend. A report of the Public Safety Guild cleanup of Officer Carl Strom’s grave at the cemetery was given. The guild has commissioned with a local artist for a custom bench in memory of Carl Strom to be place outside the Police Department. Skate board park activity was also discussed.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on a quiet 4th of July. The new fire engine has arrived and he invited everyone out to take a look after the meeting. He noted he hopes for it to be in service by the first of August. Chief Klinger reported on issues with one of the ambulances that he is working on and on the upcoming annual hydrant maintenance.

Planning Director Coleman – noted on June 30th the Skagit County Commissioners approved the 2016 comp plan updates. Part of the approval was the expansion of the City’s UGA with the caveat of having to provide a sewer plan by June, 2018 or prior to annexation. He also reported that the Building and Planning Departments have been very busy.

Public Works Director Freiburger – presented project updates on the Jameson St. Arterial, Ferry Street overlay and the bid process for the Cascade Trail. He also reported on the receipt of an Economic Development Grant award in the amount of \$400,000 to be used as TIB match for the Fruitdale Road project. He is gearing up for the Sewer Comprehensive Plan update and the 2017 budget process.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on some pending projects with the Houser Park fencing and the Riverfront Park Caretaker residence. The Helping Hands Food Bank will be presenting a full presentation at the next meeting on their plans for a new food bank. After the presentation there may be action requested. He also reported the Department of Commerce grant application is due at the end of month.

Mayor Wagoner asked for clarification of a lease vs. purchase of land for Helping Hands Food Bank.

Finance Director Nelson – reported receiving positive comments regarding the new online bill pay and processing of bank generated checks. She also pointed out at the end of the Council packet a copy of the 2016 budget, noting this is a narrative budget and very user friendly.

Councilmember Johnson – reported on the rules committee meeting. She stated the Council procedures have not been revised since 1994. They plan to pull samples from several cities and work on procedures that will work for the present Council.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – reported on a crack that has become a hole in the 700 block of Cook Road.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced she will not be at the next meeting nor will she be at the Library meeting as she will be in Philadelphia.

Councilmember Kinzer – gave a thank you to Chief Tucker and the officers. She also reported of explosions of left over fireworks. Kinzer addressed the audience and wanted them to know that they are being heard and the comments considered.

Councilmember Kornegay – requested documentation on the July 25th special meeting.

Councilmember Johnson – commended the staff and the work that goes into the 4th of July celebration and what a great job they did. Johnson also concurred with Councilmember Kinzer that the comments are being heard and they want to do what is best for the community.

Councilmember Owen – spoke about the food bank and the tremendous service it provides for people who need it. He noted it will be a beautiful building and will be laid out as a supermarket. Owen also commented on the Police Chief and the Department who do a great job.

Councilmember Lemley – noted kudos to city staff and stated the 4th of July is a big event with lots of people to put it on to make it what it is. He said it is a small town doing big stuff.

Mayor Wagoner – announced it was good to be home again after dropping his son off at the United States Naval Academy and visiting his daughter at Cornell University.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Councilmember Owen seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.