
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 24, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Chuck Owen, Julia Johnson, 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

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #186074 to #186181 plus EFT's in the amount of \$1,279,508.94
 - Payroll Checks #59273 to #59283 plus EFT's in the amount of \$227,533.16
- Contract Award – 2017 On-Call Drainage Ditch Mowing – Contract 2017-PW-20 – Industrial Mowing & Spraying
- Resolution 958-17 – Surplus of 1995 REDMA Mobile Home
- Grant Agreement for Approval – TIB 2017 Emergency Pavement Repair Project

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the consent calendar items A through F. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (7-0).

SWPD Special Presentation

- Distinguished Service Medal
 - Sergeant McIlraith, Sergeant Harris, Officer Pierce, Officer Eddy, Officer McCombs, Officer Carroll and Officer Wilson

Mayor Wagoner called upon Officers Eddy, Carroll and Wilson and spoke on the Distinguished Service Medal. He reviewed the incident they are receiving the award for noting they showed great heroism and tactics. Police Chief Tucker presented the Distinguished Service Medal to each recipient. They were given a round of applause and a standing ovation.

He then called upon Sgt. McIlraith, Sgt. Harris and Officers Pierce and McCombs. Mayor Wagoner stated they were receiving this award in connection with the active shooter incident at the Cascade Mall. Chief Tucker handed out the Distinguished Service Medal to the recipients. They were also given a round of applause and a standing ovation.

- Life Saving Medal
 - Sergeant Harris, Officer Hannawalt, Officer Wagenaar and Officer Hull

Mayor Wagoner called upon Sgt Harris and Officers Hannawalt, Wagenaar and Hull to come forward. He reviewed the incident that they were receiving this award in connection with. Officer Hull was presented with two Life Saving Medals for two separate incidents. They were all given a round of applause and a standing ovation.

Police Chief Tucker thanked the Officers for their work and dedication as well as their families for the support they give to each other and their loved ones. He also thanked the City Council for their help in allowing for the proper training for the department.

Public Comment

Loretta Saarinen – 821 Park Cottage Pl., spoke on a recent article in the City Scene magazine regarding the library. She stated she has been doing her best to do good governance and it is the duty of the Council to do the same and has yet to see good governance with the Library proposal or the process. She also addressed the funding of the councilmatic bonds. Saarinen stated the library staff and library is the heart of the community and has been devalued and overlooked in the process. She feels there are no problems with the library, the only problems are the ones created by City Officials. Saarinen stated it is her belief that because the Library is publically owned that the proposal does require a vote of the citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Center Facility Improvements

City Supervisor Berg presented background information on the proposal to put air conditioning in the Senior Center and was included in the 2017 budget. Bid specs and a bid package were prepared with informal feedback from potential bidders that they could not guarantee the system proposed would achieve the goal. A meeting was held with the Senior Center Advisory Board to find out their priorities and what they want to accomplish. They recommend fixing the skylight, truss the area in, roof, put transom windows in for direct lighting and install an exhaust fan. Other ideas are low E windows and more efficient lighting. Berg requested Council to authorize to move in a different direction with the funds from the 2017 budget.

Chuck Steele -- 437 Spring Ln. representing the Senior Center Advisory Board stated he appreciated the discussion and Council's thought of the Senior Center in the 2017 budget. He addressed the skylight situation that is making it hard to heat in winter and to cool in summer and spoke of the proposed plan and more efficient lighting, Steele commented that he has been impressed with the cooperative effort of the governments to make the Senior Center work, and gave credit to Senior Center Director Ellen Schweigert.

Mayor Wagoner thanked Councilmember Owen for bringing the original request for air conditioning to the attention of the Council.

Council discussion and comments ensued to include possibility of trees for shading with the Council consensus to pivot and use the funds to move forward with a solution to the Senior Center repairs and fix.

Councilmember Owen commented that he just wants to accommodate the comfort of the people.

Further discussion ensued regarding the flowers outside the center and the effectiveness of an exhaust fan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – thanked the Council for allowing the Police Department to get caught up on much needed recognition. He also reported on the ongoing active shooter training with the School District. He addressed complaints of speeders in neighborhoods and stated he was having the Crime Watch volunteers do some speed studies to determine areas to concentrate traffic control efforts.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported that the department will begin their summer training months and fire hydrant testing and maintenance.

Planning Director Coleman – announced the Sub Area Plan and EIS for the SWIFT Center has been given another award. A joint acceptance of the 2017 Governor’s Smart Communities Award is being planned for some time in August. He also gave an update on the grant funding for the environmental studies at 109 Jameson St.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on the Jameson/SR9 final WSDOT walk through. He noted there will be one final change order to come on that project. He also reported the Cascade Trail project is starting. City crews have paved Alexander St. and have been busy preparing for chip seal projects. A pre-construction meeting has been held with the contractor for the crack seal projects and the capacity study at the WWTP is close to completion. Freiburger announced the success of being awarded \$300,000 for the SR20 East widening project.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – stated he has received many call regarding the bricks from 801 Metcalf. He noted the bricks are not owned by the city and because the demolition crew could not do a full environmental assessment all the material must be handled as contaminated material. He reported that demolition began on Monday and reported on the preliminary investigation of the common wall. The city has issued a right of way permit with restricted use on June 2nd due to the upcoming Blast from the Past event.

Berg reported that there are 9 offices up for election. He polled the Council if the City should host a candidate forum for contested seats for both the primary and general election. The

consensus was to hold forums for both primary and general on contested seats. He gave an update on the RCO grant for Memorial Park and the deadline at the end of May to certify the City's match. Council recommendation was to certify the match.

Berg reported the Community Justice Center (jail) will hold an official ribbon cutting event on July 11th and a public open house on July 15th. Prisoners are set to occupy in early September after a 90 day training period for staff.

Councilmember Sandström inquired about the fire inspection at the 801 Metcalf. Fire Chief Klinger noted the investigation has been taken over by the county.

Finance Director Nelson – reported she has been proofing the annual report and found it interesting that the city received grant revenue from the State of Washington in the amount of \$1.8 million which is the same as the amount of the general property tax to city. In federal grants we received \$717,000 most of which came from the Dept. of Transportation, a portion of which benefitted the Police Department traffic safety focus programs.

Councilmember Johnson – wished everyone a Happy and Safe Memorial weekend.

Councilmember Owen -- requested a blown down fence at Ball and Waldron be looked. It is one that was previously tagged with graffiti.

Councilmember Owen moved to limit terms in Sedro Woolley to 2 terms. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer.

Discussion ensued regarding the legalities for the type of government the city runs. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg will research and bring back more information to the next meeting.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to table the motion until we get further clarification on the legality. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Lemley – wished good luck to all the candidates, incumbent and newcomers. He also announced the upcoming Blast from the Past celebration and car show.

Councilmember Sandström – Thanked Councilmember Owen for bringing up the topic of term limits.

There being no further business Mayor Wagoner adjourned the meeting at 8:11 P.M.