
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 27, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Brenda Kinzer, Chuck Owen and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman and Police Sgt. Harris.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Lemley and Kornegay. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (4-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #184214 to #184215 in the amount of \$37,239.46
 - Claim Checks #184216 to #184316 plus EFT's in the amount of \$1,200,414.56
 - Payroll Checks #58980 to #58993 plus EFT's in the amount of \$277,064.39
- Possible Bid Award – Agreement No. 2016-PW-21 – Riverfront Park Septic Construction Project – P&P Excavating LLC
- Possible Bid Award – Agreement No. 2016-PW-22 – 2016 Winnie Houser Playfield Fencing Project – Up-Rite Fence & Construction LLC

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar items A through E. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (4-0).

Public Comment

Carol Clayton 586 SW Fairhaven Dr., Oak Harbor and Pat Paulson 6782 Salmon Beach Rd., Anacortes addressed the plight of human trafficking and presented a personal invitation to the Council for an upcoming presentation called “The Nordic Model” that will be presented by Val Rickey, King County Prosecutor on August 23rd on the subject. They spoke of their backgrounds and the urgency in handling the issue as it is a county wide problem.

Councilmember Owen moved to excuse Councilmember Johnson absence due to illness. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (4-0).

Mary Andersson – 938 Beachley Rd. addressed the Council regarding the lack of signage at the roundabouts at Cook Road pointing to the downtown area. She suggested moving the current sign at the intersection of Ferry and Hwy 20. She discussed travelers that bypass the downtown area because of no signage. Andersson then thanked the Councilmembers for attending the meeting regarding the Library and reiterated to those on the negotiation team of a three year time frame to provide a library for the Central Skagit Rural Library and the rumors of a recall vote.

Tony Tomisino – 704 Sauk Mt. Dr., spoke on the recent Library meeting and addressed the first amendment of the constitution. He noted his displeasure when the moderator took the microphone from longtime resident, Jim Johnson. He also stated that the District should contract with the City library, suggested a regional sales tax instead of property tax increase to support the library, addressed fiduciary trust and stated the people and council need to work together.

Melissa Macomber – 417 Spring Ln. expressed her thanks for the meeting on Monday and was excited about the conversation and facts. She also noted as a citizen she hoped the Council would continue the fight to expand the library.

Cookson Beacher – 9684 Simpson Road, commented on the roundabouts and that they don't shuttle people downtown, noting it is important for revenue to the city.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Presentations – Helping Hands Food Bank & Woolley Food Forest Association

Rebecca Schlott representing the Food Bank Board of Directors and Quentin Sutter from Carletti Architects presented a power point presentation that covered the Food Bank distribution, back pack program, mobile food program and grocery rescue. Schlott pointed out the great group of volunteers and the need for a forever home. The presentation showed the concept of the program, building renderings and site maps. Also addressed were the location, potential new programs, grocery store model and work study program.

Quentin Sutter addressed the architectural concept of the building and site as well as the cost effectiveness and the design being conducive to the surrounding area.

Will Honea – representing the Woolley Food Forest Association made introductions of their members and noted the concept is a community permaculture food forest. Honea spoke in length of the concept of planting and growing for sustainability and noted the food forest would be a demonstration and education facility. He then entertained questions from the Council.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the City owned property purchased for expansion of the cemetery. He also addressed the Food Banks interest in looking to move to a permanent location in Sedro Woolley with this location appearing to be a good match. Berg reviewed the

background of the City's purchase of the property, the terms for a lease to purchase option for the Food Bank, transitional costs and the state exemption that allows for such a transaction.

Helping Hands Food Bank

- i. Lease Agreement between City of Sedro-Woolley and Helping Hands Food Bank

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve the lease agreement with purchase option for Helping Hands Food Bank. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

- ii. Letter of Support to Commerce for Grant Funding to Assist Helping Hands Food Bank

Councilmember Owen moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to Commerce for grant funding to assist Helping Hands. Councilmember Dunn Lee Seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

- iii. Resolution Transferring Interfund Loan from Cemetery to General Fund for Debt Related to Helping Hands Food Bank Leased Land

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Resolution No. 945-16 A Resolution Transferring the Interfund Loan from Cemetery to the General Fund for the Debt Related to the Portion of Land that is being Leased to Helping Hands. Councilmember Owen seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Rick Judd addressed the Council and noted this would have never happened had it not been for the foresight of the city. Judd thanked the city for their support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

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Police Sgt. Harris – reported being busy as normal. He also spoke of the Skagit Valley College and Criminal Justice Training Commission for a Reserve Police Academy to start in the fall. He noted they are currently recruiting for reserve officers. Sgt. Harris reviewed the reserve program and the benefit to the department.

July 25, 2016 Library Meeting Debrief -- Mayor Wagoner stated he appreciated everyone coming and believed it was a success.

Councilmember Sandström thanked everyone for coming and thought it was good to give everyone a chance to try to understand everyone's prospective. He also noted the recording of the meeting was online if anyone wanted to listen to it.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg –reviewed a memo from SKHS Architects regarding construction costs. He noted Ferndale and recent projects were used as examples with projections of estimated

contract cost to the fall of 2017. There are three different size options. Berg noted the information has been posted on the library website. He also noted the process of scheduling meetings for the needs assessment with the public is in the works.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Planning Department is caught up on their large documents and are GMA compliant. The Planning Commission will be working on planned residential developments. Coleman reported an uptake in land use applications. He also stated there will be no August Planning Commission meeting.

Public Works Director Freiburger – presented updates on various projects. He noted he is waiting on a response on a federal funds request for the SR20/Cascade Trail project and is working on a TIB application for the Fruitdale project.

Councilmember Sandström -- questioned the Memorial Park project.

Councilmember Kinzer – questioned the slope in the Jameson Street Arterial roundabout.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the retirement of Rob Macready from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A BBQ in his honor will be held Thursday from 12-2 at Riverfront Park. Brent Schiefelbein transferred from the Solid Waste Department to be Rob's replacement and Glenn Gardner has accepted the position in the Solid Waste Department. Berg noted his schedule has been very busy with EMS issues and reviewed some of the action going on. He noted that the new fire engine #5511 in service. Engine #5529 that is the front line ambulance at Station 2 is having issues and will need replacement sooner than expected. He spoke on the public safety model and working on revising the governance structure of the EMS system. Berg reported on the progress of the jail project as well as the SWIFT center name has taken and they are looking at logos and signage.

Finance Director Nelson – reported the Finance staff is becoming more proficient with the new online software. The software is working well and has been a time savings to the staff. Staff has also been busy with interviewing and HR paperwork and preparations are beginning for the 2017 budget.

Councilmember Owen – requested for City Supervisor/Attorney Berg meet him Tuesday at 8:30 A.M. at the senior center regarding the weed patch.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned if a solution for the bikes at the skate park has been reached. He also commented on the signage at the highway and suggested it be reviewed through the business development committee. He also suggested a team building event with the two libraries.

It was noted the signage at the Skate Park is being evaluated as well as seating and enforcement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Wagoner adjourned to Executive Session at 8:49 P.M. for approximately 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.110.1 (i) for potential litigation with no action anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.