
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 25, 2017 – 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 Sgt. Harris.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wagoner expressed his condolences to Councilmember Lemley on the loss of his mother Joanna Lemley. Both she and husband Dick were part of the fabric of the community.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meetings
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #185325 to #185389 plus EFT's in the amount of \$142,047.30
 - Claim Checks #185390 to #185454 in the amount of \$82,171.59
 - Payroll Checks #59161 to #59173 plus EFT's in the amount of \$257,205.51
- Approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule
- Professional Services Agreements for Miscellaneous On-Call Professional Services
 - 2017-PS-07 Geo-Test Services Inc. – On-Call Materials Testing and Special Investigations
 - 2017-PS-08 – Materials Testing & Consulting Inc. – On-Call Materials Testing and Special Investigations
 - 2017-PS-09 – Guardian Northwest Title & Escrow – On-Call Title and Escrow Services
 - 2017-PS-10 – Transportation Solutions Inc. (TSI) – On-Call Traffic Modeling
- Proposed Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County to Establish a Cost Sharing Partnership for Pictometry Imagery and Software
- Agreement for Legal Services – Patrick Hayden Law Firm

Councilmember Kinzer requested Item F -- *Proposed Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County to Establish a Cost Sharing Partnership for Pictometry Imagery and Software* be further discussed. The item was pulled from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda excluding item F. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger explained the Pictometry Imagery and Software and how it's used for mapping purposes within the Engineering Department.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve Item F. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Special Presentation – Lieutenant David K. Bates Retirement

Fire Captain Josh Carpenter spoke on behalf of the Fire Department. He spoke of Lt. Bates' years of service to the community and dedication. He also thanked Mrs. Bates for allowing him to be in the Department. Carpenter reviewed the call volume increase through his 25 years of service.

Lt. Bates was given a standing ovation and round of applause.

Mayor Wagoner presented Lt. Bates with a plaque for his 25 years of service.

Lt. Bates gave an emotional thank you to the Department and spoke highly of the Firefighters coming up in the ranks.

Port of Skagit Presentation with Commissioner William Shuler and Executive Director Patsy Martin

Port Commissioner William Shuler addressed the Council and spoke on the excitement of the partnership with the City and the County with the SWIFT Center. He then turned the presentation over to Executive Director Patsy Martin.

Patsy Martin, Executive Director for the Port of Skagit County thanked the Council for the opportunity to come and share what is happening with the SWIFT Center. She pointed out that Ann Sweeney of Department of Enterprises is in attendance. Martin presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Northern State Hospital, the partial use of the buildings over the years and the future plans now as the SWIFT Center. She also spoke of where the project came from and where it is going. She then entertained questions from the Council.

Public Comment

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., questioned the funding of the SWIFT Center and who would be holding the bag if the project tanks.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., spoke on investments and return in the context of the Library Interlocal agreements. She also questioned the architect contract and compared the square footage of the proposed building to the current. Andersson cautioned the Council that there are serious financial questions that need to be asked and requested the Finance Director be present at the February 24th meeting.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St., spoke about not getting answers to his questions because he wants them recorded. He read comments regarding the Library proposal, his suggestions of getting a specialized attorney to review any documents and questioned why the Library District is not going to be a co-signer on the documents. He encouraged the Council to ask questions and to get answers in writing. O’Neil stated the details have to be dealt with now and said Council has an obligation to the people in town.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo St., questioned what is a library. Will it be about books or a meeting place? He encouraged it to be about books. He stated a library should be a neutral place where people can go and find out things for themselves. He also spoke on the internet and computers that are a waste of time and the need for more readers. Koogle ended by stating Save the Books.

Mayor Wagoner noted the opening day collections will be increased by about a half a million dollars.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Skagit Valley Family YMCA Funding Request with Bob Shrumm and Renata Maybruck

Mayor Wagoner introduced Bob Shrumm and Renata Maybruck from the Skagit Valley Family YMCA. They presented a short video titled “The Boys in the Pool” that highlighted a group of swimmers from 1954 that shows what a good mentor, coach and facility can get done. The video was introduced at their kick off for the new facility. Maybruck reviewed the funding for the new facility to include public sector funding. Bob Shrumm spoke about the proposed facility location and the building plans.

Mayor Wagoner commented on the public safety aspect and the importance of knowing how to swim. He requested the Council Strategic Reserve Fund be used for the project and to get back a free swim night open to the community.

Council discussion was held regarding the benefits of having a YMCA.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., spoke of going for swimming and the swim team would come in and take over.

Shrumm noted the new facility plans are to have two pools which will provide better accessibility for the general public.

Further discussion ensued regarding payment, the needs within the City that need to be taken care of, because it being Council directive further discussion is needed to know what the feeling is.

Harold Beitler -- 1207 Jameson St , spoke of being on the underwater recovery team in Skagit County and the causes of drowning. He questioned the fund and the needs within the city.

More discussion ensued regarding the amount, drowning statistics, good investment for the community, scholarships, available time at worksession for further discussion,

Councilmember Johnson moved to table the motion with follow up discussion at the worksession. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Resolution – Employee Wellness Program

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the history of the City's Wellness Program and introduced the proposed resolution to recommit and provide a more specific policy related to the Wellness Program and the Wellness Committee. The ordinance also outlines the Wellness Coordinator and provides a small incentive pay.

Mayor Wagoner spoke of the work and duties that JoAnn Lazon has provided to the City's Wellness Program as well as other volunteer work throughout the city.

Some questions were asked by Council regarding the committee.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve Resolution #950-17 A Resolutions of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Adopting Specific Policies Related to the Employee Wellness Program. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – recognized Dave Bates contributions to the Fire Department over the years not only in fire responses but also in fundraising and awareness.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on a recent Regional Planner's Forum held at City Hall that included a presentation on the SWIFT Center. He noted great comments about our facility. He also spoke on the Community Assistance audit from FEMA.

Public Works Director Freiburger – addressed the impact of the recent freeze on the city streets. He noted the temporary patching going on and the significant damage on Alexander Street partially due to the recent PUD project. He spoke on the process of weight limits and the issue with the long term freeze.

Councilmember Owen reported of a needed repair on his street.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – presented a late materials item which is a contract for the Public Defender. He noted that the contract is all within the budget.

Councilmember Lemley moved to authorize the signing of the agreement for legal service with Mr. McCann for public defense. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

On behalf of Sergeant Jason Harris, Berg gave a report on the 2016 Commercial Vehicle Inspections, Gang activity and Illegal Drug cases and operations. He also reported that the Puget Street shooter suspect is now in custody.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg also reported on the Central Valley Ambulance Authority board and struggles that are occurring. He also addressed upcoming topics to come before the Council.

Finance Director Nelson – reported April Perry, a Skagit Valley College student has begun a cooperative learning experience in the Finance Department.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – noted the EDASC dinner tomorrow evening and reported on some damage to the round-about at Cook Road.

Councilmember Kornegay – stated she appreciated Sergeant Harris’ report. She also announced the upcoming Denny Engberg Dinner and Auction at the Community Center.

Councilmember Owen – addressed horses riding on the sidewalks through town and leaving their droppings.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned a meeting with an architect on the needs of the Library.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported the contract was placed on hold until there is more information.

Councilmember Sandström questioned a performance bond with some discussion of bonds following.

Mayor Wagoner reviewed a rendering for a Welcome To Sedro Woolley sign for the railroad trestle and asked for direction from Council.

Council consensus was to proceed.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.