
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession
December 7, 2016
Public Safety Training Room

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

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Wagoner, Councilmembers: Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström (Arrived at 7:04 P.M. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Fire Chief Klinger, Asst. Fire Chief Olson, Battalion Chief Chandler, Captain Wagner and Firefighters O'Neill and Jenkins

Department Update: Fire Department

- Mayor Wagoner introduced Item A and Chief Klinger introduced members of the Fire Department and provided a departmental update from the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department using a PowerPoint presentation. After the Chief provided the departmental overview, Assistant Chief Olson reviewed the department's training program. Firefighter O'Neill shared the SWFD's residency program. Captain Wagner discussed the SWFD's BLS transport program. Discussion followed and a number of questions were answered.

2017-2020 SWPSG Collective Bargaining Contracts

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg discussed Item B. The Police Department is represented by the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild with two separate collective bargaining agreements. One for uniformed employees and one for the support employees. The city and the Guild have concluded bargaining and the council was presented with two agreements that have been ratified by the Guild. Basic details of the agreements include COLA's for 2017 of 2% and for 2018 and 2019 a COLA of CPI with a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 3%. Both units move to the new AWC Healthfirst 250 plan, effective January 1, 2017. Other changes include increases to the meal reimbursements and additional incentive pay positions such as canine officer and targeted market increases in the support contract. The council discussed the agreements.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the Uniformed contract 2017-2020. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the Support contract 2017-2020. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

Council Roundtable

Councilmember Lemley – congratulated the city on the parade. Councilmember Kornegay agreed.

Councilmember Johnson – addressed the issue of increased demand for services for alcohol serving establishments who are open after midnight as well as a concern about the nature of the Council's communication. Specifically, the lack of discussion prior to a vote. She encouraged fellow councilmembers to discuss and charge their opinions prior to council action. Mayor Wagoner indicated that Chief Tucker will be providing additional data for council consideration. A brief discussion followed and the council consensus was for additional communication to follow. Councilmember Johnson also addressed public comment time on the agenda and specifically the issue of responses to questions posed by the community during public comment time. Other councilmembers shared a similar concern. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg mentioned the special committee working on the council procedures as a possible opportunity to propose solutions to this concern.

Councilmember Owen – expressed a concern about overtaxing alcohol establishments and doesn't want to run them out of town.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – addressed two issues of timing: parliamentary training for the council and the AWC City Action conference. The consensus of the council is to hold the training on February 22nd from 3:30-7:00 in advance of the city council meeting. Both Councilmember Kinzer and Kornegay expressed an interest in the conference, but want to invite Councilmember Dunn Lee to attend if she is interested.

Mayor Wagoner – expressed support for building and code enforcement in the wake of the Oakland tragedy.

Councilmember Sandström – asked about the city's recent risk review from the CIAW.

Mayor Wagoner announced that the council would move into a closed session under RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss collective bargaining for 10 minutes at 9:16 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:27 pm.

Councilmember Johnson moved to ratify the MOA with AFSCME for the 2017-2018 reopener. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.