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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
March 8, 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 Freiberger, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including February 24, 2017 Special Meeting & March 1, 2017 Worksession)
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #185619 in the amount of \$174.00
  - Claim Checks #185620 to 185692 in the amount of \$156,232.67
  - Payroll Checks #59201 to #59216 plus EFT's in the amount of \$291,531.05
- New Water Service for Winnie Houser Park
- Local Agency A & E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreements No. 2017-PS-06 Geo Test Services and 2017-PS-12 Skagit Surveyors & Engineers
- Possible Sole Source Resolution (953-17) for WWTP Hycor Rotostrainer Replacement Parts – Parkson Corporation – Purchase Order 2017-PO-14
- Change Order 7 to Contract 2016-PW-01 with SRV Construction, Inc. – Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9
- Ordinance 1873-17 – Animal Code Updates
- Ordinance 1874-17 – Parking – Overtime Limits: Recreational Vehicles

Mayor Wagoner noted a change on agenda Item 3G, change order 7, page 2, sentence 3, striking “due to contractor error”.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar with the noted exception. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

Proclamation – Declaring March 12, 2017 William “Bill” Stendal Day

Mayor Wagoner introduced the family of William “Bill” Stendal, former mayor of Sedro-Woolley. He noted in the nineteen mayors that Sedro-Woolley has had, two have been

Stendal's. He also spoke on how much the Stendal family has given to the community over the years and thanked the family for sharing Bill with us.

Mayor Wagoner then read a proclamation, proclaiming March 12, 2017 as William "Bill" Stendal day and encouraged the citizens of Sedro-Woolley to reflect upon Bill's passing and his deeds.

A round of applause and a standing ovation was given for the Stendal family.

Mark Stendal thanked everyone on behalf of the family. He stated his father loved the community and they are humbled for this honor in his behalf.

Proclamation – Declaring March 19 through March 25, 2017 Sedro-Woolley Lions Week

Mayor Wagoner introduced members of the Sedro-Woolley Lions Club and read and presented a proclamation, proclaiming the week of March 19-25 as Sedro-Woolley Lions Week. He encouraged the citizens of Sedro-Woolley to recognize the significant role of the Sedro-Woolley Lions in our community and thank them for their service of 80 years.

A round of applause was given for the Sedro-Woolley Lions Club.

Carol Torset spoke on behalf of the Lions Club members and thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the Sedro-Woolley Lions. She also stated they are looking for members to join their club.

Councilmember Sandström thanked the Lions club for all the things they do for the city. He also thanked the Stendal Family and was glad to have known Bill.

Public Comment

Carl DeJong – 1030 Warner St. addressed the Council and gave thanks for plowing the streets during the recent snow.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., questioned the status of signage for Sedro-Woolley on Cook Road. She noted she raised this issue 6 months ago and nothing has been done. She also asked the city comptroller, in theory, if it would be legal or ethical for the City Council to vote to give away City Hall and all its private information to another entity, such as the City of Burlington. Would the City Council have that power. Andersson she was seeking clarification from the person responsible for the city finances.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### Library Partnership Concept

Mayor Wagoner opened the public hearing at 7:16 P.M.

Brett Sandström – (stepped down from the council bench) 432 Talcott St., presented letters from some of his family members to be considered in favor of the partnership.

Jane Fraizer – 210 Laurel Dr., referred to the statement that the council is voting for all, she questioned how many Council Members actually use the library on a regular basis and if not using the library, are they actually speaking for the general public.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo St., stated we should listen to the librarian and their suggestion of 1-11/2 sq. feet per person equaling at least a 20,000 sq. ft. building. He stated we should be planning for the next 20 years and need to consider if what is proposed is really enough money and maybe we should be considering funding it enough to get the real library that we need.

Tim Howland – 26203 Minkler Rd. noted that Sedro Woolley is a community that extends well beyond the surrounding area. We depend on each other and if we work together like in the School District then everybody wins. A larger library building and increased funding has been requested by library staff and patrons in order to provide services our community needs and deserves. The proposal before us can make that happen. It's hard to see a building before its being built. Great things occur when people pull together and make good things happen. The library is a source of education, entertainment and access to a wider world at a very low cost. He stated the creation of a library by a community partnership sounds like a good idea to him.

Carl DeJong – 1030 Warner St., Speaking in support of the library concept and also speaking to reaffirm Resolution 943-16 of which the council took action on in June of last year. He noted the city has been working hard and being very transparent in dealing with the citizens of the city to make a cultural jewel for the area. He stated he stands in strong support of this measure.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd. addressed comments that people outside city cannot get a full library card. He pointed out they can get a Star card. The library has been servicing 26,000 people and it's not like the district people have been locked out, plus they had the better deal by not being taxed prior to the Rural District implementation.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., stated he is bothered by not knowing what the library will look like and who's going to pay the 2M. He also stated he disagrees with the Mayor's statement regarding voting believing that very few people knew they would not get a vote and he feels it was taken away. O'Neil also spoke of the financing and paying a long term debt with short term revenues.

Lynn Torset – 9419 Soren Rd. stated he had the opportunity to go to the Carnegie Library years ago. Over the years there was very minimal library service. He noted he is a card carrier for the Burlington Library and a board member of the Central Skagit Rural Library and believes the

joint venture is in the best interest of the community and it's time we have a first class library system for all the people in the Sedro Woolley School District.

Kathy Reim – 23262 Meadowview Ln. commented her father used to say the most important sense is common sense. If we do not move forward with the partnership years from now we will be trying to explain years later why we decided to divide out our town from our School District. She stated as a long time teacher, as a person who values libraries, as a person who thinks that this is putting something in place for the future and community, it never occurred to her that living in the district meant that she was not part of Sedro Woolley.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd. compared a public library to a car rental agency. She spoke of the process of cataloging books and the amount of staff time devoted to it. Older or obscure books take a longer process. Cataloging adds to the price of the book. She also spoke of the need to recatalog with the partnership and expressed concern of losing potentially 1/3 of the Sedro Woolley collection and said please do not give away the library collection without at least asking the citizens if we are willing to lose it.

JoEllen Kesti – 694 Brickyard Blvd. spoke in support of the partnership. She said rarely does something make as much sense in as the Library partnership. The pros far outweigh the cons. She noted she has been following the issue for over a year and has watched the same people belittling the proposal and asking the same questions 50 different ways hoping for a different answer. She noted if the proposal happens, she and her friends and their kids can all enjoy the library together. She also spoke of the Market Place building being the perfect place and it would help with revitalizing downtown.

Mike Janicki – 810 Talcott St., spoke of having grandchildren, some living in the city and some outside. He referred to the north side of the High School where it is engraved with the words Union High School on the building. The school was built in 1921 and they took 15 school districts and put them into one and that is how Sedro Woolley Union High School came to be. He noted 100 years later the school district and library are finally working together and that he supports the idea; it's just 100 years too late.

Mayor Wagoner closed the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the process being followed as outlined in Ordinance #943-16. He noted tonight's meeting is meeting 2 of 4. The first meeting was held on February 24 with an open house format and was the first reading of the concept proposal. This meeting is the second reading of the concept and Council could choose to move forward from concept into the document drafting phase as presented or with modifications. If Council chooses to move forward, the documents would be drafted and come back to Council for a first reading which would be Meeting 3. The Mayor has committed to a question and answer format outside of the scope of the Resolution. If both parties approve the interlocal agreements, it would then move to the next process of joint redesign.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to direct staff to prepare interlocal agreements consistent with the Negotiating Committee's recommended Library Partnership Concept from November 28,

2016 and bring them before the City Council for a first reading when ready. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Councilmember Owen stated he is all for a new library but wants the library to remain as the Sedro Woolley Library and to be city operated.

Motion carried 6-1 (Councilmember Owen opposed).

## **UNIFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Building, Planning & Engineering Fee Schedule

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the Building, Planning & Engineering Fee Schedule in the absence of Planning Director Coleman. He noted Public Works Director Freiberger will address the engineering fees.

Public Works Director Freiberger noted he has reviewed with the Building and Planning staff and can answer any questions. The fees are changed by resolution periodically when the rates are reviewed and updated to be more consistent with actual costs. The proposed fee schedule is revised to reference the building code, new types of services and an administrative fee for deferred impact fees. The binding site plan increase is due to the time involved with the process. Also added is the addition of oversize/overweight vehicle code. No action necessary (first read).

#### Transportation Benefit District Annual Report for 2016 and Budget Amendment for Jones/John Liner/Trail Road Corridor Project Scoping Study and 2017 Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Upgrade Project

Public Works Director Freiberger presented in detail the 2016 TBD Annual Report via a PowerPoint presentation. He reviewed the project listing, annual maintenance and 2017 TBD funded projects.

Freiberger entertained questions from the Council to include W. State Street, Bennett Street, Murdock Street (Hwy 20 & Northern) and the Tennis Courts at Central Elementary.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve the issuance of the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Annual Report. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Lemley and Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to authorize a budget amendment to use \$100,000 in TBD funds for the Jones/John Liner/Trail Road Corridor Project Scoping Study. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Kornegay Moved to authorize a budget amendment using \$76,000 in TBD funds for the 2017 Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Upgrade Project. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

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

Written Reports to Council

Informational Items

Police Chief Tucker –reported that receptionist Joanna Uribe had her baby. He also reported on the recent Story Time at Library where Officer Car read a book about pets. The department has been battling illness and next Wednesday will be attending tours of local schools within the district in order to come up with emergency plans and an all hazards plan.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported that the surplus of the 2001 ambulance has been completed. The winning bid was around \$6,600.00.

Public Works Director Freiburger – spoke of a funding opportunity with surplus Wastewater funds to purchase a mini excavator. State bid quotes will be utilized with a budget amendment to come for consideration at the next meeting. Freiburger reviewed the importance of the equipment with the narrow alleys. It will be a dual use machine along with the Street Department.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the upcoming jail tour next Thursday. He also reported that DEM conversation has continued with an additional meeting today.

Finance Director Nelson – noted the number of illnesses throughout all departments within the city.

Councilmember Kornegay – hopes for a street light in the vicinity of John Liner when the project moves forward.

Councilmember Kinzer – reported on a luncheon at the Swift Center for the new Cascade College Career Center (Job Corps). She noted the site is a pilot program and will focus on health care and IT.

Councilmember Kornegay – also reported on the Cascade College Career Center that is looking forward to up to 300 students, ages 16-21.

Councilmember Lemley – thanked the Street crew for placing East Bennett on the resurface list. He also announced the memorial for Bill Stendal to be held Sunday, March 12 at 2:30 P.M. at the high school.

Councilmember Sandström – echoed Mary Andersson’s concerns about signage.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg stated the trestle sign plan has been submitted to BNSF for approval. Janicki Industries has designed the sign and has committed to manufacturing and installation. The roundabout signage has funding within the 2017 budget but no definite plan. It was referred to the Business Development committee.

Mayor Wagoner – noted the upcoming Annual Friends of Scouting Breakfast. He also reported he was proud to be able to go to the county and speak on the YMCA pledge and thanked the County Commissioners for their pledge to the YMCA as well.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.