
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 12, 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: Brenda Kinzer, Germaine Kornegay, Chuck Owen (absent), Judith Dunn Lee, Karl de Jong, Jared Couch and Pola Kelley. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Merriman, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, Asst. Fire Chief Wagner and Police Chief Tucker

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 Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including December 5, 2018 Study Session)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #189657 to #189751 in the amount of \$1,015,988.63
 - Payroll Checks #59706 to #59716 plus EFT's in the amount of \$321,875.81
- Possible Amendment 1 to On-Call Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-06 – Skagit Surveying Inc.
- Possible change Order 4 – Contract No. 2018-PW-01, Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvements Project – Trico Companies LLC
- Amendment 9 to the Interlocal Agreement dated 10/18/2011 with Skagit County Conservation District – Public Education & Involvement Project in Support of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit WAR-04-5555
- Possible On-Call Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-28 – Design Phase Environmental Permit Services for the SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 2A Holtcamp Road to Hodgins Street Project – DGK Inc.
- Possible On-Call Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-29 – Design Phase Environmental Permit Services for the SR20 West Lane Widening & Safety Improvements Project – DGL Inc. dba Widener & Associates

- Possible Amendment 1 to On-Call Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-05 – Geotest Services, Inc.
- Possible Amendment 1 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-12 – Carletti Architects
- 2018 Annual Budget Amendment #6 (Ordinance 1917-18)
- Proposed Resolution Declaring Certain Items Surplus (Resolution 1012-18)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update and Action Items (Including Resolution 1013-18)

Councilmember Couch moved to approve the consent calendar items 1-12. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

Councilmember de Jong addressed item 5 and requested the Skagit Conservation District be scheduled to give a presentation to the Council. Mayor Johnson noted she would have that arranged.

Motion carried (6-0)

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

WSDOT 2018 Award of Excellence for Best City Project – Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9

Kathleen Davis, Director of Local Programs, Mehrdad Moini, NWR Local Programs Engineer, and Harry Haslam, NWR Assistant Local Programs Engineer presented Public Works Director Mark Freiberger and Mayor Johnson the 2018 Award of Excellence in the Best City Project category for the Jameson Arterial Extension to SR9 project.

Public Works Director Freiberger called upon Public Works staff members: Julie Rosario, Wally Hoyt, JoAnn Lazaron and Jorge Garcia of H.W. Lochner to come forward. Not in attendance was David Lee. Freiberger acknowledged the team effort for the project noting it takes the work of many to accomplish the projects.

A round of applause was given and photo opportunities taken.

Special Recognition – JoAnn Lazaron

Mayor Johnson recognized JoAnn Lazaron and honored her by presenting a plaque for her 25 years of leading efforts to create the Magic of Christmas by transforming our downtown into an amazing wonderland. She noted JoAnn has also volunteered her time for many other events and non-profit groups within the community. Mayor Johnson read a list of volunteers who helped with this year's event. A round of applause and a standing ovation were given for JoAnn's efforts.

Norma Cook and Paula Johnson representing the Chamber of Commerce presented her with a beautiful Christmas poinsettia.

JoAnn thanked her family, friends, coworkers and volunteers for their support and help. She stated it was her belief that downtown Sedro-Woolley was the most beautiful around.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – reported he had the most awesome grandson ever.

Asst. Fire Chief Wagner – expressed his thanks for the amazing parade and reported on the potato feed put on by the Sedro-Woolley Girls Fastpitch team held in the fire bays, immediately after the parade. He stated the ambulance will be going live with paramedic services on December 31st. The transition has been a team effort from start to finish. They have received their licensing and a letter from the Department of Health on a great job.

Planning Director Coleman – stated he already knew how awesome JoAnn was because he has had the pleasure of working with her. He reported in January a public hearing will be held on the proposed annexation and a long plat will be brought to Council for final approval.

Public Works Director Freiburger – addressed the receipt of the award received and noted that a lot goes into it and is not a sole effort. He also reviewed the busy year that was had and reviewed the many projects that were completed and gave a foresight of projects to come.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the library project and some additional costs incurred for site clean-up. He noted a lot going on and reminded the Council of the annual employee recognition lunch on December 21st at noon.

Finance Director Merriman – reported the Finance Department has signed up for a fraud prevention program called positive pay through US Bank. He stated it is another way to protect the city assets.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Kornegay – expressed a thank you to JoAnn and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember de Jong – thanked JoAnn for all her hard work in the community. He also noted changes in the Skagit Transit routes.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – expressed a thank you for the response of two agencies regarding speeders on Cook Road.

Councilmember Kelley – commented on the honor presented to JoAnn Lazon and mentioned the outstanding work of Nathan Salseina and the Volunteer Fire Department. She noted the beauty of the fire truck lighting and stated this year was the best attended parade yet. Next year the parade will be on the first Saturday in December. Kelley thanked the community for their support of the events.

Mayor Johnson – extended everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded Council of the worksession on January 2, 2019.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comments at 7:36 P.M.

Scott Stemhorn, resident of Bellingham addressed the Council regarding allowing bikes in the skate park. He spoke of bringing more people in and the community together noting it is the only skate park with lights.

Jeff Perkins – Anacortes resident also spoke in support of bikes being allowed in the skate park. He spoke of his passion for riding bikes and the comingling of bikes and skate boarding.

James Van de Kamp -- Bellingham resident also speaking in support of bikes being allowed in the skate park.

Harold Beither – 1207 Jameson, spoke of the great Fire Department as well as the Police Department. He noted they are very well trained and well respected. He also addressed the presentation for the Engineering Department for their great recognition. Beitler then addressed a stop sign at 4th and Jameson, his statistics after conducting his own traffic count and the lack of an ordinance regarding the changes on stop signs and traffic signs.

The Mayor closed public comments at 7:47 P.M. She encouraged those interested to attend the upcoming Parks meeting on January 23rd at 5:15 P.M. The topic will be a BMX Park.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

Information Only Items

- Fire Department Monthly Incident Data
- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Misc.

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Executive Session

Adjournment

Councilmember de Jong moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.