
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 28, 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, Asst.Fire Chief Olson and Police Chief Tucker.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Johnson moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Sandström. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from June 14, 2017 Special Meeting and June 15, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #186284 to #18381 plus EFT's in the amount of \$301,060.09
 - Payroll Checks #59300 to #59311 plus EFT's in the amount of \$232,722.50
- Funding Agreement with Skagit County for Distribution of Economic Development Funds (EDASC Dues)
- Access/Traffic on W. State – MOA with MKJ Enterprises, LLC

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to accept the consent calendar items A through E. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

Tony Splane – 714 Sapp Rd., questioned the replacement of the stop light at the corner of Metcalf & Woodworth.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., requested the word “alcohol” be added to the title of the proposed ordinance regarding drinking in public as a crime. She also addressed the public hearing on the ILA's and the lack of representation from the City of Sedro Woolley on the County Board.

Phillip Murray – 223 State St. proposed to have angle parking considered on State Street.

Discussion ensued by Councilmember Lemley and Public Works Director Freiberger regarding whether there would be enough space for angle parking along State Street, large trucks not being able to park and the amount of traffic on State Street.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., addressed crosswalks, traffic and cars cruising through the crosswalks. He also spoke on the partial ban on fireworks.

George Walner – N. Sedro-Woolley, spoke on the lack of respect in society. He suggested to place a toll on State Street to slow traffic or to place speed bumps at the crosswalks and stated we can't expect the police to do it all.

PUBLIC HEARING

Possible Adoption by Resolution of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Public Works Director Freiberger gave a power point presentation for the first reading of the Six Year Tip 2018-2023. He reviewed the process of the adoption and the addition of a step in the process for a public hearing at the Planning Commission level. He noted the Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommends adoption of the plan. He addressed the grant funding requirement for projects to be on the TIP, the focus projects and secondary focus of maintenance of existing arterial streets via the overlay program. Freiberger also highlighted changes from the 2017 to the 2018 TIP and noted the simplified naming of projects. The 2023 – 2037 TIP was highlighted as well.

Mayor Wagoner opened public hearing for the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan at 7:30 P.M.

Randy Good – President of Friends of Skagit County, 35482 State Route 20, stated on June 20th he attended the Planning Commission public hearing. At that meeting he put a letter into the record and the letter should have been included in Council packet and was not, nor was it placed on the website for public review. He addressed concerns of the public process at the Planning process. He also stated the wrong memo was posted on the web site. He reviewed the Skagit County process to include an open house and questioned where the opportunity for Sedro-Woolley citizens to bring forward ideas for projects. He encouraged as a top priority to focus on school projects, sidewalks and ADA requirements and stated that tax dollars for education should be used for education. Good also spoke on the Highway Bicycle Route 10.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., questioned where the funding is coming from for the projects on the TIP.

In answer to Andersson's question Freiberger explained the funding sources; GMA Impact Fee funds, Transportation Benefit District funds and gasoline tax funds. He addressed state funding, federal grant funding and leveraging funds and used the Jameson Street project as an example.

Andersson expressed concern the improvements are aiming people away from Sedro-Woolley.

Robin Gillis – Jameson St, expressed concern of the project listed in the 2021 -2023 making Jameson Street into a three lane road with bicycle lane. She addressed the traffic increase since the roundabout has been completed and projects being built to bypassing Sedro-Woolley. Gillis also questioned if the plan can be changed.

Public Works Director Freiburger addressed Gillis' comments noting it was indeed a plan and has been in the TIP for many years. It would be a number of years before anything is done and could change over the years. He also spoke of the local traffic use.

Mayor Wagoner closed the public hearing at 7:44 P.M.

Council discussion ensued regarding a centerpiece at the Jameson roundabout and the Third Street ADA ramps.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance Adopting Term Limits for Members of the City Council and the Mayor

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed changes to the ordinance to include the purpose of the ordinance which is to maintain a fresh perspective on the City Council and provide maximum opportunity for new ideas to be presented and represented on the City Council.

Councilmember Owen commented that he did not bring the idea for term limits forward in the proper manner and the next time he will follow the correct procedure.

Councilmember Johnson commented that she feels the system is working noting that Councilmember Owen sits on the Council after beating out an incumbent. She spoke of having tribal wisdom when you have people with longevity and it is important to maintain the status quo. She stated in her opinion we do have term limits and it's called an election.

Councilmember Kornegay commented that this is very local and has nothing to do with a national election. She noted the pot is really small as Councilmembers here are elected per Wards with approximately 800 voters per ward.

No motion was made.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Council of Sedro-Woolley Request by Corinne Jensen, Vice President, for Art in the Park and Community Talent Show to be held at Riverfront Park on August 27, 2017

Corrieann Jensen – Vice President of the Arts Council of Sedro Woolley requested permission to host an Art in the Park event at Riverfront Park. The event would include a silent auction, food vendors and a showing of accomplishments of art. She spoke of the accomplishments that the Arts Council has made. Jensen requested a waiver of rental fees for their use of the park.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to sponsor the Arts Council of Sedro-Woolley event and authorized use of Riverfront Park free of charge. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Ordinance Amending SWMC 9.40.010 to Include Drinking in Public as a Crime

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance and spoke on the current status of alcohol in city parks. He noted it was a first read with no action needed.

Councilmember Lemley questioned the concerts in parks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the delivery of a new car noting they have two more to go to rotate the Crown Vic’s out of service. He also reported the department is looking for a replacement or new hire after the recent resignation of an officer. He reported on the Sergeant assessment center by Public Safety Testing held today. They are also getting ready for the 4th of July and an active shooter exercise upcoming in August.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson -- reported on the Fire Departments involvement in the active shooter training and working together with the Police Department. He also reported on continued hydrant testing, the upcoming fire academy to be held in mid-August with several in-house cadets attending.

Public Works Director Freiburger – acknowledged several streets being torn up and reported on the trail project. He also reported on the crack sealing project, design of the sewer liner project, and noted that Nathan’s crew is very busy with the chip seal project. Freiburger stated the County is behind in their schedule and they will not be able to complete all that we have scheduled. He has also been working on TIB applications.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported that he signed an agreement with Krista Salinas Consulting to work on our emergency plan which will be a two phase project. The plan will be created and followed up with a tabletop exercise and a mock exercise. He also reported that he has been working on the AFSCME work study, and reminded Council of the upcoming candidate’s forum to be held on July 19th with Don Wick as moderator. The Senior Center project bids came in higher than anticipated. The recommendation is to reject the bids and go back to the drawing board. He reported on the progress of the SWIFT Center and announced the upcoming joint meeting with the County, Port and City on August 10th at 10:30 AM in Mt. Vernon. The purpose of the meeting will be a SWIFT Center Project update and to receive the Governor’s Smart Communities Award.

Finance Director Nelson – pointed out the Impact Fee report by the different types showing the balance and intended use of the funds. Also attached are the revenues and expenditures since 1998 thru 2016. She has been working on the 2018 prebudget and stated the finance department as received numerous notices from various state agency’s regarding services provided in the event the state budget does not pass.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – reported on attending the AWC Annual meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on attending a presentation on opioid use sponsored by Community Action and addressed an effort for recycling during community events.

Councilmember Kinzer – once again thanked Public Works for the speed bump along Walley Street. She also addressed fireworks.

Councilmember Johnson – wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4th

Councilmember Owen – addressed the noise of cars with no mufflers.

Councilmember Lemley – encouraged everyone to attend the activities available during Loggerodeo.

Mayor Wagoner – highlighted a Library handout for their Solar Eclipse event. He also reported the Skagit Stem Network handed out 10 scholarships to Sedro Woolley High School seniors and encouraged everyone to enjoy Loggerodeo and to have a great Independence Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To Discuss the Lease or Purchase of Real Estate Under RCW 43.30.110(1)(b), 20 Minutes, Action Possible

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the lease or purchase of real estate under RCW 43.30.110(1)(b) for approximately 20 minutes at 8:34 P.M., with possible action.

The meeting reconvened at 8:53 P.M.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to purchase the property discussed in Executive Session for no more than \$20,000. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.