
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Germaine Kornegay, Julia Johnson, Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström (Late). Staff: Recorder Brue, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, 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 three Councilmembers (Dunn Lee, Kinzer and Sandström). Councilmember Kornegay seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including September 6, 2017 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #186755 to #186866 in the amount of \$636,154.32
 - Payroll Checks #59366 to #59380 plus EFT's in the amount of \$309,535.72

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent calendar items A through C. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (4-0).

Special Presentation – Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award for 2016 from Department of Ecology

Mayor Wagoner recognized the Wastewater Treatment Plant crew and presented them with a plaque for the 2016 Outstanding Performance Award from the Department of Ecology.

Debbie Allen credited the staff for their team effort and hard work and the Council for giving the funding for them to do their jobs.

Kevin Loy – 128 Garden of Eden Rd., reported on the 5th annual Skate Board Challenge held the past weekend. The event was held on Sunday with a great turnout and a lot more out of towners. He stated there were approximately 300 people and the general comments were that it was professionally run and the event gets better every year. Trophies were donated by Skagit Speedway.

Mayor Wagoner thanked Loy for all his work and members of the Council thanked him as well.

Martha May Whovier (Jeri Kaufman, 16502 Country Club Dr., Burlington and Public Hospital District 304 Commissioner), thanked the Council for their past support of the downtown Christmas Parade. She requested the Council consider supporting the event this year, noting the committee relies on support from the community.

Pola Kelley – 407 State Street, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce put out a plea for help with cutting branches for the downtown area as well as any financial support. She also recognized the work of volunteer JoAnn Lazon in her part with the Christmas decorations.

Public Comment

Bonnie Hull – 801 Fidalgo, addressed the Council regarding the upcoming Crop Hunger Walk being held on October 1st. She noted the Mayors of Mt. Vernon, Burlington and Sedro-Woolley will be walking to help raise money to fight hunger. She stated the goal is to raise \$17,000.00 and passed out a flyer with information on the event.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St., spoke on the candidate forum and requested to have timing clock facing the candidates. He also spoke on the Council procedures and the lack of response from the Councilmembers.

Phillip Murray – 223 State St, addressed the condition of the sidewalks and ADA ramps for wheelchairs in the downtown area.

Councilmember Sandström arrived at 7:21 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the item is ready for action according to the two reading rule.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the attached interlocal agreement with the Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District providing the District with access to the City’s ILS. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Discussion was held regarding concerns for privacy.

Motion carried (5-0).

Resolution – Adopting the City Council Governance Handbook

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg detailed modifications made from the previous draft version and entertained questions from the Council.

Mayor Wagoner thanked the Committee (Councilmembers Kinzer, Kornegay and Johnson) for work done over last year. He noted that with the adoption of the handbook we will see a different order of the meeting.

Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 972-17 a resolution adopting the City Council Governance Handbook. Councilmember Kornegay seconded.

Councilmember Johnson addressed the time limit for comments and noted that written comments would be much easier for Council to follow.

Motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Wagoner noted that the Council has three meetings a month but Councilmembers are always available to meet as well as he is always willing to meet with anyone.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the CO2 issues with the Ford Explorers. They have placed CO2 detectors in each vehicle and have one that is reading high. They are working with Ford to get it fixed. He also spoke of the homeless issue in town and they are trying to find out where they are and what can be done for them. Background checks are being conducted on two new hires and Chief Tucker announced the retirement of Officer Lasley effective September 21st.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported Frank Wagoner will be starting on Monday as Asst. Chief -- EMS. Pump testing will be conducted next week at Station 2. He also noted the volunteers appreciated the recent proclamation crediting them for their hard work. Klinger noted they are doing an incredible job. He also reported on the upcoming Give Boots the Burn auction on October 7th to benefit the Phoenix Foundation. The department has raised and donated close to \$500,000 over the past 35 years.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reminded Council of the upcoming open house with the architect team on the Library next Wednesday, September 20th 6:30 to 8:30. Encourage anyone to get their information in and to attend. He referenced the timeline in packet and noted the committee has requested an RFP be published for property owners to submit for consideration. He also noted it is a busy time with lots going on.

Councilmember Kornegay – noted the school shooting in Spokane and was thankful for the recent active shooter training recently held. She also reported on an upcoming fundraiser for Secret Harbor Foster Care Agency.

Councilmember Johnson – reported on the upcoming Community Action Spirit of Hope Breakfast on October 12th. She noted the Mayor of Everett will be speaking on street level social issues. She also noted she will be absent from the next two meetings.

Councilmember Owen – announced the upcoming Beer fest on September 23rd to benefit the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Mayor Wagoner – reported on a great car show this past weekend. He also commented on the appreciation lunch for the Citizens Patrol put on by Chief Tucker. Wagoner noted the upcoming Brad Conn Community Day being held at Safeco Field which supported the baseball team. Tickets are still available.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.