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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 11, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, 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

Mayor Wagoner pointed out a late items request for approval of Check #185324 payable to Braun Equipment for payment of the new ambulance.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meetings
  - December 14, 2016 Regular Meeting
  - December 21, 2016 Special Meeting
  - January 4, 2017 Council Worksession
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #185176 to #185274 plus EFT's in the amount of \$263,758.15
  - Claim Checks #185275 to #185323 in the amount of \$140,578.88.
  - Payroll Checks #59133 to #59144 plus EFT's in the amount of \$210,617.39
  - Payroll Checks #59145 to #59160 plus EFT's in the amount of \$351,898.95.
- Planning Commissioner Reappointments – Silas Maddox & Stephanie Lokkebo
- Miscellaneous Annual Contracts/Agreements
  - Loggerodeo
  - Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce
  - Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
  - Sedro-Woolley Riding Club
  - Sedro-Woolley Farmers Market
  - Sedro-Woolley Museum
  - Sedro-Woolley Rotary Summer Concert Series
- Resolution 949-17 – Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposition
- Professional Services Agreement 2016-PS-20 Amendment No. 1 – SHKS Architects PS Inc.
- Professional Services Agreements for Miscellaneous On-Call Professional Services
  - 2017-PS-01 – Katy Isaksen & Associates – On-Call Utility Financial Planning and Studies

- 2017-PS-02 – Lisser & Associates PLLC – On-Call Survey Services
- 2017-PS-03 – SCADA & Controls Engineering – On-Call Environmental Services
- 2017-PS-04 – The Plant Man – Tree Broker and Consultant Services

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar items A through H plus check #185324. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0)

#### Public Comment

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo St., questioned why the city wants to go 5M in debt when the Mayor’s proposal is no better than the library we have now. He stated a library is three things: books, staff and a building. Koogle calculated the number of books per person with the current library vs. the proposed plan. He also spoke on the staff experience and ownership of the building. He noted that books are special and knowledge is power and the purpose of a library is literacy. He stated he doesn’t want an online library or book mobile and is happy with what we have.

Loretta Saarinen – 821 Park Cottage Place – spoke that the current political culture is not using civic engagement tools by not listening. She spoke of extending good will and political tactics that undermine and put democracy at risk. Trust in political officials is eroding. She noted the current framing of the library proposal is limiting the options and engagement for a city library. Saarinen stated she is for a detailed vote on the final proposal.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St. questioned what if the agreement is violated, who determines who violated and who pays the cost to enforcement. He encouraged having a performance bond in place as well as having an independent contract attorney to review all the paperwork. O’Neil spoke of having no excess tax revenue and the need for an increase in taxes sometime in the future. He reminded the council they are being paid by the voters and spoke on the low voter turnout. We don’t have the money to make a mistake.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the January 3<sup>rd</sup> arrest of a predator trying to contact a 14 year old female. Tucker stated that recognition for the SMART Team will be held in Burlington tomorrow evening for efforts in the Cascade Mall Shooting. Two of Sedro-Woolley detectives are members of the SMART Team.

Fire Chief Klinger – thanked the Council for paying for the ambulance. He announced there are two openings in quarters and reported the department ended the year with 22,082 responses, up

from the previous year. Klinger also reported at the next Council meeting there will be recognition of one of the Volunteer Officers that is retiring.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Planning Department will be hosting the NW Planners Association forum with a presentation on the SWIFT center. He also reported that a Dept. of Ecology representative will be visiting to review our community assistance program on behalf of FEMA. He thanked JoAnn Lazaron and Tony Niskanen for retrieving files for the review. Coleman also addressed upcoming work for a survey at Riverfront Park and presented a brief summary and highlights on 2016 permits processed and issued.

Public Works Director Freiburger – introduced a late materials report on project activities and specifically pointed out the Jameson Arterial Extension Guard rail. He also reported on the final plans for the SR20 Cascade Trail project which will go to bid in February and the 2017 Sewer projects. Freiburger reported on the notification of a \$125,000 sidewalk grant. Work is also being done on an update to Sedro Woolley Public Works Standards and additional code revisions. He announced an upcoming collaborative open house at the Community Center sponsored by DOT on March 22.

Finance Director Nelson – reported that the Finance Department is busy with finalizing 2016 and beginning 2017 items.

Councilmember Kinzer – reported she received a complaint from a business owner on Metcalf Street regarding vagrancy, panhandling and smoking in front of businesses.

Police Chief Tucker – reported the city has been divided into different sectors and they are aware of the issue and trying to work on a solution.

Councilmember Sandström – spoke on liquor sales to vagrant individuals. He also noted the Seattle Downtown Holiday Tree decorator is moving to Sedro-Woolley and addressed street lights in the alleys. He questioned cars parking on city streets as code enforcement actions.

Councilmember Lemley – extended kudos to the city crew for their work on the downtown during holidays as well as the street crew for snow removal. He gave special recognition to JoAnn Lazaron for her work on the Christmas Committee.

Mayor Wagoner – commended the street crew on the snow removal and thanked Councilmember Owen for his work on the Citizens Patrol. He also cautioned that the fish and Game patrol are out and about.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

