
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 9, 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 Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman 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 #186560 to #186663 in the amount of \$328,983.87
 - Payroll Checks #59340 to #59354 plus EFT's in the amount of \$301,219.67
- Grant Agreement for Approval – Permanent Statewide Bike Counter Installation Program
- Possible Bid Award – 2017 Sanitary Sewer Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Project – Insituform Technologies, Inc.
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2017-PW-01 – Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 Project – SRV Construction
- Miscellaneous Grant approval and Match Requirements
 - 2017 TIB Arterial Preservation Programs
 - 2017 TIB Urban Sidewalk Program
 - Ecology Stormwater Capacity Grant
- Request for Approval of Grant Agreement – Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvement Project – TIB Grant Submittal Authorization
- Amendment 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2015-PS-18 for WWTP Structure and Equipment Assessment – Brown & Caldwell Inc.
- Ordinance 1879-17 – 2017 Budget Amendment #2
- Agreement with Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services (DVSAS) and Interlocal Agreement with Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for Skagit DVSAS Pass Through Grant to support the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Task Force.
- Acceptance of Loaned Art at City Hall – Salmon Mobile by Dave Barcott

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept consent calendar items A through L. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

Karl de Jong – 1030 Warner St., commended the Police Department regarding a dog/person situation. He noted the officer handled the situation with professionalism without escalating the situation and thanked the Council for allowing great training.

Scott Skimhorn -- 4017 Willowbrook Ln, Bellingham, addressed the Council regarding allowing bikes in the skate park. He stated they want to do the same as skaters do, have a little fun after work. He asked for some consideration for bikes.

Andrew Brown – 3227 300th St., Stanwood, also spoke on allowing bikes in the skate park. He commented on the beautiful skate park and would like his like children to ride in a park and enjoy it like the skateboarders do. He also addressed the seasoned riders can teach youngsters proper skate park etiquette. Brown asked for consideration to allow bicycles in the skate park.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo St., congratulated all the City Council candidates and spoke on the forum and the knowledge of city affairs by the candidates. He then addressed the final question of the forum on voting your conscience or the popular vote and spoke on a representative government with three branches of government; Executive, Legislative and Judicial that is designed to protect the constitution and bill of rights. Koogle advised to vote your conscience.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd. commented on articles written by Mayor Wagoner in the local paper.

Jay Clary – owner of Local 20 Tap Room at 102 Woodworth St., asked Council to consider changing the food truck law and permit fee. He spoke of his business model using local restaurant menus, sports on screen on certain nights and advertisements for businesses and use of food trucks that would bring in non-competing food choices.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St., expressed his displeasure regarding the Mayor’s letter in the paper and noted that personal attacks are not warranted. He stated it makes it tough to get a working relationship.

Phillip Murray – 223 State St. proposed to limit parking on State Street from Metcalf to Murdock Street to 2 hours. He noted people parking in front of businesses all day long.

James Vandekamp – 4017 Willowbrook Ln., wants to have bikes allowed in the skate park. He addressed the economic side of having people come from other areas to use the park.

Sam Butler – 1245 Arrezo Dr., noted this is the first park that has been worth something and would love to see his boy be able to ride his bike there. He also addressed revenue brought in and contests that bring people from all over to ride.

James Wood – 3601 Francis Rd., Mt. Vernon, noted he helped to design the skate park under the hope that he could ride his bike there. He noted it would be nice to have the same access as the skateboarders.

Mayor Wagoner commented that he was happy to see them all here in a group. He stated the Rotary built the park with donations with the conditions it be used for skate boarding only. He stated the City can't change that and encouraged the group to come up with a design and funding and the City would be glad to work with them.

Councilmember Lemley addressed conflicts of activities and timing.

Unidentified – requested a possible trial period of having a bike only night as some other locations have done.

William Berg – 635 Sandpaper Dr, Burlington, pointed out that the signage at the park does say no non skate boards allowed but he sees scooters and rollerblades being allowed.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Council Critical Goals and Objectives

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg pointed out the tracked changes update that include the modifications discussed at the last meeting. It was noted this was a second read and action was requested.

Some discussion ensued regarding the bullet point that says “adequately maintain city streets”.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adopt the updated critical goals and objectives. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Amendments to the Definition of Building Height in Ch. 17.04 SWMC

Planning Director Coleman reported that they have been seeing more building plans that have been proposed for three stories and coming in just over 35'. In order for the buildings to be aesthetically pleasing they had to be 35'. Coleman noted that the Planning Commission has been looking at the Planning Code and International Building Code to have the same definition. The Planning Commission has recommended to change the planning definition of building height to read the” midpoint between the peak and the eave”. The language has been borrowed from the International Building Code.

Resolution Closing a Portion of Talcott Street at Central Elementary School

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the proposed resolution that has been discussed at City Council several times as well as with the School District. It would take the area that is closed during the day and leave it closed permanently. The resolution suggests a trial period that will allow the city to study any traffic impacts or unintended consequences of the closure. Cost to the City would be minimal.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic and use of playground, polling of neighborhood with mostly positive comments, the rough shape the road is in and wording.

Sedro-Woolley Museum Lease (with or without purchase option)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the current lease with the Museum will expire at the end of month. The new lease includes an element for a proposed 5 year lease with 5 year extension and purchase option. Some stipulations include it must be operated as museum and be opened at least one day per week to public. Other items include an apartment space leased back, a reversionary clause and it also shifts responsibility of building maintenance to the tenant. It was noted the Museum Board was currently reviewing the lease and Berg asked for direction from the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the National Night Out held at Bingham Park, noting its success. He also reported the department is in the middle of vacations and military duty and will be interviewing for an open position on Monday.

Discussion ensued regarding the National Night Out concept being more of a block party.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Planning Commission will be working on the Transportation Element of the 20 year comprehensive plan and be holding a public meeting on rezone requests including property located south of the High School football field.

Late Materials

Phase 1 Environmental Study at Former SW Lumber Company Site

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the award of a \$15,000 grant for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment at the former Sedro-Woolley Lumber Company property located at 109 Jameson. Phase 1 will review the history of property to find out what might be on the property. Work would be completed by the end of October, 2017.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize Mayor Wagoner to sign an Interagency Agreement between the State of Washington, Department of Ecology and the City of Sedro-Woolley for the City to conduct a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment at the former Sedro-Woolley Lumber Company property. Councilmember Owen seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Sandström/ moved to authorize Mayor Wagoner to sign a professional services agreement between the City of Sedro-Woolley and Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. to perform a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment at the former Sedro-Woolley Lumber Company property. Councilmember Korengay seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on the Cascade Trail Project which should be completed in the next couple of weeks. He also reported on other projects in progress: crack seal/emergency repair project, CIPP project, asphalt overlay project and the chip seal project. Freiburger reported he was tracking a new 67 lot development north of Jones Road that requires the extension of sewer. He also reported we were the recipients of a \$50,000 capacity grant for our stormwater permit requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding possible repairs to Talcott Street, funding and LIDs.

Public Works Director Freiburger reported on the final acceptance for the Jameson Project. He noted it was a 3.1 million project with a 500,000 ROW donation. The total cost to the city was \$30,000, with the remaining being paid by grants. This is a good example of how we are able to leverage our project funding.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported Puget Sound Energy has requested an easement to serve Helping Hands Food Bank. He stated he was working on a couple of terms but without objection will present the easement to the Mayor for signature. No objections were noted. Berg questioned whether Council was interested in extending parking restrictions on State Street to Murdock. The topic was referred to the Business Development committee along with the Food Truck vendor request. He called attention to the special meeting scheduled for 10:30 AM at the Skagit County Commissioners meeting room to receive the award from Governor's office and SWIFT Center update.

Finance Director Nelson – stated the budget call for 2018 will go out to department heads on Monday. She also noted the annual audit has been scheduled by the State Auditor's Office for October 19th for a one week financial statement audit.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – questioned the date of the next Candidate forum. Mayor Wagoner stated it was October 18th.

Councilmember Kornegay – spoke on the upcoming project homeless connect to be held August 25th from 9-2.

Councilmember Kinzer – questioned the dates of the active shooter drill which will be held on August 22 5-9 P.M. and the impact to the neighborhood.

It was noted there is a press release to come and pre incident training will be held August 21st.

Councilmember Kinzer – questioned the wheelchair access on Metcalf Street near the Eagles Club and announced a work party to be held Saturday August 12th at the Northern State Cemetery.

Councilmember Lemley – announced memorial services for Bev Nelson “The Ticket Lady” on Saturday the 12th. She was a well-known fixture at high school sporting events. He also proudly announced the birth of grandchild #3.

Councilmember Sandström – thanked the Tap Room 20 for coming to the Council regarding the Food Truck Vendor ordinance. He also questioned the origin of the Council Strategic Fund and wondered if there was anything thing the City could do to salvage the food forest.

Mayor Wagoner – questioned the status of the large tree that fell at the corner of 4th and Jameson. He also questioned the rules for roosters within the city limits. Mayor Wagoner spoke on the success of National Night Out and the great concerts in the park. He also noted the ongoing fire danger.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session for approximately 15 minutes at 8:27 P.M. for the purpose of RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) lease or purchase of real estate when disclosure would increase the price with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the property discussed in executive session for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Councilmember Johnson seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.