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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
November 21, 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**

**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, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Wagoner requested the addition of items to the agenda. Item 5 on the consent calendar MOU Regarding Pre-Design Funding adding an amended amount to the pre-design budget and under Unfinished Business the addition of the lease for the Museum.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the agenda as stated. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

### **Consent Calendar**

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #187224 to #187306 plus EFT's in the amount \$167,133.17
  - Payroll Checks #59436 to #59446 plus EFT's in the amount of \$234,800.89
- Amendment 8 to the Interlocal Agreement dated 10/18/2011 with Skagit County Conservation District – Publication & Involvement Project in support of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit WAR-04-5555
- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County for 2018 Senior Services
- MOU regarding pre-design funding with Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 5. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

## **Staff Reports**

Police Chief Tucker – reported two of the Sergeants will be going to Firstline Supervisor Certification Training. He also attended an awards ceremony for the Mt. Vernon and Burlington Officers that were involved in the Mick McClaughry shooting.

Fire Chief Klinger –announced the return of a part time volunteers who has been in Boston taking her paramedic boot camp training.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the Planning Commission meeting held just prior to this meeting. They were reviewing the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment on the old mill property. He updated Council on the status of the Video West building noting the owners have no current plans to redevelop the property. They will be required to fill in the area and to maintain it. He has also been working with them on the securing the fence so it does not continue to fall over.

Public Works Director Freiberger – announced TIB results. The city received funding for the Fruitdale Arterial in the amount of \$1.784 mil, Sidewalk project on SR20 from Township to Fruitdale in the amount of \$240,000 and the State Street Arterial Preservation project in the amount of \$358,000. Freiberger reported that Arlington, Anacortes, Mt. Vernon and Burlington all had projects funded. He also reported that there is an ad out for consultants for the John Liner/Jones/Trail Road scoping study and reported on a recent meeting with Burlington Northern representatives. Freiberger noted there have been a number of complaints regarding the sewer extension on Jones Road stating it is a private contractor conducting the work and they are keeping close tabs on the project. He then addressed the repavement of the crossing on Cook Road.

Councilmember Sandström questioned the trestle sign.

Councilmember Johnson expressed her thanks to Public Works Director Freiberger and staff for the hard work they do.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported that Les Schwab is in the process of transferring ownership and will require adjustments to an agreement with the City from when the roundabout was built. He also noted that Terry Gifford and the Museum are partnering to provide a historical bicycle tour called “Tea and Tour.” She requests to place some hand built boxes along the route. Both of these items will be presented at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Tea and Tour, and having a presentation from Gifford to include a possible test period.

Berg continued with an update on the Library process noting the Council passed on the consent agenda the MOU for predesign funding scope. The committee is continuing to study the feed barn location. A public open house is scheduled for next week with the architects providing their final report and the committee recommendations will be presented at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Berg noted there is a lot going on as we wrap up the year.

Finance Director Nelson – reported on entering a busier time than usual in the Finance Department.

### **Councilmember and Mayor’s Reports**

Councilmember Dunn Lee – reported on a phone call she received regarding the timing for the installation of a crosswalk with flashing light at Cook and Trail Road.

Councilmember Kornegay – stated she ran into Detective Hannawalt while shopping and he was commenting on how happy he is with his new job. Kornegay then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Johnson – addressed the new library open house on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. She also inquired about the status of the ingress and egress to Floyds.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – stated the city presented three options for the ingress/egress. The city is continuing to work with them.

Councilmember Owen – thanked Rick Lemley and his staff for hosting the Veteran’s day service. He also spoke of the dedication to the memorial outside of Lemley Chapel.

Councilmember Lemley – requested on behalf of a constituent, consideration of street sweeping on Bennett Street of the excess gravel still on the road.

Councilmember Sandström – voiced concern on behalf of the Curtis Street residents regarding the in and out traffic from Floyds.

Mayor Wagoner – stated he was grateful for the TIB results and commended the Public Works staff for having projects ready to go. He also expressed a thank you to Lemley Chapel on the dedication of the Veteran’s monument and reported that Detective Hannawalt assisted a family, saving them \$70,000 due to his quick thinking and actions regarding an online scam. Mayor Wagoner then thanked everyone for their quick action on the Jones Road project and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Proclamations

### **Public Comments**

Mary Andersson – 928 Beachley Rd., addressed the utility fee increases with 50% or more of students on free and reduced lunches. She also addressed the recent Library Board meeting with the new Library to be only 10,000 sq. ft., Andersson reviewed the promise that no books will be discarded with the new Library but with the proposed size would be forced to throw out books. She also addressed the promise of no new taxes and questioned how will a library that can’t meet

the needs currently be able to accommodate 5,000 more people and ended by saying the destruction of a 100 year old library is a crime.

Helge Andersson – congratulated Mayor Wagoner for the new dream team and stated it was nice to see the newly elected official in the audience. He stated that he will be a closer friend in years to come.

Ed Koogle – 501 Fidalgo St. encouraged everyone to keep an open mind on the library as it's not a done deal. He stated we might be better off having 2 libraries within our community giving two branches. He hoped it would be considered when considering the project and noted that capitalism is better than communism as we have more choices.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott. Addressed the money not being available for what was promised. He also questioned the downtown location and parking. O'Neil spoke of the park that is next to the current location and would be close to the schools. He then addressed an article in the October 25<sup>th</sup> paper with insults to candidates and feels it was inappropriate.

## **Public Hearings**

### 2018 Budget Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg indicated there are no changes from the budget ordinance presented at the last meeting. He reported that Councilmember Owen requested he visit the Senior Center with him to view the kitchen flooring. Skagit County has agreed to reduce the 2018 Senior Services costs by \$10,000 to address the flooring. An amendment in 2018 will be done to take care of the change.

Mayor Wagoner opened the public hearing at 7:44 P.M.

Harold Beitler – 1207 Jameson St. – spoke on the budget with administrators getting raises and asked about increases for the workers. He also questioned how the percentage was figured for administration. He then stated it is difficult to come to a meeting when you can't get information and addressed the Council on being non-responsive and voting to purchase equipment without knowing specifics.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., followed up on Beitler's comments on the Council not knowing what is being purchased. He spoke on the bid process, lack of questions and rubber stamping anything put in front of them.

Mayor Wagoner closed the public hearing at 7:51 P.M.

Councilmember Sandström requested clarification on the tractor purchase. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted it was a tractor plus 30' boom mower and that cooperative purchasing or piggybacking is expressly allowed by law. He reviewed the purchasing methods used for purchases for what will get us the best product for the best price.

Sandström also questioned the staffing component. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported it was a 2018 staff increasing by 1 FTE with ½ time from stormwater. He noted the tractor is designed to ride on roads and ditches and the process of where the equipment need is identified, review of equipment specs, committee review, supervisor review and recommendation for purchase. He addressed the Council role of approving purchases on the basis of the budget.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve Ordinance No. 1890-17 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström.

Discussion held regarding property taxes and taxes not being raised since 2009.

Motion carried (7-0).

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Museum Lease

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the background information and the proposed museum lease. The lease is a 15 year lease with a 10 year option period. They would operate a minimum of 1 day per week and take over maintenance of building with exception of portions used by City.

Discussion ensued regarding cost of maintenance, sidewalks, façade and roof completed by the McIntyre Foundation. Berg then reviewed changes to the lease.

Councilmember Sandström moved to sign the lease with the museum. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Councilmember Sandström noted the Museum is the only year round cultural attraction that we have.

Councilmember Kinzer recused herself due to being a Museum Board member. Motion carried (6-0-1 Councilmember Kinzer recused).

#### Available Property Tax Refund Levy

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted he checked with the County Treasurer and they were not able to tell that one particular property owner caused the refund amount.

Berg reviewed the options for the tax refund levies.

Councilmember Johnson moved to request the full refund of the levies, \$9,369.42 in the general property tax and \$1,976.91 in Public Safety Building Bond property tax. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

## **New Business**

Proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Sauk Mountain Development Agreement dated January 29, 2004 and setting a public hearing for December 13, 2017.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported this is on for a first read with a public hearing required. He noted this is the third amendment requested for the development and recommends to delete the time period.

### AFSCME 2018-2020 Agreement

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented background information regarding the completion of a Salary Survey to negotiate salary. The results of the salary compensation study were presented to Council at a worksession in September. The agreement targets at end of 3 years employees will be paid 95% of market value. Berg reported that the AFSCME Local has ratified the agreement. He also reviewed the MOU regarding the engineering technician/project inspector position.

Mayor Wagoner requested Council ratify tonight. He also spoke on the value of the salary survey.

Councilmember Lemley moved to ratify the attached collective bargaining agreement with Local 176-SW AFSCME for 2018-2020. Seconded by Councilmember Korengay. Motion carried. (7-0)

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the attached MOU with AFSCME regarding the engineering technician/project inspector position. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried (7-0).

### 2018 Salary Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the 2018 Salary Ordinance and stated it is part of the balanced budget approved.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve Ordinance No. 1891-17 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials and Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

## **Information Only Item**

Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status  
Reports of Contracts approved under SWMC 2.104.060  
Miscellaneous Information

## **Good of the Order**

Councilmember Wagoner addressed the audience stating he wished some people had stuck around. He said it is pretty disingenuous to come before this body and say it looks like you don't have enough money to make a library as big as you promised when some of those same people called down to Olympia and said don't give us 2 Mil for the library, we don't want it. It affected the outcome and to come here and say ooh it looks like you didn't get the money, you couldn't come through, it is disingenuous and it hurt us.

Executive Session

## **Adjournment**

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.