
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 8, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meetings (Including February 1, 2017 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #185455 to #185526 in the amount of \$135,508.21
 - Payroll Checks #59174 to #59189 plus EFT's in the amount of \$293,148.40
- TIB Complete Streets Agreement No. C-W-126(001)-1 Sidewalk, Ramp and Crossing Upgrades, 3rd Street, Talcott to State: Murdock Street – State to Ferry, and Various Locations

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

Special Presentation – Behavioral Health Update with Joe Valentine, Executive Director of North Sound Behavioral Health Organization

Joe Valentine, Executive Director of North Sound Behavioral Health Organization addressed the Council regarding the growing unmet crisis for behavioral health. He noted the lack of treatment beds for substance abuse and the rapid population growth and opioid epidemic. Valentine spoke of the steps to identify what types of facilities are needed, the need for smaller substance abuse facilities, and a recovery model of treatment. He passed out a handout outlining the goals and reviewed funding needs.

Tim Holloran, Skagit County, spoke of the displacement of Pioneer Center North with the changes to the SWIFT Center and said they are working together to address the issues and come up with a solution that will work. He stated the current system is not working and spoke of a

model program with recovery coaches. He also touched base on the homelessness issues facing the area.

Council questions were entertained regarding consideration of the current jail site and the Whatcom County location.

Public Comment

Loretta Saarinen – 821 Park Cottage Pl., addressed a public relations article regarding the funds pledged to the YMCA. She questioned how many constituents were consulted on their opinion and whether department heads were consulted. She noted the Council’s job is to look out for the interests of Sedro Woolley and questioned if they are properly representing the citizens. Saarinen stated to let the membership pay for the pool and let the dollars stay in the city.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St., addressed the YMCA stating he was surprised regarding the order of action with motions and decisions. He stated he did not realize that worksessions are also for dealing with decisions and addressed the lack of recording of the worksessions, the use of a contract attorney for the library, the need for respect for each other and for the elected body to stand up for the people who elected them.

City Supervisor/Attorney addressed upcoming training on Parliamentary procedures on February 22nd.

Harold Beitler – 1207 Jameson, stated he was caught off base with the Council decision regarding the YMCA and questioned the voting within a worksession. He encouraged Councilmembers represent their districts.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New City Website Overview with Bill Chambers, IT Director

Bill Chambers – IT Director presented an overview of the new city website. He reviewed the reasons for the redesign and the addition of U-Tube videos of the Council Meetings. He then demonstrated several points of interest within the website.

Mayor Wagoner thanked Chambers for the great job noting that it was a significant undertaking. He also thanked Julie Rosario for her help with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Legislative Priorities

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the recommended 2017 Legislative Priorities for the upcoming AWC legislative action conference on February 15-16. He noted that he, Mayor Wagoner and Councilmembers Dunn Lee, Kornegay and Kinzer will be attending.

The recommended key Sedro-Woolley priorities for this session are:

1. Funding our capital budget request for the library;
2. Supporting North Sound Behavioral Health's request for funding new behavioral health facilities; and
3. Funding the RCO grant program with the full \$120M appropriation requested by the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (Memorial Park).

Discussion was held regarding County and AWC topics as well.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve the 2017 Legislative Priorities. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Written Report to Council

Informational Items

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the upcoming active shooter training to be held at the Skagit Plant Offices. He noted this is a county wide training. He also discussed the homeless issues within the city and noted they are trying to find solutions. Tucker then reported on code updates to come before the Council in the near future to cover commercial vehicles.

Fire Chief Klinger – commented that the website looks great. He also reported on helping out with the ladder truck at an incident at Lincoln Elementary School in Mount Vernon.

Finance Director Nelson – pointed out the statistical information for the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center in the Council packets. She also noted the Finance Department is busy with closing out year end for 2016.

Public Works Director Freiburger – noted that Council approved the signing of the TIB complete streets agreement within the consent calendar. He reviewed the project scope and noted there will be another opportunity for funding in 2019. Freiburger reported that they will be reviewing and updating the city's complete streets program.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reminded Council of the upcoming Parliamentarian training on the 22nd. He also stated the agenda for the Olympia trip will be set by the end of the week.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced a Model Train display at noon on February 12th at the museum. She also announced the Winter Fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club on February 25th.

Mayor Wagoner – announced the Girl of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club was from Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the impact on the streets with the current snow.

Councilmember Sandström – requested the Council Strategic Reserve Fund be placed on a future agenda for discussion of how the money is to be used.

Mayor Wagoner – commented on the YMCA action and noted it is no different than how we partner on projects with the School District or Rotary Club for the benefit of the city.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.