

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Nichols called the second Council meeting for the month of January to order at 6:32 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall, 23920 113th Place West. Councilmembers William Anderson, Kent Saltonstall, Tom Whitson, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Tom Howard were present. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Deputy Clerk Heidi Napolitano were also present.

WA STATE AUDITOR EXIT INTERVIEW (IN CONFERENCE ROOM)

Kristina Baylor, Audit Manager for the Everett office of the State Auditor's Office, introduced herself and the rest of the audit team: Amanda Robinson, Assistant Audit Manager, and Clay Trushinsky, Audit Lead. The team presented the accountability audit report and shared that Woodway's audit was clean with no findings or management letters.

Mr. Trushinsky thanked Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld and Town Administrator Eric Faison for their assistance during the audit. The audit team gave a brief explanation of how the audit focus areas were chosen and shared that the report would be published within the next few weeks.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Nichols called for a brief recess to allow the Council to move to the council chambers for the remainder of the meeting.

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE PRESENTATION – ANDY CLELAND, USDA

Mayor Nichols resumed the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and introduced Andy Cleland, Wildlife Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Mr. Cleland began his presentation by explaining that when humans feed coyotes, even unintentionally, it can result in coyotes expecting humans to provide food sources on a consistent basis. This dependence eventually weakens the coyotes' ability to exist in the wild. Studies have shown that removing coyotes from urban areas and "transplanting" them to a new area has not been successful, many times increasing the likelihood that the coyote would not survive. He then gave a brief explanation of the yearly cycles of coyote life and when they're more likely to be active.

Mr. Cleland shared the signs he uses to assess whether a coyote poses a risk to humans, the best ways to scare them away, and how to best protect pets. He offered to share information for an upcoming edition of the Whisper. He concluded by answering questions from the audience.

At 8:08 pm, Councilmember Saltonstall excused himself due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016.

Councilmember Whitson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve 2015 Claims Checks #11067, 11072 through 11083, 11105, and 11106 for the amount of \$63,415.51. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve 2016 Claims Check #11068 through 11071, 11084 through 11104, and one EFT for the amount of \$52,445.68. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mitchell reported that she recently attended a WCIA training on best practices for communicating with your community during a crisis. She also shared that WCIA has other training and grant opportunities available.

Councilmember Anderson requested an excused absence for the second meeting in February.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reminded the council of the upcoming retreat on January 28 at 4:30 pm. She also notified the council that she would be holding a meeting for the neighborhood disaster coordinators to schedule upcoming training sessions.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Town Administrator Eric Faison submitted a written report.

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT:

Mayor Nichols presented the 2016 Ogden Murphy Wallace contract. A brief discussion followed.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to approve the. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Nichols shared that two planning commission terms ended on December 31. Those two planning commissioners were asked to continue and they accepted. Also, Mayor Nichols reported that she was working to fill a position left vacant by a recent resignation.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to confirm the Mayor’s re-appointment of Jan Ostlund and Andrew DeDonker to the Planning Commission. *Councilmember Howard* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION-CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:

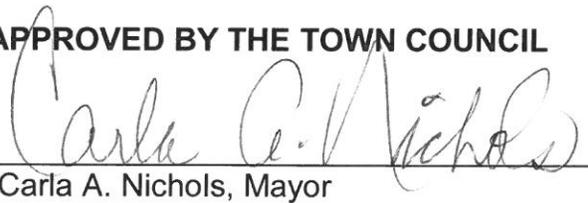
Councilmember Whitson asked a few questions about Town Administrator Faison's report concerning the timing of the Interlocal Agreement between the Town and Snohomish County and the timeline for submitting a petition to the Boundary Review Board. Discussion of the report followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Whitson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Heidi K. S. Napolitano, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Carla A. Nichols, Mayor

(These minutes accurately reflect what was said at the Council Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)