
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 8, 2020– 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, Brendan McGoffin (absent), Karl de Jong, Jared Couch (absent) and Glenn Allen. 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 absences of Councilmembers McGoffin and Couch. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Kornegay seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including December 4, 2019 Study Session)
- Finance
 - Counter Checks #4983 to #4992 in the amount of \$816.40
 - Claim Checks #192132 to #192224 plus EFT's in the amount of \$564,570.29
 - Claim Checks #192225 to #192275 in the amount of \$141,310.51
 - Payroll Checks #59947 to #59953 plus EFT's the amount of \$286,899.51
 - Payroll Checks #59954 to #59964 plus EFT's in the amount of \$483,799.91
- Possible Amendment No. 3 – Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-12 with Carletti Architects P.S.
- MOU with SWPSG
- Organizational Matters

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the consent calendar items 1-5. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (5-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Didgwalic Presentation

Keith Ford spoke on behalf of the Didgwalic Wellness Center in Anacortes. He stated Didgwalic is a drug and alcohol rehab program and presented the history of the Swinomish wellness program. He noted in 1997 they saw an uprise in opioids and in 2016 opened a methadone clinic for both tribal and non-tribal clients with the goal to eliminate all barriers to their clients. He noted it is their 2-year anniversary for full services both intensive and regular treatment. Ford explained the various services and programs offered noting they are currently serving 323 clients with 65% being non-native.

Ford entertained Council questions regarding family therapy, resources, length of treatment, check in process, homeless population, housing, regulatory agencies, staffing and the hierarchy of opioid use disorder interventions.

He reported on the purchase of the drive in theatre property with plans to build a housing compound both short and long term transitional housing, training center and an addition to their current building.

Council questioned how many Sedro Woolley clients are being served and the needle exchange program.

Census 2020 with Sara Bernard -- *no show*

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – announced Officer Whitt has started the academy and they have made a conditional offer to another candidate. He also spoke of the patrol officers recently going to 12-hour shifts.

Mayor Johnson – stated Officer Katie Wilson was leaving to work at another department and wished her luck with her new opportunities.

Police Chief Tucker announced the retirement of David Pierce. He invited all to Pierce's retirement party to be held on January 15.

Fire Chief Klinger – wished all a Happy New Year. He reported on a fatal fire on Christmas, stating the department did a good job handling it. He also noted 2019 was another busy year with a 27% increase in calls.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the annexation on Jones Road and the Department of Emergency Managements update of the natural hazardous mitigation plan. He noted the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 21 regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and announced there is snow in the forecast.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reviewed the various projects and their stages to include the SR20 Lane Widening project, Cascade Trail Extension, and the agreement for the Jameson Overlay Project. He stated the Feb 5 worksession would entail a discussion on the effects of I-976. Other projects reviewed were the SR20/SR9 Improvements Project, WWTP Electrical Project, Carletti contract for the Lab Operations Building and the Jones/John Liner project. Freiburger also touched on the BNSF funding for the undercrossing, transportation modeling and the need to review the transportation impact fees.

Finance Director Merriman – reported the Finance Department has been busy wrapping up 2019 and reviewed the focus of the auditors regarding the claims cutoff date. He reported on news from the Economic Federal Open Market Committee that has reversed its prediction of a recession.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Kinzer – announced the receipt of a grant in the amount of \$24, 428.00 through the Historical Preservation Society for use at the Northern State Hospital Cemetery.

Councilmember de Jong – reported he would be out of town first week of February. He addressed his past and present Council committee assignments. de Jong encouraged everyone to participate in a day of service on Martin Luther King Day. He also remembered working with Senior Center volunteer Phillip who died in the fire on Christmas Day.

Councilmember Allen – thanked the Mayor and staff for the meeting on Monday.

Mayor Johnson– announced a coffee hour with Rick Larsen at the Senior Center on Sunday, January 12. She also noted they are looking at dates for a council retreat and will be scheduling a tour of the new library.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comments at 7:57 P.M. With no comments received, she closed the public comments at 7:57 P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Johnson stated that it had been requested to table the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem to the next meeting when all Councilmembers are in attendance.

Information Only Items

- Fire Department Monthly Incident Data – November & December 2019
- Building Permit & Planning Permit Review Status
- Report of Contracts approved under SWMC 2.104.060

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Executive Session

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.