
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 8, 2020– 4:00 P.M. – Via Teleconference

Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Brenda Kinzer, Germaine Kornegay (absent), Chuck Owen, Brendan McGoffin (Late), Karl de Jong, Jared Couch (Late) and Glenn Allen. Staff: Recorder Brue, City Supervisor Merriman, Finance Manager Scott, IT Director Chambers, Planning Director Coleman, Public Works Director Freiburger, Fire Chief Klinger, Police Chief Tucker and City Attorney Thompson.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Kinzer moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (4-0).

Councilmember McGoffin joined the meeting.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Counter Checks #5004 to #5008 in the amount of \$2,063.49
 - Claim Checks #193356 in the amount of \$5,914.09
 - Claim Checks #193357 to #193347 in the amount of \$259,502.69
 - Payroll Checks #60094 to #60107 plus EFT's in the amount of \$425,506.88

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the consent calendar items 1 & 2. Councilmember McGoffin seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the protest held Saturday, July 4. He also addressed reports of spray-painting on sidewalks the many calls with a lot going on and issuing of a search warrant. Chief Tucker announced Deion Whitt will be graduating from the Academy on Friday and Harry McGaughey will be going to the academy soon, with others being scheduled for their academy dates.

Councilmember de Jong – questioned the graffiti on the Baptist Church Sign.

Police Chief Tucker – noted the help on July 4, provided by the Sherriff's Department.

Fire Chief Klinger -- reported a busy weekend with 45 calls, 3 CPR's, 3 people air lifted and a shooting all handled by staff with great ease. He noted the department would be having a special ceremony for the Medic that helped deliver a baby.

Planning Director Coleman – spoke about the Accessory Dwelling Unit fees. The discussion will be dovetailed with the Traffic Impact Fees. A public hearing will be held July 22.

Director of Public Works Freiburger – reported on the transportation impact fee update scheduled for a first read at the next meeting. A public hearing on the topic will also be held. Other items reported was a Pre Bid meeting for WWTP Electrical contract, with the award on July 22. An invitation to bid for the WWTP diffuser has been published and closes on 16th with the bid award on July 22. Freiburger reported the count down for Debbie Allen's retirement date is nearing. He commended her 30+ years of service to the City. He also addressed the sewer comprehensive plan draft that is ready for a Planning Commission hearing, pre-construction meeting for SR20 W. Lane Widening and Jameson Overlay with notices going out to the public, work is being done on the Northern State Hospital Fencing grant project, the Houser park paving and irrigation work and staff are prepping for chip seal projects.

Mayor Johnson also noted the retirement of Steve Huizinga from the Sewer Department.

Finance Manager Scott – commented on a busy couple of weeks with daily operations. She also stated budget time is approaching.

IT Director Chambers – reported he has been assisting with public works online auctions. The installation has started for the AV upgrade and he has also been busy with Zoom meetings for BPE, the fiber franchise agreement and CARES Act.

Councilmember Couch joined the meeting at 4:18 P.M.

City Supervisor Merriman – commented that Attorney Thompson has been working hard on a number of items and thanked her for her time. He addressed revenues, noting sales tax numbers did not fluctuate much with online shopping and one-time construction projects filling the gap. He also addressed outside funding for costs related to the pandemic. (Cares, FEMA, Hero's funding with Payroll Protection Plan (PPE) not qualified). Merriman gave an update on the Library project with late September for substantial completion. He noted the project is on target for budget. He also stated the 2021 Budget packets would be out shortly.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember McGoffin – expressed a thank you for the city departments on their handling of the influx over the weekend.

Councilmember Owen – gave compliments to police department. He commented on the protest parade showing support for the police department and stated this year July 4 had a hollow feeling to it.

Councilmember de Jong – thanked the police for their professionalism. He noted there were many ad hoc fireworks shows in neighborhoods. He also reminded everyone to keep washing their hands and to wear their masks.

Councilmember Kinzer – also gave a special thank you to the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Department. She also presented her thanks for an immediate post on Facebook of a lost little girl.

Mayor Johnson – spoke of the Cares Act grants for businesses and announced the deadline has been extended to July 17. She expressed a thank you to Don Collen for the flyover of the Wolf Pack on July 4 and the Lions Club for the virtual parade. COVID numbers were reviewed and a shout out to Rebecca Larsen of Helping Hands Food Bank for her dedication with record amounts of food being handed out. Mayor Johnson also gave a reminder that comments regarding the Chevron Clean Up project are still being accepted until July 21. She gave a big thank you to the Police, Fire, and Public Works departments for their work over the fourth.

Public Comments

None Received.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

Proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2021-2026

Public Works Director Freiburger reported the public hearing and first read was held on June 22. He entertained questions from the Council, with no questions presented. Councilmember de Jong moved to adopt Resolution 1051-20 adopting the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

Proposed Amended Comprehensive Plan Amendment List

Planning Director Coleman reported the Council approved the 2020 comprehensive plan docket back in March. The docket is a list of items the Planning commission will work on. The two items approved were rezone requests for two separate parcels. Public works is working on a sewer comprehensive plan, which is part of the Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan. In order to run it under the comprehensive plan cycle, staff recommends adding the Sewer Comprehensive Plan to the 2020 Docket.

Councilmember Kinzer moved to add a third item to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Docket. Councilmember McGoffin seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Skagit County 2020 Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

Planning Director Coleman reviewed background information on the Skagit County 2020 Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan noting it is a second read. The plan must be adopted by each jurisdiction before it can become officially recognized by FEMA.

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve Resolution No. 1056-20 adopting the Skagit County 2020 Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried. (6-0).

New Business

Information Only Items

Fire Department Monthly Incident Data – June 2020
Report of Contracts approved under SWMC 2.104.060

Good of the Order

Under Good of the Order, Mayor Johnson passed on a suggestion from Eric and Rachel Wagen-Hoch to close Metcalf Street either Friday evenings or Saturdays so businesses can extend their store outdoors during the summer.

Some discussion was held with the Council consensus to look into further and to talk to the downtown business owners. A concern was also expressed about Covid monitoring if this happened.

Executive Session

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.