

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 22, 2013

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council convened an executive session at 6:30 p.m. for approximately 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Nichols reconvened the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The second Council meeting for the month of January was called to order by Mayor Nichols at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan and Kaye Lyon, 22430 Dogwood Lane. Councilmembers present were William Anderson, Kent Saltonstall, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Tom Whitson. Councilmember Mike Quinn had an excused absence. Town Administrator Eric Faison was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 as amended. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes as amended carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

A motion was made and seconded to approve 2012 Claims Checks #8435 through #8445 for the total amount of \$3,986.71. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve 2013 Claims Checks #8434, 8446 through #8468 and one EFT for the total amount of \$189,563.03. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mitchell reported that she attended a WCIA training on cyber hacking and reminded the Council that small entities are not safe from attack. She asked our WCIA representative to send information on how well prepared Woodway is relative to the other cities in the area.

Councilmember Mitchell also reported that, at the recent meeting, the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Planning Committee discussed the future

Councilmember Saltonstall reported that a religious solicitor came to his door that evening. Councilmember Saltonstall expressed concern about soliciting occurring during the dark evening hours.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reported that she had a discussion with the Edmonds City Council President about the possibility of contracting with the Edmonds Municipal Court for judicial services. Mayor Nichols shared that, based on that discussion, she has decided not to pursue changing Woodway's judicial services.

Mayor Nichols shared that at the recent RFA Finance Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the financial forecast model and the possible financial scenarios based on whether different cities would be involved. The Finance Committee staff said they would send the information via email.

Mayor Nichols reported that she and Councilmember Mitchell attended the Snohomish County Cities and Towns dinner last week where they heard a presentation by a retired Washington State Trooper on improving safety on Highway 2. The 2013 Snohomish County Cities and Towns legislative agenda was distributed to the attendees.

Mayor Nichols shared that she represented Woodway at the Edmonds Community College meeting where their vision statement was discussed.

Mayor Nichols reported that she attended Conservation Futures task force meeting as the small cities representative. Snohomish County Council, through the Conservation Futures task force, is investing in both public and private land in Snohomish County.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Faison presented a draft list of the Town Hall construction costs. A discussion followed about how the contingency money is being used and the cost to remove dirt from the site.

DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Nichols presented the list of current representative assignments and asked if anyone would like to make any changes. A few minor changes were made and Councilmember Anderson agreed to participate in the Snohomish County Interjurisdictional Affordable Housing Coalition.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the list of representatives. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (RFA) DISCUSSION:

Mayor Nichols presented a handout created by the RFA Communications Committee. Councilmember Saltonstall asked about which of the Fire Marshal services would be paid for by the property taxes and which would be charged on an as-needed basis. Town Administrator Faison said he would find out.

Councilmember Mitchell presented the spreadsheet she created to compare the cost of current service with potential future RFA service. A discussion followed about the cost difference for Woodway residents.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he felt that joining the RFA would provide stability for future fire and EMS service. Councilmember Saltonstall added that it would be good that Woodway would also be able to participate in the governance of the organization.

Mayor Nichols reminded the Council that they would need to make a decision at the first meeting in February.

POINT EDWARDS DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:

Mayor Nichols distributed copies of letters from two residents regarding the new construction being proposed at Point Edwards on lot 10. She shared the changes that are proposed for the property and the concerns of the residents who live on the adjacent streets. She share that the City of Edmonds will hold a hearing on February 20. Mayor Nichols suggested that the Council write a letter that would be submitted for the Edmonds meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:

Councilmember Mitchell raised a concern about properties in Woodway who have been burning during the recent burn bans. She inquired if there was any education or enforcement action that the town could take. The Council suggested writing a letter to residents reminding them about burn ban regulations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Heidi K. S. Napolitano, Deputy Clerk

Carla Nichols, Mayor

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