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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
July 12, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, 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

Councilmember Johnson moved to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Owen and Lemley. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #186382 to #186463 in the amount of \$350,046.20
  - Payroll Checks #59311 to #59326 plus EFT's in the amount of \$301,312.59
- Possible Contract Award – 2017 On-Call Pavement Services – Contract 2017-PW-23, JNR Paving Inc.
- Resolution 961-17 – Ambulance Transport Fees

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the consent calendar items A thru E. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-0).

Swearing in of Police Sergeant Paul Eaton

Mayor Wagoner administered the Oath of Office to Paul Eaton for the position of Sergeant. He stated that Sgt. Eaton has been with the department for 13 years and is pleased for his promotion. A round of applause was given for Sgt. Eaton.

Mayor Wagoner then administered the Oath of Office to Christina Bell for the position of reserve officer. Officer Bell received a round of applause.

Police Chief Tucker commented on both Sgt. Eaton and Officer Bell and wished them well in their new positions.

Mayor Wagoner reported on the recent ribbon cutting event for the new Skagit County Community Justice Center.

## Public Comment

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., addressed a recent article in the Skagit Valley Herald and comments made by him within the article. O'Neil apologized for his comments. He spoke of the Council rubber stamping of things that go on and the May 17<sup>th</sup> publication of the City Scene article by Eron Berg regarding representative government.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Library Partnership Interlocal Agreements

Mayor Wagoner opened the floor for public comments.

Mary Anderson – 928 Beachley Road, spoke regarding the library and representation. She suggested instead of Interlocal Agreements, consideration should be to continue reciprocal borrowing and take out a small bond to upgrade the current library. This would give all Central Skagit Library residents access, retain our heritage and keep residents taxes low. She stated the ILA benefits only Skagit County residents and encouraged the Council to consider their vote carefully.

Pola Kelly – 407 State St., stated she believes she has been represented by the Council and believes they have acted in good faith. She spoke of the many public hearings held on this issue. Kelly said she finds it disconcerting that it's the library employees that have taken a public stand against expanding a library system within our city limits. She spoke on having the second largest school district in State of Washington and the importance for students to access information. She encouraged going forward with this idea.

Shelley Gray – 809 Lucas Dr. stated when she moved here the first thing she did was to check out the library and found wonderful care and a well-stocked library. She noted she is greeted by first name and has been appalled at what she has been hearing and reading and does not get a vote on the decision.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo St., stated he is opposed to the agreement and believes the process has been flawed. The Librarians should have been consulted before presenting to the Rural Skagit Library. He stated it looks like the classic con where we are promised something for nothing and it will not be as cheap as what it is being sold for.

Nicole – 627 Ball St. stated a new library would be good but expressed concern about the budget and where the money will come from. She doubts taxes will not go up.

Loretta Saarinen – 821 Park Cottage Pl., spoke in opposition of the library merger and addressed the Library being the heart of the community, loss of the Carnegie library and loss of control of something that has been built by the community. Saarinen thanked the librarians and noted the

Council duty is to protect the city and look out for citizens. She believes they have not looked for creative solutions. She spoke on the Interlocal agreement and stated libraries are an important base for democracy.

Robin Gillis – Jameson St., expressed concerned about the budget and the financing as well as a contract being signed with no location and no size of building. The process has been a mess and should be left alone. She noted the Central Library already has what they want, they don't need us and we don't need them.

Harold Beitler – 1207 Jameson, spoke of the Library topic being a hot potato with no way to make everybody happy. He stated it was an excellent idea to put it up to a vote. We have a good library and staff and questioned what the next step will be, to give the Fire Department and Police Department to the county? Let the people decide.

Mayor Wagoner closed the public comment at 7:36 P.M.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the three recommended Resolutions highlighting changes from the first reading and the next steps of the process.

Council questions ensued regarding recourse if costs seem to be out of line and estimates being based upon cost to build the Ferndale Library and adjusted.

- Resolution Authorizing Approval of Three Interlocals Agreements with the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District Including the Partnership Interlocal Agreement, the Building Joint Development and Ownership Interlocal Agreement and the Library Services Interlocal Agreement.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adopt Resolution No. 962-17 A resolution authorizing approval of three interlocal agreements with the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District including the Partnership Interlocal Agreement, the Building Joint Development and Ownership Interlocal Agreement and the Library Services Interlocal Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström.

Councilmember Sandström commented about the vision of the partnership in 2012. He noted he still believes in the vision process. It has always from the beginning been partnership first and annexation to follow, noting that is what these agreements bring.

Motion carried (5-0).

- Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Supervisor to Contract for Pre-Design Consultants as Addressed in the Building Joint Development and Ownership Interlocal Agreement in An Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000.

Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 963-17 a Resolution delegating authority to the City Supervisor to contract for pre-design consultants as addressed in the

Building Joint Development and Ownership Interlocal Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-0).

- Resolution Designating Certain Expenditures for Potential Reimbursement from Bonds or Other Obligations That May be Authorized and Approved by the City Council for Issuance in the Future.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adopt Resolution No. 964-17 A resolution designating certain expenditures for potential reimbursement from bonds or other obligations that may be authorized and approved by the City Council for issuance in the future. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

#### Possible Adoption by Resolution of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2018-2023

Public Works Director Freiburger briefly went over the proposed TIP and entertained questions from the Council.

Discussion was held on the on Jameson street overlay project listed, maintenance projects not qualifying for certain funding and overlay requirements to upgrade substandard ramps.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adopt Resolution No. 965-18 a Resolution adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, 2018-2023. Councilmember Johnson seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

#### Ordinance Amending SWMC 9.40.010 to Include Serving, Consuming, or Possessing in an Open Container Any Beer, Wine, Malt Liquor, or Other Alcoholic Beverage on any Street, Sidewalk or Alleyway as a Crime.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg stated the proposed ordinance is a second reading with the only change being in the title of the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding open containers hidden in paper bags and reasonable suspicion.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve Ordinance No. 1878-17, An Ordinance Amending SWMC 9.40.010 to include serving, consuming, or possessing in an open container any beer, wine, malt liquor, or other alcoholic beverage on any street, sidewalk or alleyway as a crime. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (5-0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the promotion of Paul Eaton to Sergeant noting it now leaves an opening for a detective position which they hope to fill internally sometime in September. He stated he attended the ribbon cutting for the Skagit County Community Justice Center and looks

forward to its opening. Tucker also reported on the new distracted driver law that goes into effect on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will first be doing an education process and having an information blitz.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on an active weekend helping with fires in Burlington and serving as backup for District 8 as they attended a fire in Hamilton, Klinger stated beginning Friday the department will be advertising for a third full time person for the department with the goal of September 1<sup>st</sup> as a start date for the successful candidate. Klinger discussed the upcoming active shooter training drill to be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Public Works Director Freiburger – gave an update on the historic downtown sign that is scheduled to be delivered shortly. After it is received it will be installed. He also presented an update on the Cascade Trail Project which is currently ahead of schedule with a possible completion date of the end of August. Other items reported were advertising for the Sewer project, City crews have completed preparations for the chip seal projects, TIB emergency repair project will be starting and TIB applications are due August 18. Freiburger stated he will be reapplying for overlay funds and will provide a report and request for match funding at a future meeting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the Wastewater Treatment Plant received an award from Department of Ecology for operations and performance. He also announced that the City is hosting the primary candidate forum on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Wagoner – spoke on the award received by the Wastewater Treatment Plant for outstanding performance, noting this was the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row for the award

Councilmember Dunn Lee – commented on the jail opening.

Councilmember Kornegay – announced she attended the jail opening but was not able to tour the facility. There will be another public tour on Saturday from 9-Noon. She also reported she had a great time at this year's Loggerodeo, noting that the fireworks were the best. Kornegay also reported on the Zero Waste project held during Loggerodeo, noting its success would love to see it done every year.

Councilmember Johnson – announced the upcoming Toys for Tots event to be held on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Haven Winery. She also noted in the letter announcing the award for the Wastewater Treatment Plant it was quoted that “it takes a diligent operator and strong team management to receive this award” and it was the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row the award has been received.

Councilmember Sandström – noted over the course of the last year the Council has been hearing from people they would like more discussion with Council. He questioned if the Council would be interested in having a time period after the public comment period to allow the Council to address comments and concerns raised.

Mayor Wagoner commented that a committee is working on new procedures.

Councilmember Johnson – spoke on the public comment period noting and it is a courtesy of the Council to allow the comment period. She did state, however, Council is interested in what people have to say and want to hear the comments.

Mayor Wagoner – reported on a fantastic Loggerodeo and gave praise to Dottie Chandler, Doug Wood and City Staff for their work on the event. He also addressed the Library decision and stated he hoped everyone could go forward from here with new eyes and encouraged everyone to get involved to come up with the best solution.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.