

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Nichols called the first Council meeting for the month of February to order at 7:00 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall, 23920 113th Place West. Councilmembers William Anderson, Tom Howard, Elizabeth Mitchell, Kent Saltonstall, and Tom Whitson were present. Town Administrator Eric Faison was also present.

PRESENTATION BY SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD #1:

Mr. Ed Pride, Manager of Distribution Engineering Services, along with several PUD representatives, provided a summary of PUD operations. The agency has approximately 425 regular employees but with emergencies, contracted and mutual aid personnel bring the total up to 1,000. Mr. Pride explained how personnel were deployed during power outages along with the technology utilized at their operational center.

Snohomish County PUD has approximately 300,000 households in its service area compared with 400,000 in King County.

Woodway's main distribution lines enter the Town from SR 104 in Edmonds down Kulshan Road and onto Woodway Park Road. It was observed that Woodway's tree-lined streets present challenges for maintaining electrical currents, particularly with winter storms.

It was reported that a southern substation close to Richmond Beach has extra capacity that may be utilized to pick up the southern portion of the Town. PUD will be researching this proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve the corrected minutes of January 20, 2015 as amended. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Claims Checks #9384 through 9399 and EFTs for the amount of \$8,129.52. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Checks #9380 through 9383 and EFTs for the amount of \$46,930.82. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Lisa Bauer, 21919 Makah Road, commented on the letter she received from a neighbor regarding reopening Nootka Road to two-way traffic at the intersection with Pine Street. Ms. Bauer urged the Council to not consider opening the road until the Pt. Edwards Building 10 issue has been resolved and the property built. Mayor Nichols recognized

two letters, one from Ms. Bauer and one from Mike & Laurie Jones had been received and forwarded to each of the Council members. Mayor Nichols said that the topic would be on the agenda as a community discussion for both of the March meetings.

Bill Weir, 11 Woodhaven Place, asked if the Council could provide an update on Point Wells. Mayor Nichols responded that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is the first step in the development process, has not been completed yet. The schedule for the EIS will depend upon the developer and his priorities for completion.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Mitchell reported that the 2015 WCIA audit topic would focus on employment practices.

Councilmember Saltonstall commented that he was concerned about PUD's policy that hazard trees identified on private property was not information provided to Town government. He asked that town staff get more information.

Councilmember Anderson reported that the Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA) would have a joint meeting in February with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM), for the purpose of understanding how the County agency might be a service alternative to ESCA for South County cities. He also reported that Mukilteo has decided to leave ESCA and move to DEM. A brief discussion followed about the future of ESCA and Woodway's involvement in the organization.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols shared the Snohomish County Conservation Futures Board denied Woodway's recent request for additional funding to purchase the remaining undeveloped lot near the Deer Creek Park property.

Mayor Nichols confirmed that the Council would like to discuss the tree ordinance at a future meeting.

Mayor Nichols shared that she had two requests from Twin Maples residents to consider changing the street names in the neighborhood. The Council discussed the cost of the proposal and the details involved. Mayor Nichols said that she would send a letter to all neighborhood residents to get input regarding whether the majority of the neighborhood was in favor of street name changes.

Mayor Nichols asked the Council for possible dates for a council retreat. The consensus was to meet on March 6 at 2 pm at a location to be determined.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Eric Faison reported that the next meeting's agenda would include discussions on the three topics recently requested by Council, which included the Nuisance Ordinance, Business License ordinance, and the Critical Area Ordinance.

PRESENTATION BY POLICE CHIEF DOUGLAS HANSEN:

Chief Douglas Hansen gave a presentation on his recent FBI National Academy training, designed as an academically and physically demanding elite leadership course. The Academy was started in 1935 and is designed to train officers involved in mid management at law enforcement agencies. Officers attend by invitation only and, since 1935, over 47,000 officers have graduated. The University of Virginia provides a portion of the academic offerings. Chief Hansen was honored to have had this opportunity and expressed his appreciation for the Town’s support of his attendance.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION-CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:

Councilmember Saltonstall suggested that both Councilmember Whitson and Councilmember Howard be appointed as alternates for SERS and SnoCom to ensure continuity for those organizations.

The Council designated Councilmember Saltonstall as the alternate Mayor Pro Tem.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk Treasurer

Carla Nichols, Mayor

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