
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 12, 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, Karl de Jong, Jared Couch 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

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #192413 to #192520 in the amount of \$268,613.23
 - Payroll Checks #59977 to #59989 plus EFT's in the amount of \$402,975.01
- Proposed Resolution 1041-20 declaring certain items surplus
- Possible Sole Source Resolution 1042-20 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Pump Station Pump Replacement
- Possible Contract Award – New Automated Side Loader Refuse Truck – Wester Peterbilt Inc.
- Possible Contract Award – 2020 Ford F250 Pickup 4WD – Columbia Ford
- Employment Agreement – Douglas Merriman, City Supervisor
- Ordinance No. 1950-20: Adopt a Biennial Budget Process
- 2020 Salary Ordinance Amendment No. 1952-20
- Public Works Agreement 2020-PW-07 – Winnie Houser Park Electrical System Installation – Dahl Electric Inc.
- 2020 Out of State Travel Request – Solid Waste – 2020 Waste Expo Conference

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve the consent calendar items 1 thru 11. Councilmember Couch seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Job Corp Program Updates for 2020 with Macklin Hamilton

Mack Hamilton, Business and Career Liaison, presented the current happenings and gave an update on Job Corp. He introduced Darrell Lutton, Academy Director who was in the audience. Hamilton presented an overview of the Job Corp program, noting it is a federally funded, tuition free program for young adults with educational or financial barriers. He addressed the traditional and the general administration pilot programs. They currently have 280 students and 135 staff with a capacity of 300 students. Also addressed were changes to the admissions and placement program, eligibility requirements, non-resident option, recruitment, program updates and college track and career track students.

Jennifer Harvey, IT student, Network Plus Program and Kue Lennington, Medical Assistant student in the Healthcare Trade spoke of the programs and goals they are achieving through enrollment at Cascades.

Hamilton invited everyone to their upcoming Community Relations lunch on March 19th.

Hamilton entertained questions regarding the difference between the traditional program and the pilot program and dual enrollment with Skagit Valley College.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – gave a brief update on their hiring process noting some success. He also thanked Glenn Gardner for his work of converting an old patrol car into a radar car for traffic monitoring.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the hiring of four new firefighters, some who reside in the Quarters. He noted the Quarters are now full.

Planning Director Coleman – stated he has been keeping up on the legislative progress for several affecting land use. He also stated the Skagit County Secured Transition Facility hearing would be scheduled soon.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on recent trips to Olympia regarding the request for funding for the Jones/John Liner/BNSF Undercrossing. He noted Councilmember de Jong was working behind the scenes. He also addressed the final review of the sewer comprehensive plan and other projects in progress. Freiburger addressed the recent flood events noting the Wastewater crew did an outstanding job during the high water event and reported on the hiring of a new operator and the status of the second position.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the next couple of agendas would be heavy as he closes out items to accommodate the transition of his leaving.

Finance Director Merriman – announced the current Bias software used in the finance department has been acquired by Springbrook. He will be keeping an eye out for any major changes. The year-end financial summary should be available to Council by the next meeting. He also spoke on the new budget format.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Couch – expressed a thank you to the Mayor, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Public Works Director Freiburger and city staff regarding the help with a citizen concern on Jones Road.

Councilmember Kornegay – spoke on attending an event at Job Corps. She questioned if a Library update tour was being scheduled. She also gave a reminder of the trail building event at the Swift Center. Kornegay questioned the dog park and dividing areas for small and large dogs.

Councilmember de Jong – reported on the Helping Hands Food Bank thank you event noting it was a well-attended event. de Jong reported on his trip to Olympia. He commended the people of Ward 6 for their pre storm work and reported on attending the Governor's statewide strategy workshop on Salmon enhancement and restoration.

Councilmember McGoffin – thanked Chief Tucker and the Police Department for the radar reader board. He also cautioned people regarding active spam callers and reminded everyone that the city would not call asking for personal information.

Mayor Johnson – reported on the trip to Olympia and thanked Mark Struli, Lobbyist who helped set up meetings. She thanked Liz Lovelett for questioning funding on the BNSF Undercrossing and Councilmember de Jong for his work in Olympia as well. Mayor Johnson announced the upcoming open house for the Olmstead Park development project on February 26th and the Fox 2020 Stair Climb fundraiser lunch. She also announced on March 11th from 3P.M. -5P.M. in the Council chambers a farewell open house to honor City Supervisor/Attorney Berg. He will be leaving to take on a new venture as Executive Director of the Port of Port Townsend.

Police Chief Tucker – stated he and Councilmember Couch participated in a Walk of Honor for one of the 911 dispatchers, noting it was a very humbling experience.

Proclamations

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comments at 7:56 P.M.

Carol Torset – 718 Jenings St., requested a port a pottie be placed at the dog park.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comments at 7:57 P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

Information Only Items

- Fire Department Monthly Incident Data – January 2020
- Building Permit & Planning Permit Review Status
- Olmsted Park Development Project Open House

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Executive Session

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.