
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 14, 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, Karl de Jong, 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 Lt. McIlraith

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Counter Checks #4962 to #4965 in the amount of \$4,000.00
 - Claim Checks #191252 to #191377 in the amount of \$732,575.86
 - Payroll Checks #59859 to #59870 plus EFT's the amount of \$405,296.30
- SWMC Amendment: Ordinance 1934-19
- 2019 Annual Budget Amendment #2: Ordinance 1935-19
- Settlement Agreement with Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC
- Possible Amendment No. 3 and Task Order No. 3 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2019-PS-25 – Pacific Landscape Architecture – Winnie Houser Park
- Ratification of Award – 2019 Complete Streets Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Improvements Project – 2019-PW-03
- Possible Surplus Resolution 1032-19
- Final Acceptance – W. Bennett, W. Nelson & Batey Sewer Extension Project – SRV Construction Company 2018-PW-19
- Final Acceptance – 2018 State Street Pavement and Utility Improvements Project – SRV Construction Company – 2018-PW-03
- Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Woodrow Place – Resolution 1033-19
- Intelicom Inc. dba. Litesys Inc. – Purchase Order No. 2019-PO-12

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve consent calendar items 1 through 12. Councilmember Owen seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

- **Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

Skagit Trail Builders – Jim Taylor

Jim Taylor of the Skagit Trail Builders presented background information on the group and gave a power point presentation. He noted the group started a decade ago and their first project was building trails at Little Mountain in Mount Vernon. They are now working on a project in Sedro-Woolley at the Northern State Regional Trails. Partners in the project are Skagit County Parks & Rec, Port of Skagit County, City of Sedro-Woolley, Cascade Job Corps, Sedro-Woolley Rotary and United General Hospital District 304 as the newest partner. He presented an overview of the project with the first trail being built adjacent to Hanson Creek and will be known as the Pump House Trail. Taylor also spoke on volunteer opportunities stating they have monthly sessions on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM -4:30 PM.

Staff Reports

Police Lt. McIlraith – reported they are gearing up with the hiring process and will be interviewing 24 candidates next week.

Councilmember de Jong questioned the uptake in graffiti and the response time of the canine unit.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported the volunteers took their annual trip to Camp Phoenix on Sunday and Monday. They took the fire truck for the kids to look at and did a bbq for them as well. He stated the annual hose testing has been delayed. On behalf of Asst. Fire Chief Olson, Chief Klinger gave an update on the training site. Chief Klinger also reported the Burn the Boot dinner and auction will be held October 26th.

Planning Director Coleman – gave an update on the Habitat for Humanity build on Batey Street. He reported the Planning Commission would continue to discuss Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) at their next meeting. Coleman reported the Urban Mixed Use overlay that was approved at the last council meeting is now in effect. At the next meeting, he plans to present an update to the fee schedule. Coleman announced Katherine Weir would be starting as Asst. Planner on Friday.

Mayor Johnson spoke on the Batey Street project being built by Habitat for Humanity. She noted they are looking for volunteers and work Thursdays – Saturdays.

Public Works Director Freiburger – spoke on the ratification of award for the Complete Street/ADA Project. He noted the placement of the ad for the Robinson, Borseth Sewer project will be happening tomorrow. Freiburger reported on a meeting with BNSF Railroad to discuss a number of backed up items, including the overcrossing graffiti. He stated permission has been granted for the rails at Metcalf and Puget crossings be removed BNSF has also agreed to

remove the remainder of the rails from State to Ferry Street. Freiburger addressed the ADA sidewalks and ramps throughout town.

Discussion was held regarding the need for ramps at the front of the entrance at the American Legion, the need for the alley between Marshall and Jennings to be graded and graveled, and the ADA ramp locations.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported Code Enforcement Officer Laura Carr has been successful with some code enforcement efforts and the receipt of a large fine. He also provided an update on the Library and noted a monthly project update will be given. Berg reported on a shared sick leave request.

Councilmember Kelley questioned the code on boarded up windows with discussion.

Councilmember de Jong questioned the status of affordable housing in connection with Senate House Bill 1406.

Finance Director Merriman – noted the June financial reports have been emailed. He reported an even cash flow and noted he is watching interest rates for signals of a recession. He is also keeping an eye on the arterial street funds and what might happen with the TBD funds in November.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Kornegay –expressed her feelings regarding the Sedro-Woolley Museum recent newsletter. She noted she supports the museum but was disappointed by the article placed without any context. She tried to reach out to the museum but did not get a response. Kornegay added having context with the newsletter would have made a difference. Kornegay requested the city consider sponsoring a social and racial justice conversation for the general public, museum, library and city staff. She also would like to see diversification of the museum board.

Kornegay read a letter into the record from Bethany Hall Summers, Pastor of Burlington Lutheran Church regarding the newsletter and the message it was sending.

Mayor Johnson read a statement from the Sedro-Woolley Museum stating their statement of purpose and their regret that the newsletter offended some. Those wishing to address the issue were encouraged to attend the next museum board meeting on September 5th at 6:30 P.M.

Councilmember Kinzer – stated as a museum board member the submission in the newsletter does not reflect the opinion of the entire board. Kinzer expressed her apologies to Councilmember Kornegay.

Councilmember de Jong – thanked the Council for allowing him to participate in the last meeting by phone. He reported on the Riverfront Park Concert series with the charity of choice being the food bank and over \$2000 was raised during the four concerts to benefit the food bank.

Councilmember Kelley – reported on the grand opening for Pioneer Marketplace and Double Barrel BBQ.

Mayor Johnson read a letter from Don Collen of the Wildcat Steelhead Club thanking the city for their help with the dredging project at the Northern State Pond. He specifically singling out Nathan Salseina for his beyond cooperation. She expressed a thank you to Robert and Sally Carlson for their invitation to National Night Out. Mayor Johnson announced the upcoming National Good Neighbor Day on September 28th.

Mayor Johnson read a letter from Pastor Eric Wangen Hoch of Bethlehem Lutheran Church regarding the museum newsletter.

Councilmember Kelley spoke of adding a statement to the city website “All are welcome”.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened public comments at 8:10 P.M.

Richard Aldrich addressed traffic on Reed Street. He noted that a stop sign was placed on one side of the three-way intersection. He stated the speeding usually happens around 8:15 AM. Aldrich also spoke of the reputation of the town.

Julian Pavisi – 519 Sapp Rd. spoke to the Council to substantiate the activity in the area of Reed Street. He stated it has been going on for a long time. Pavisi also addressed the stormwater treatment and fee that is charged to city residents.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comments.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

Impact of easements on the buildable area of new lots – Ch. 17.04 SWMC

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding amendments to address the impacts of transmission line easements and ingress/egress easements on usable lot area requirements for new lots.

Some discussion was held with no action taken.

TIP Grant Approval and Match Requirements

Public Works Director Freiburger recommended approval for the SR 20 West Lane Widening Project and the Jameson Street Overlay Project grants. He reviewed the match requirements, funding sources and ramp replacement.

Councilmember de Jong commented on the Transportation Benefit District, which is at risk with I-976.

Councilmember Kelley –noted that the Chamber of Commerce runs the local licensing services, she stated the comments, and complaints regarding the TBD fee have gone down and believes the bigger issue with the fees is because of the light rail in Snohomish to Pierce County.

Councilmember Dunn moved to authorize staff to apply for the grants identified in this memo and to commit the local match dollars identified in this memo. Councilmember Kelley seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Information Only Items

- Fire Department Monthly Incident Data – July 2019
- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Library Project Update
- Public Works/Engineering Department Report
- Report of Contracts approved under SWMC 2.104.060
- Misc.

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Executive Session

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
