
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 25, 2018– 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julia Johnson at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Judith Dunn Lee, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Pola Kelley, Chuck Owen (Absent), Karl de Jong and Jared Couch. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Merriman, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiberger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Sergeant Harris.

Councilmember de Jong moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Owen. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Kelley. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #188798 to #188900 plus EFT's in the amount of \$644,727.18
 - Payroll Checks #59621 to #59629 plus EFT's in the amount of \$291,111.73
- Possible Surplus of Units – No. 10 – 1985 Ford F8000 Crew Bus – Resolution 997-18
- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (and Resolution 998-18) for sharing Public Works Equipment with the Lake Stevens Sewer District.
- Resolution 999-18 – Preliminary Approval of the Amended Plat of Arbor Glen (file #06-SD-02 & 2017-330)
- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and Sedro-Woolley Fire Department for “SWFD Training Hub”.

Councilmember de Jong requested Item 6 be removed from the consent calendar *Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and Sedro-Woolley Fire Department for “SWFD Training Hub”*

Councilmember Couch requested item 5 be removed from the consent calendar *Resolution 999-18 – Preliminary Approval of the Amended Plat of Arbor Glen (file #06-SD-02 & 2017-330)*.

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the consent calendar items 1- 4. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (6-0). .

Consent Agenda Item 5

Councilmember Couch requested Planning Director Coleman brief Council on consent agenda item 5. Resolution 999-18 – Preliminary Approval of the Amended Plat of Arbor Glen (file #06-SD-02 & 2017-330).

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the process, background and history for the Plat of Arbor Glen. He entertained Council questions regarding lot size, type of structures to be built, ingress/egress, lack of crosswalks, requirement of an left/right turn lane from Trail to Cook, sidewalks and safety concerns during construction.

Councilmember Couch moved to adopt Resolution No. 999-18 to approve the modified preliminary Plat of Arbor Glen subject to the conditions contained in the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact, Conclusions & Recommendations. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Agenda Item 6

Councilmember de Jong addressed late materials being placed on the consent agenda, the purpose of the consent agenda and briefing of councilmembers. He asked several questions regarding the fire training hub and if the City has a Senior EMS Instructor on staff. Asst. Fire Chief – EMS Wagner addressed the questions asked by Councilmember de Jong and explained the need for the training hub, training requirements and funding mechanism.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and Sedro-Woolley Fire Department. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Kornegay spoke of the value of offering CPR classes in town.

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Civil Discourse Project and Activities – Wende Sanderson

Wende Sanderson presented background information regarding how the presentations on Civil Discourse came about. As a member of the League of Women Voters and being a certified mediator, she noted the League of Women Voters has taken on Civil Discourse on a national level. She spoke of the vision of the project and the goal to build bridges between people. The project has been well attended and will have four skill building sessions. Sanderson noted the August 9th session will be held at the Sedro-Woolley City Hall. She spoke of sponsorship and requested Council consider a sponsorship of the project in the amount of \$500.

Councilmember Couch left at 7:34 P.M.

Sanderson also announced the showing of the movie “Won’t you be my neighbor” at the Lincoln Theatre and encouraged attendance as it relates to Civil Discourse.

Councilmember de Jong commented on the sessions that he has attended.

Councilmember Kelley moved to approve \$500 to sponsor the Civil Discourse program. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-0).

Helping Hands Food Bank Update – Rebecca Larson, Executive Director

No report.

Staff Reports

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the resolution passed by the County Commissioners regarding EMS services. He also announced the upcoming hose and ladder testing and the testing for new volunteers on August 25th.

Public Works Director Freiberger – highlighted the progress on the Fruitdale Road project. The lane widening sidewalk is kicking off and the State Street Overlay bid is due to close on August 2nd. Design work for the West Bennett/Batey sewer will be a late season bid. Other items are lots of planning, TIB applications are due August 17th and the Houser RCO grant is still under consideration.

Police Sergeant Harris – reported on an officer involved shooting in Big Lake with investigation in progress and a stabbing that occurred on N. Reed. He also reported that Officer Pierce is out due to a broken ankle.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – corrected a misstatement regarding the newspaper that was brought up at the last meeting by Mr. Dennis O’Neil. He stated his comment should have been we are no longer covered by a weekly paper. We are covered by the Skagit Valley Herald but do not have a reporter at the meetings.

Berg requested Council approve a request from two part time employees for shared sick leave not to exceed 20 days combined.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the request for shared sick leave, not to exceed 20 days combined. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried. (5-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg gave a brief update on the library project and pointed out the late materials informational only item regarding the EMS as well as a copy of the ambulance utility ordinance for Council review.

Finance Director Merriman – introduced phase 1 of a new monthly financial report. He reviewed the report in depth and noted he would like to include a financial review as a quarterly agenda item. The report will be expanded to show other financial reports as time goes on.

The consensus of the Council was they liked the report and would welcome seeing it on a quarterly basis.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Dunn Lee – questioned the crosswalk at Cook and Trail, especially with the new plat.

Councilmember Kornegay – thanked the efforts of the police for keeping everyone safe in the recent incident on N. Reed St. She also addressed construction times for the Cook and Trail project.

Councilmember Kinzer – noted the lack of crosswalks and only one stop sign on Northern Ave. She questioned the possibility of a three-way stop and crosswalk with signage.

Councilmember Kelley – commended the community for the support of the Little League State Championships held in town. She also noted the work of Jana Hansen on City Scene magazine noting the topic was an incredibly difficult topic but handled well.

Mayor Johnson – stated an additional order of the City Scene has been placed due to the interest in the topic.

Councilmember de Jong – asked everyone to look out for their neighbors during the hot weather and noted the availability of comfort stations. He also announced that ballots have been mailed and thanked the Council and Staff for allowing him leeway on his questions regarding the training hub.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on a discussion on Skagit Talk Radio 97.1 by Lisa Jarnicki.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comments up at 8:32 P.M. With no comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public comments at 8:32 P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

Sedro Woolley Museum Request for Expansion

Patty Boettcher, President of the Sedro-Woolley Museum addressed the Council requesting approval for an addition to the Museum building. She noted the expansion would allow for better displays and more accessibility. The addition would be to the south as shown on the drawings.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the Sedro-Woolley Museum's request to build an addition. Seconded by Councilmember Kelley. Motion carried (4-0-1, Councilmember Kinzer abstained due to her position on the Museum Board).

Information Only Items

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Report of Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060
- Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program/Application

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Executive Session

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:35 P.M. under RCW 42,30.111(i) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for approximately 25 minutes with no action.

The meeting reconvened at 9:12 P.M.

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to adjourn at 9:12 P.M. Seconded by all. Motion carried (5-0).