
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 27, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wagoner brought attention to the new procedures that were adopted by the City Council. He stated the procedures were changed to allow for more public comment on items on the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Keith Wagoner; Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Julia Johnson (excused), Chuck Owen, Rick Lemley (excused) and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, Public Works Director Freiberger, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to excuse the absences. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-0).

Approval of Agenda

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #186867 to #186964 plus EFT's in the amount \$266,941.23
 - Payroll Checks #59381 to #59391 plus EFT's in the amount of \$222,282.22
- Agreement No. 2017-PW-25 – 2017 Heather Lane Slurry Seal Project – Blackline Inc.
- Houser Park Fencing Project
- Request for DOE Grant Authorization – Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the consent calendar items 1-5. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Staff Reports

Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
Report of Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

Police Chief Tucker – reported on a conditional job offer having been made for a lateral position. He will be helping with evidence records and is scheduled for the equivalency academy in January. Chief Tucker also reported on the retirement of Officer Rhonda Lasley. A retirement party was held on September 21st in her honor. He also reported that the Citizens Crime Watch will be focusing on garage sale signs within the city.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported Frank Wagner was in his second week as Asst. Fire Chief -- EMS. He noted a monthly data report that will be placed in council packets in the future. Klinger reported on the 2014 Fire rating stating we are a class 5 city. He said it is time again for re-rating which will be conducted September 4th 2018.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of the former Sedro-Woolley lumber mill property. The work should be completed in October. He noted we are still waiting to hear on availability of Phase 2 funding. The Planning Commission is looking at the zoning in that area and held a public hearing. No recommendations are being made at this time as they are still collecting information. Once the report is received the Planning Commission will feel more comfortable with making a recommendation. Another public hearing will be held sometime in November and December. Coleman also reported a binding site plan application for the SWIFT Center has been received from the Port of Skagit County. In the Building Department a lot is going on. He noted that a total of 25 single family homes are currently under construction and 88 multi-family units are in process.

Councilmember Kornegay questioned the units being built on Hwy 9.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported the Cascade Trail project is now complete, he also reported the DOT overlay project is complete and he has received comments regarding the inlays that have not been paved. Freiburger then reported on the CIPP Sewer project to be completed by year end, the Heather Lane drainage issues to be fixed and slurry seal applied. He noted the fencing for the Houser park addition is out to bid, sidewalks at Hillsvie on the corner of State and Township are in disrepair and the owner has been put on notice to fix them. There are some larger fir trees that require removal before sidewalk replacement. Freiburger addressed the City's sidewalk participation project and design phase for next year's sidewalks and ADA ramps in a number of locations as well as partnering with the School District to complete the rest of sidewalks on Third Street. He also noted they are still waiting word on the TIB grant announcement that is expected on November 17th.

Questions from the council to include extension of the cascade trail, letter regarding Garden of Eden drainage ditch and ADA ramps.

Finance Director Nelson – stated the 2018 budget process is underway. The State Auditors will be onsite beginning October 6th for the financial audit. The Finance Department seasonal employee, Amanda Miller has been working on integrating cemetery records from the two different cemeteries and is making great progress.

Councilmember Sandström questioned the process for Council to put items into the budget. Nelson stated the usual way is through the Council goals and objectives.

Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Kornegay – spoke on a recent candidate forum on homelessness sponsored by Community Action. She also announced the upcoming Community Action Spirit of Hope Breakfast on October 12th.

Councilmember Owen – addressed an overgrown property on Ball Street. This will be referred to Code Enforcement for possible action.

Mayor Wagoner reported on the maintenance at the children's fishing pond at the SWIFT Center. The permit will enable improvements for safety and access to the pond and is for a five year period. He also reported on the First Annual Brew Fest, benefit for Helping Hands Food Bank, which raised \$12,000 and announced the upcoming Boot to Burn fundraiser for Camp Phoenix on October 7th.

Proclamation

Public Comments

Dorothy DeFremery – 316 Garden of Eden, addressed the Council regarding the letter she submitted and her concern of an open ditch with no barrier located at the corner of F & S and Garden of Eden Rd. The topic was referred to Public Works Director Freiburger for further investigation.

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd, addressed the Council noting she ran her campaign as the “Voice for the People” and passed on several concerns expressed to her during her campaign to include distrust of politicians, increase of taxes, the need for more businesses, resentment over the \$20 TBD fee, too many pointless roundabouts when city streets are in need of attention, public restrooms being locked and the concern that downtown is dying. She stated seniors are concerned of no longer being able to walk to town for their necessities, parking and being taxed out of long term homes, the fear that the small town feel will disappear and no one listening to the little guy.

Matt DesVoigne – 722 Cascade Palms Ct. addressed the ordinance that became effective June 1st regarding no parking on the on east side of Hodgin St. He thanked the Council for passing the ordinance noting it has made it safer for his bike travels to work every day.

Phillip Murray – 223 State St. expressed his thanks for the 3 hour parking on State St, also for the bush that was trimmed on Rita and State and the City used parking at Wells Fargo. He expressed concern of a power pole behind the laundromat that is leaning and spoke of city authority to request PSE move a pole. Murray then stated he was researching codes on sidewalks and ramps at the Law Library and the books are from 2011 with no updates.

Karl De jong – 1030 Warner St. alerted Public Works of a clogged storm drain on Railroad at Felton Auto and another on the corner of State and Willard. He gave compliments on the recent open house for the Library and addressed the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement project for the extension of the Bark Park and picnic area. De jong also questioned the contractor on the Heather Lane slurry seal project.

Public Hearings

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance – Repeal of SWMC 10.44.179

Mayor Wagoner introduced the first read of the proposed ordinance to repeal SWMC 10.44.179 noting it was a housekeeping item due to conflicting information within the ordinance.

Phillip Murray – 223 State St. questioned the parking rule on right of way and whether it will be enforced city wide. He noted there are various widths of right of way depending on the street with businesses utilizing the ROW for their own purposes.

Information Only Items

Mayor Wagoner noted that Community Action is trying to get a larger facility and are requesting funding. They will be coming to a future meeting to give a presentation.

Good of the Order

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) lease or purchase of real estate if disclosure would increase price for approximately 15 minutes with possible action at 7:49 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:58 P.M.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached purchase and sale agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.