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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
May 13, 2020– 4:00 P.M. – Via Teleconference

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, City Supervisor Merriman, Finance Manager Scott, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and City Attorney Thompson.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the agenda including a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember's de Jong, Allen and Kornegay from the April 22, 2020 meeting due to technical difficulties. (No seconded recorded). Motion carried (7-0).

### **Consent Calendar**

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Counter Checks #5000 to #5003 in the amount of \$399.50
  - Claim Checks #192982 to #193077 in the amount of \$708,496.02
  - Payroll Checks #60047 to #60059 plus EFT's in the amount of \$444,328.81
- Proposed Resolution (1051-20) declaring certain items surplus
- Proposed Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County for Partial Funding of the SR20 West Lane Widening and Safety Improvements Project
- Proposed Rail, Freight and Ports Division State Funding Agreement with WSDOT for the Jones/John Liner Road BNSF Undercrossing Project

Councilmember Kornegay moved to approve consent agenda items 1 through 5. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion carried (7-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

### **Staff Reports**

Fire Chief Klinger – reported no Birthday parades this week.

Police Chief Tucker – reported on an ongoing protester at Riverfront Park.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on contractors getting back to work and making sure the COVID requirements are being followed. The planning commission meeting will be held as scheduled for May.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported the SR20 project is currently out to bid with a June start date. He also reported on the Jameson overlay project, WWTP electrical upgrade, progress on the ADA inventory, west lane widening project, BNSF undercrossing agreement with WSDOT and an upcoming public hearing , June 24, 2020 for the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Freiburger also reported the Street Department has been doing street preparation for upcoming chip seal projects.

Finance Manager Scott – stated the Finance Department has been continuing to operate on a staggered schedule. She noted she is impressed with the Finance Staff and the ability to work under unusual and challenging circumstances.

IT Director Chambers – reported he is catching up on web postings and working on Phase 1 of the Council AV upgrade,

City Supervisor Merriman – reported he has been working on a budget amendment and spoke on the funding package (CARES Package, Hero’s funding). He is also working on a phase in plan for when we start working together again.

Councilmember de Jong questioned the CARES Package of what it can be spent on.

### **Councilmember and Mayor’s Reports**

Councilmember Owen – addressed receiving a number of emails.

Councilmember Kornegay – questioned if the National Guard is still at the Food Bank. Councilmember de Jong reported they are still her and will be here through June with Operation Olympic. They are also helping seven other food banks along with Helping Hands.

Councilmember McGoffin – cautioned regarding copy and paste emails. He said they might contain links that have redirects’.

Councilmember de Jong – reported he has been spending time with the paycheck protection program for small business owners. He is also working federally for funding for essential services and highlighted the Explore Sedro Woolley addition to the Skagit Valley Herald.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Johnson encouraged people to send their concerns via email or mail and they will be read into the record.

Public Hearings

## **Unfinished Business**

### Ordinance #1956-20: Imposition of Affordable Housing Sales Tax

City Supervisor Merriman introduced the proposed ordinance for the imposition of the Affordable Housing Sales Tax. He noted it follows the process previously talked about. The estimated tax is approximately \$14,000 from the state. It can be used for intended purposes or we can enter into an interlocal agreement with the County or another city.

Councilmember de Jong addressed discussion of having representation for plan 2 and suggested having the representation assigned to the Council Planning Committee chair.

Councilmember Allen spoke of the need for an interlocal agreement and the need for representation. He also addressed the anticipated decrease in sales tax revenue.

Mayor Johnson addressed keeping the funding with the possibility of developing housing at a time in the future.

## **New Business**

### One-read request for preliminary plat and final plat approvals

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the one read request for preliminary plat and final plat approvals. The request was discussed in December 2019 and was submitted by a local developer with specifics of why the request. It was also discussed at the last work session.

Some discussion ensued regarding language within the document.

Councilmember Couch moved to make the action a motion that would give the Council the option to do only one reading of a preliminary plat approval ordinance and a final plat approval solution. Seconded by Councilmember de Jong. Roll Call Vote, motion carried (7-0).

## **Information Only Items**

Fire Department Monthly Incident Data – April 2020  
Public Works Director Authority Record

## **Good of the Order**

Executive Session

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to bring forward.