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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
February 27, 2019– 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, Judith Dunn Lee, Karl de Jong, Jared Couch and Pola Kelley. Staff: Finance Director Merriman, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Couch moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Kelley. Motion carried (7-0).

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes from Previous Meeting – February 13, 2019 (*cancelled*)
- Minutes from February 15, 2019 Special Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #190199 to 190279 plus EFT's in the amount of \$402,512.42
  - Payroll Checks #59755 to #59761 plus EFT's in the amount of \$282,016.37
- Possible Sole Source Resolution for WWTP Influent Pump Station Pump Replacement – Pump Guide Shoes (Resolution 1016-19)
- Amendment #1 to EMS System Delivery Agreement #C20180481 with Skagit County

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 thru 4. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (7-0).

**Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

Recognition – Louis Requa – Skagit Surveyors and Engineers

Mayor Johnson called upon Louis Requa of Skagit Surveyors and Engineers to come forward. She read an impressive resume to include his professional and civic contributions to many projects and civic groups. She presented him with an award from the city.

Requa thanked everyone for the honor and spoke of how things happen in three's in his life. He addressed recent happenings with the third one being the upcoming Northern State Ballfield complex.

Josh Requa, Requa's son spoke of having a busy father growing up and his father being a tireless worker. He spoke of even with being busy how he was always there for the family and appreciated family time. Josh Requa then read a quote that was befitting of his father.

Carl Garrison spoke of Requa's dedication and inspiration to many. He noted Louie has been involved in every park and playfield in the area over the years. Garrison also spoke of Louie's commitment to Rotary and being a model Rotarian and citizen.

Mayor Johnson read the plaque in his honor and a round of applause was given.

Swearing in of new Police Officer Brian R. Hoyson

Mayor Johnson introduced the newest Police Officer Brian Hoyson and administered the Oath of Office. A round of applause was received.

Swearing in of new Police Sergeant Heather L. Sorsdahl

Mayor Johnson called upon Heather Sorsdahl and administered the oath of office as Police Sergeant. A round of applause was received.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival 2019 Poster Presentation with Cindy Verge

Cindy Verge presented the 2019 Tulip Poster and spoke of the artist and poster design. She also addressed Tulip Festival activities that have been expanded into Sedro Woolley.

Skagit Watershed Council Update with Richard Brocksmith (rescheduled)

Presentation by Vineyard Development for the Avalon Development (rescheduled)

## **Staff Reports**

Fire Chief Klinger – announced upcoming testing for volunteers. He noted they have five positions available. He also noted the paramedics are doing a great job in completing their testing requirements for firefighters. Chief Klinger stated the call volume is up from last year with a lot of responses in the Clear Lake/Day Creek area and things are going fantastic.

Police Chief Tucker – addressed the department restructuring with the addition of Officer Hoyson and the promotion of Sgt. Sorsdahl. He noted the final piece of the restructuring is on the agenda with a Lieutenant position.

Planning Director Coleman – updated Council on the Planning Commission’s work on Urban Village/Mixed Use Overlay. They will be taking a field trip to the Bothell area to look at an example.

Public Works Director Freiberger – introduced Travis Dills as the newest public works employee in the Solid Waste department. Freiberger also addressed the trash pick-up during the recent snow event. He spoke of the pre-load at the library site. Other items addressed was the striping on State Street, Wastewater Improvement project, various design projects and a trip to Olympia for the John Liner project. Some discussion ensued regarding salt/sand mixture for the snow storm.

Nathan Salseina – addressed the salt/sand mix currently received from the County and the benefits of having our own with some discussion of other options.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reviewed the proposed MOU with AFSCME. He requested action.

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the MOU with AFSCME Local 176. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (7-0).

Finance Director Merriman – noted the investment and debt management policies have been submitted to the State for certification. He is now working on financial management policies. He addressed funding for the Library and the process for obtaining bids. He also stated he is putting the final touches on the 2019 Budget that will have a new format.

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

Councilmember Couch – thanked the City staff for all their work in keeping the streets cleared and garbage picked up and the city running. Also special thanks to Nathan for locating some sand bags for his patrol vehicle. He gave special thanks to the Rotary Club for the upcoming improvements to the Community Center as well as for past projects.

Councilmember Kornegay – concurred with Councilmember Couch’s comments.

Councilmember Kinzer – thanked the city staff during the unusual snow storm.

Councilmember de Jong – noted he will be out of town at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and would like to join the meeting via conference call. He thanked the public safety crews.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – noted the cement is coming up in front of 490 Cook Rd as a result of the weather. She also requested something be done at 810 Cook Road. Dunn Lee reported she will not be at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Kelley – also thanked Nathan for the snow removal at Sedron and BYK for their Chamber event as well as all the work the crews have done and commented what a hard job it is.

Mayor Johnson – thanked the city crew as well and noted she had the opportunity to do a ride along with the crew during the snow event.

Proclamations

### **Public Comments**

Carl Garrison speaking on behalf of the Sedro-Woolley Rotary addressed the planned improvements at the Community Center. He noted this is the second phase of work. The project will have a stamped concrete patio, an arbor and storage area that will be a better use of space. He also spoke of the commitment for future projects to update the kitchen and restrooms.

Council questions regarding the community centers interaction with the proposed spray park were addressed.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comment period at 7:56 P.M.

### **Public Hearings**

#### W. Bennett, W. Nelson, Batey, Robinson and Borseth Utility Connection Fee

Public Works Director Freiberger provided a brief overview of the request for a utility connection fee for W. Bennett, W. Nelson, Batey, Robinson and Borseth Streets noting the topic has been addressed at previous meetings. It was noted the staff recommendation is to approve.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:58 P.M.

With no comments received Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:59 P.M.

Councilmember Kelley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1918-19 establishing a utility connection fee of \$3,450.00 pursuant to RCW 35.92.025 for real property benefitted by sanitary sewer main on West Bennett, West Nelson, Batey, Robinson and Borseth Streets. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (7-0).

### **Unfinished Business**

#### City-Issued Cell Phones for Members of the City Council

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information regarding City-Issues Cell Phones for members of the city council.

A question regarding budget was addressed.

Councilmember Kelley moved to adopt Resolution No. 1017-19 A Resolution establishing a policy for city-issued cell phones for members of the City Council. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-2, Councilmembers Kornegay and Couch opposed).

## **New Business**

### Amendments to Residential 15 Zone – Ch. 17.16 SWMC

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed amendments to the R15 Zone regulations increasing the number of units allowed from eight units to twelve units. Coleman reviewed the Planning Commission recommendations and approval. He noted this is a first read with no action required.

### Proposed Annexation – Falklands 1.25 Acres on E. Jones Road

Planning Director Coleman reviewed background information for the annexation request of 1.25 Acres on E. Jones Road. He also reviewed staff recommendations and stated this is a first read with no action requested.

### SWPD Lieutenant Position

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the background information regarding the SWPD Lieutenant position. He stated this position has not been funded since 2014. The department is in the process of a small reorganization to include this position.

Councilmember Couch moved to approved Ordinance 1919-19 an ordinance establishing the salary for the police lieutenant. Seconded by all. Motion carried (7-0).

## **Information Only Items**

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Library Project Update
- Misc.

## **Good of the Order**

Executive Session

## **Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.