
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 23 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: Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, 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

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including August 10, 2017 Special Meeting)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #186664 to #186754 plus EFT's in the amount of \$817,385.39
 - Payroll Checks #59355 to #59365 plus EFT's in the amount of \$226,427.34
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2017-PW-21 – TIB Emergency Pavement Repair Project – Fidalgo Paving & Construction, LLC.
- Final Acceptance – Contract 2017-PW-15 – 2017 Arterial Crack Sealing Project – Huizenga Enterprises LLC.
- Service Agreement with the Skagit Valley Family YMCA
- Resolution 969-17 – Appointing Members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Resolution 970-17 – Library Board Appointment – Tahlia Honea
- Ordinance 1880-17 – Repeal of SEMC 2.66 (Residency Requirements for Certain City Positions)
- Request for Advanced Travel – Debra Peterson, Librarian

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept the consent calendar items A through J. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (7-0).

Proclamation of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Expressing Sincere Gratitude for the Hard Work and High Performance of the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department

Mayor Wagoner read a proclamation of the City of Sedro-Woolley expressing sincere gratitude for the hard work and high performance of the Sedro-Woolley Fire Department.

Josh Carpenter, Volunteer Fire Captain accepted the proclamation on behalf of the department and was received with a round of applause.

Public Comment

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., advised people to never let anyone tell them that their vote does not count. She stated she stands at the podium having lost the election by one vote. She said she ran on the premise that she was not afraid to stand up to City Hall and wanted to share some of the comments and concerns she received while campaigning. Comments included citizens being grateful that streets are being repaired, lack of sidewalks or sidewalk maintenance in certain areas, impact fees for new businesses and the Chamber not doing their job. She also acknowledged Councilmembers Chuck Owen and Brett Sandström for standing up for the people.

Councilmember Johnson commented that when she took office she was concerned about the sidewalks. After being in office she found that it is the responsibility of the homeowner and noted she has had her sidewalk repaired at her own expense. The City does have a program to help the homeowner.

Phillip Murray – 223 State Street, addressed the amount being given to the YMCA and questioned how many sidewalks could be fixed with that money. He also stated the Library should be paid for by those using the facility. He he quoted figures given by Community Action on the number of citizens helped and addressed the impact of raising taxes.

Karl deJong, 1030 Warner St., invited everyone to attend the upcoming Arts in the Park being sponsored by the Sedro Woolley Arts Council on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Planning Director Coleman introduced the second read of the proposed amendments regarding the definition of building height. He noted it was a change to the planning code to match the building code definition.

Council discussion regarding maximum building height and how the measurement is done took place.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1881-17 An Ordinance to adopt amendment to Chapter 17.04 SWMC Amending the Definition of the Height of a Structure. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Resolution Closing a Portion of Talcott Street at Central Elementary School

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted there are no changes since the last meeting. The resolution would close Talcott Street between Seventh and Sixth streets for a trial period of one year from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve Resolution 971-17 closing a portion of Talcott Street at Central Elementary School. Councilmember Owen seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Annexation – Valley High Investments Property North of City Limits

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed annexation request to annex three parcels of land owned by Valley High Investments, Inc. at their request. He reviewed the process for annexations and requested guidance whether the Council is interested in exploring annexation of this request.

David Sherman – Island Associates representing the property owner addressed the Council noting they have no objections to the city recommendations.

Some discussion ensued regarding the mixed commercial component of the zoning and planning commission review.

Harold Beitler -- 1207 Jameson St, questioned the property lines and the importance of having definite boundaries.

Further discussion regarding environmentally sensitive property and the validity of Beitler's comments.

Helge Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., questioned the current zoning of the property.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to continue the annexation process, determine if other property owners in the UGA are interested in participating in the annexation process and geographically modify the annexation area accordingly. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Kinzer moved that the City require the simultaneous adoption of a proposed zoning regulation. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Kinzer moved the City require the assumption of all of any portion of existing city indebtedness by the area to be annexed. Councilmember Johnson seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Library Consortium – Interlocal Agreement with Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the interlocal agreement which would allow the Sedro Woolley Library, Central Skagit Library and bookmobile to have access to the same library system software. It would include the data base of patrons, materials and collections at any one of the three locations. Berg noted the current data base contract will expire on August 31 and

reviewed the costs which are based on the size of the collection and number of locations. He also noted the pathway could also extend to the school district when the time is right.

Discussion ensued regarding privacy concerns.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., commented on the difference between Sedro-Woolley Library, Central Skagit Library and Jefferson County is that Jefferson County currently has a signed agreement so their participants know their information is being shared. She stated pursuing a consortium before a written agreement could lay the city open to privacy violations. She also noted it is possible for patrons and staff to wipe clean check out records.

More discussion regarding the interlocal agreements.

Consideration of Ordinance Amending SWMC 5.04 to Include a New Class of Vendors Defined as Extension Vendors.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance that would include a new class of vendors in SWMC 5.04. Berg reviewed the current mobile vendor licensing and the creation of a new class defined as “extension vendors”. Berg stated this is based on the recommendation of the Council Business Development committee that reviewed the request.

Discussion ensued regarding impacts to business and not addressing the \$1000 fee.

Councilmember Sandström moved to pass Ordinance #1882-17 an Ordinance of the SWMC Title 5 establishing rules and regulations for the class of defined as extension vendors. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Further discussion was held regarding the \$1000 fee category of mobile vendors.

Motion carries (6-1, Councilmember Kinzer opposed).

Health Benefits for Non-Represented Employees

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a proposed personnel policy regarding health benefits for non-represented employees. He noted currently the City has a two tier system for medical coverage. The proposed policy deletes the two tiered system and aligns the premium share to be the same as all other employees.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adopt the policies including health benefits for non-represented employees and dual insurance coverage. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Sgt. Harris – reported on the Active Shooter Drill held at the High School. He thanked Councilmembers that assisted in handing out notices of the drill to neighboring houses.

Comments were made by Mayor Wagoner, Councilmember Johnson and Councilmember Kinzer who all participated in or witnessed the drill.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – reported on the additional agencies that participated in the Active Shooter Drill. He stated the drill went well and was worthwhile. He spoke of the department being extremely busy as well as training four new firefighters. They will also be doing some live home training.

Planning Director Coleman – reported that the City has received the Phase 2 funding for the grant from Department of Ecology for the study on the property located at 109 Jameson St.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported the Cascade Trail project is now completed. He also reported on the WSDOT Hwy 20 paving project, CIPP project and other private work going on around town and Nicholas Court on Cook Road. He also reported that the TIB applications have been sent.

Councilmember Lemley questioned a left turn lane at the Life Care Facility.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced a request for an executive session for the purpose of discussion of a lease or purchase of real estate where disclosure would increase the price under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) for approximately 5 minutes with no decision anticipated. He also pointed out the Library predesign report in the packet with a timeline included and announced the upcoming Community open house on September 20th regarding the Library.

Finance Director – reported on a pass through grant received for Skagit Domestic Violence to aid sexually exploited children. She noted she was just informed that no single federal audit will be required because of the grant.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – noted she will miss the next two meetings.

Councilmember Kornegay – questioned striping of the crosswalk at Hwy 9 and McGargile. She also reported on the upcoming Art in the Park at Riverfront Park, August 27th from 1-5 and Project Homeless Connect on Friday at McIntyre Hall.

Councilmember Johnson –expressed a thank you to Todd Olson on his follow up from items discussed at the Safety Committee meeting. She also reported on the Business Development Committee meeting where they discussed the ability to have apartments over businesses and wanted some direction from the Council.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented more information on the program that Councilmember Johnson is referring to. He noted it falls under RCW 84.14 and gives a property tax exemption to the developers in their effort to revitalize the downtown area. Councilmembers expressed interest to find out more information.

Councilmember Johnson also reported on the upcoming Toys for Tots event at Eagle Haven Winery on Sept. 26th.

Councilmember Owen – announced the upcoming Beerfest on September 23rd with proceeds to benefit the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the passing of community member Patrick Janicki, noting his services will be held next week. He requested to keep the Janicki family in thought.

Mayor Wagoner – reminded Councilmembers of the PUD tour tomorrow. He also reported on a visit from Congressman Larsen, Senator Pearson and Commissioner Wesen who were down at the Farmers Market today for the Flash of Silver awards.

EXEUCTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:45 P.M. for approximately 5 minutes with no action anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M. .