
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 24, 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

Councilmember Kinzer moved for Councilmember de Jong to attend the meeting by teleconference. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (6-0).

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

Councilmember Kornegay moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Couch. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (6-0).

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #191158 to #191251 plus EFT's in the amount of \$163,494.53
 - Payroll Checks #59850 to #59858 plus EFT's the amount of \$345,537.96
- 45 Day Referral to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- SWMC Amendment: Ordinance 1930-19
- Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority Appointment – Laurie Fellers (12/31/2023)
- Grand Funding agreement for Winnie Houser Park Revitalization Project
- Library Project Update and 2019 Library Capital Grant Agreement with Department of Commerce

Councilmember Kelley moved to approve the consent calendar with the noted corrections to the minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Dunn Lee. Motion carried (6-0).

- **Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

Sedro Woolley Volunteer Fire Department

Bobby Castilleja representing the Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Council and reported on the volunteer efforts of both the Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department who have worked together to upgrade the baseball fields at Riverfront Park. He stated they built and installed benches all with donated materials. He then showed before and after photos of the project and reported on future plans for more upgrades to the field for next year.

Mayor Johnson thanked Castilleja, the volunteers and Police for taking on a much-needed project.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged in the audience members of Boy Scout Troop 4067 who are working on a merit badge.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – reported a couple of officers are currently on medical leave. He also reported on two more presentations on I1639 that were well attended and noted a brief presentation will be given in August at Rotary.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on an available grant through the Department of Ecology for the shoreline master program required update in 2020. He stated \$16,800 is available for the update process.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported the Sidewalk and ADA Ramp project have been advertised for bids. They are also close to going to ad for the Borseth sewer project. TIB grants are due August 16th with plans to submit the SR 20 Lane Widening project and Jameson Street Overlay. Freiburger also spoke of the Council of Governments award for the John Liner Road Bicycle/Pedestrian improvements.

Finance Director Merriman – noted a handout placed at the dais of the Municipal Code regarding financial disclosure requirements.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on overgrown blackberries at the Wastewater Treatment Plant growing into residential areas at the end of Marshall.

Public Works Director Freiburger noted he just walked the property and it has been mostly cleaned up.

Kornegay also questioned the start of construction on the Library

Councilmember de Jong – reported on the concert at Riverfront Park noting it was well attended. He also questioned who is responsible for graffiti removal and in what time frame to be removed. de Jong stated there has been some tagging happening along State Street.

Public Works Director Freiburger noted tagging on the BNSF overcrossing. BNSF has been notified. A short discussion followed regarding tagging and clean up responsibilities.

Councilmember Dunn Lee – stated she received correspondence regarding the speed on Westview.

Councilmember Kelley – announced the grand opening at Double Barrel BBQ at 2:00 P.M. on August 2nd.

Mayor Johnson– commented on the great concert with three more scheduled.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comment at 7:20 P.M.

Tim Woodmansee – 702 Metcalf St., Suite A, co-owner of BYK Construction addressed their support of the proposed urban village code. He noted they have property under contract contingent on the passing of the Urban Village code. Woodmansee also spoke on the importance to get more people in Sedro-Woolley in all kinds of buildings. With more people in Sedro-Woolley, the better it is for businesses. He stated they believe in a variety of housing and the Urban Village code is a way to get more housing. He also stated they are invested in Sedro-Woolley and spoke of the cities willingness to hear their voices and vision.

Woodmansee closed with stating the Pioneer Marketplace has plans to open on Monday.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comment at 7:23P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

Urban Village Mixed Use Overlay Development Regulations

Planning Director Coleman introduced for a second read the Urban Village Mixed Use Overlay Development Regulations. He noted the topic had been reviewed in detail at the last meeting and with no changes; he entertained questions from the Council.

Councilmember Kinzer expressed concern for the parking requirements for one/two bedroom units. Coleman reviewed the parking requirements noting commercial is required to have

separate parking that does not overlap with the residential. He referenced parking at the Downtown 48 apartments and compared other jurisdictions requirements

Councilmember Kornegay questioned additional storage for accessory vehicles. Coleman noted this was discussed at Planning Commission level with smaller units using less space and relying on transit and are less car dependent.

Councilmember Kelley addressed the impact to downtown noting there is room for growth without harming the basic downtown core.

Councilmember Kelley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1931-19 adopting amendments to Title 17 SWMC and the design standards and guidelines manual to establish regulations for the Urban Village Mixed Use Overlay. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-1, Councilmember de Jong opposed).

Councilmember Dunn Lee moved to approve Ordinance No. 1932-19 adopting a new subarea plan for the Urban Village Mixed Use Overlay into the Land Use Element of the comprehensive plan. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (5-1, Councilmember de Jong opposed).

Councilmember Kinzer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1933-19 adopting amendments to the City zoning map to show the Urban Village Mixed Use Overlay on the city zoning map. Seconded by Councilmember Kornegay. Motion carried (5-1, Councilmember de Jong opposed).

Councilmember Kornegay thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work.

New Business

Unoccupied Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Policy

Tucker Link – introduced himself to the Council. He is a native of Stanwood, WA and has been interning with the City of Sedro-Woolley for the month of July. He currently attends Indiana University and is studying Government Policy. As part of his internship, he has been working on the UAV policy. He noted the policy is structured after Bloomington, Indiana who has a population of 45,000. He noted it has been simplified for a smaller city and stipulates what departments can use them as well as appropriate uses.

Link entertained questions from the Council to include other cities nearby that have policies.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that the Skagit County Sheriff's office and Swinomish Police utilize the UAV's and have used them under mutual aid to support Police efforts.

Mayor Johnson noted it was a first read and thanked Tucker Link for his work on the ordinance.

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the unoccupied Aerial vehicle policy. Councilmember Dunn Lee seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Information Only Items

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Misc.

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Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.