
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 10, 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 (absent), Karl de Jong, Jared Couch and Pola Kelley (absent). Staff: Recorder Brue, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiberger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Tucker

Councilmember de Jong moved to excuse Councilmembers Dunn Lee and Kelley. Councilmember Kornegay seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (5-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting – Including April 3, 2019 Study Session
- Finance
 - Counter Checks #4941 – 4948 in the amount of \$4,499.50
 - Claim Checks #190476 to #190561 in the amount of \$300,089.58
 - Payroll Checks #59780 to #59790 plus EFT's in the amount of \$395,222.44
- Planning Commissioner Appointment – Danielle Freiberger
- Resolution 1020-19: Debt Management Policy
- Adoption of Resolution 1021-19: Investment Policy
- Surplus and Disposal of Non-Functional and Non-Repairable Equipment (Resolution 1022-19)
- SWPD Vehicle Requisition
- Governance Handbook Update – Council Committees (Resolution 1023-19)
- City Hall Office Hours (Ordinance 1921-19)
- Agreement with Seahurst Electric, Inc. – Professional Services Agreement 2019-PS-08

Councilmember Couch moved to approve the consent calendar items 1 thru 10. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Mayor Johnson acknowledged Danielle Freiberger in the audience who was appointed Planning Commissioner with the consent agenda action.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the training progress of their new officer. Tuesday officers went to Samish School to have lunch with the students. Chief Tucker spoke of the upcoming “Touch a Truck” fundraiser for Samish School. He also reported on a recent meeting with the local bar owners to review expectations and to set the tone and to build better communication. Tucker also noted he will be on vacation at the next Council meeting and Lt. McIlraith will be filling in, in his absence.

Fire Chief Klinger – gave an update on the rail car that was donated for the training site. They are working with Burlington Northern on the transport of the car. He also noted the residence quarters are almost full with a waiting list and we have three enrolled in the EMT Course that starts tonight.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the ADU legislation (SB5812) noting it has passed the Senate and has been sent for a second review in House. If passed it will require changes to the accessory dwelling code.

Public Works Director Frieberger – reported a crew is working on air line leaks at the wastewater plant. Work continues on the plans for the lane widening project on Hwy 20 that will go to bid in May. He also addressed the cost estimates for Solid Waste/Fleet building, noting they came in higher than expected. They will be working on how to phase the project. The first four chapters of the Sewer Comp Plan update is expected within a week. Freiberger reported there is no new news on Jones/John Liner Trail. He noted he will be working on the 6 Year Transportation Plan and County Economic Development grants.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – gave an update on continuing the Council interest in recreation and program potential. He stated he and the Mayor have had conversations with the YMCA about potential partnerships in Sedro-Woolley. He also reported on a follow up meeting with representatives from Western Washington University and their interest in focusing on the downtown area. Berg stated the Library will be going to bid on Monday with bid opening scheduled for May 10 at 2:00 P.M. He also reviewed some important dates and upcoming events noting there will be no May study session. June 5th at 5:00 P.M. will be a special meeting. Senator Wagoner, Representative Eslick and Representative Sutherland will present a legislative wrap up. Also on June 5th at 2:00 P.M. will be the Library ground breaking ceremony. Berg spoke of the number of calls coming in of businesses interested in coming to Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember and Mayor’s Reports

Councilmember Couch – thanked Chief Tucker for the presentation at the special meeting tonight.

Councilmember Owen – thanked all who made donations to the Meals on Wheels fundraiser.

Councilmember Kornegay – thanked the Council for excusing her at the last meeting.

Councilmember de Jong – thanked the Police for their great presentation and a vision forward for the community.

Mayor Johnson – announced Finance Director Merriman has received certification on the cities Investment Policy through the Washington State Treasurer’s office. She also reported she has received a number of inquiries regarding the Solid Waste recycling with questions on what is happening to the recycling now that China is not taking as much. She stated she spoke with Leo Jacobs, Solid Waste Supervisor and he noted that India, Pakistan and South Korea are still accepting recycling. Johnson thanked all the bar owners who came to meeting and said she appreciated Lt. McIlraith’s assistance as well and noted that incidents are down but they want to build good communication with and between the bars.

Proclamations

Mayor Johnson introduced Jada Trammell, Sedro Woolley School District Community Coalition Coordinator. Trammel spoke on Sedro-Woolley RISE (Rally to Inspire Safe Environments) and their goal to support the community in the creation of sustainable healthy changes and to prevent and reduce the use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco, opioids and other drugs. She provided statistics regarding opioids and announced the upcoming National Take Back Day on April 27th.

Lt. McIlraith spoke on the dispense box located at the Police Department that is available year round.

April 27, 2019 as Prescription Drug Take Back Day in Sedro-Woolley

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation declaring April 27, 2019 as Prescription Drug Take Back Day and called upon the people of Sedro-Woolley to observe and participate in order to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion, and prevent the number of opioid overdoses.

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comments up at 7:33P.M.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St., questioned a print out regarding library bonds with only the principal amount being listed. He also stated he is disappointed with not being able to hear what the budget looks like during the year and addressed the snow storm response. O’Neil also addressed the Council salaries stating the increase is warranted.

Phil Murray – 223 State St. addressed the proposed electronic billboard noting it is a waste of money.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comments at 7:38P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) updated

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan. He noted the only change from the last meeting was the proposed addition of the role of the City Councilmembers and with no other noted changes the plan is ready for action.

Councilmember Kornegay moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1922-19 an ordinance amending SWMC 2.40 and adopting an updated emergency plan. Councilmember Owen seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

New Business

Home Trust of Skagit: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Request

Jodi Monroe of Home Trust of Skagit addressed the Council regarding a Community Development Block Grant. She reviewed the purpose of Home Trust of Skagit that specializes in building homes for first time homebuyers and presented a powerpoint presentation highlighting the Summerlynd Project that was built in Mount Vernon.

Paul Schissler – an independent contractor working with Home Trust of Skagit spoke on Community Development Block Grants. He stated they would like to target Sedro Woolley for the next build. The grant would be a pass through to Home Trust of Skagit for property acquisition. He noted they have an application deadline of June 5th and entertained questions regarding the June 5th deadline, a public hearing being required and cost to city.

The concensus of the Council is for staff to bring back more information to include staff time involved, feasibility, possible locations and questioned partnering with Skagit Habitat.

City/School LED Message Board (Interlocal Agreement with SWSD)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported this has been an item on city/school agenda for years. We currently partner on the sign located at the corner of Cook and SR20. Current sign location realized a traffic count of approximately 11,000 cars per day with the proposed site at Bingham Park realizing a count of 22,000 cars per day. Action would delete the current sign and give the opportunity to maintain fresh messaging. The school district will be an equal partner in the cost and has approved it at their board meeting yesterday. Berg pointed out the agreement and conceptual drawing.

Council discussion ensued regarding sign brightness and traffic distraction.

Public Works Director Freiburger discussed the chosen location and visual impacts with further discussion regarding missing people who live south of town, finding another location to provide a broader service area, vehicle count, what protections we have against someone with rock and local sourcing.

Councilmember Couch moved to approve the attached agreement between the City and School District for the funding, construction and operation of a new electronic message board. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Discussion ensued regarding location, timing and Council options in regard to lack of a second.

Councilmember Couch moved to approve the attached agreement between the City and the School District for the funding, construction and operation of a new electronic message board. Seconded by Councilmember de Jong. Motion carried (4-1, Councilmember Kinzer opposed).

Ordinance 1923-19: Library LTGO Bond

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the first reading of the bond that was drafted by bond council out of Seattle. The ordinance authorizes general obligation bonds to be sold in the market place. He stated interest rates are estimated at this point and it is believed this will be consistent with the budget and Q & A. Action will be requested at the next council meeting.

Salary Increase for City Councilmembers

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented the follow up item regarding a salary increase for Councilmembers from \$500 to \$900 per month. Berg noted the salary ordinance would not benefit any position until an intervening election.

Councilmember Owen moved to put off until the full council is in attendance. Councilmember Kornegay seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Information Only Items

- Fire Department Monthly Incident Data
- Misc.

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Executive Session

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.