

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014 as amended. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve 2014 Claims Checks #8911 through #8923 and one EFT for the amount of \$7,961.06. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve 2014 Payroll Checks #10842 through #10846 and EFTs for the amount of \$46,801.91. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Whitson expressed concern over the possible state of the rights-of-way following utility work in wet weather. He asked if the permit holders were required to restore the right-of-way. Town Administrator Faison indicated that he would research this issue and report back to the Council.

Councilmember Anderson attended a recent Snohomish County Housing Authority meeting. He also attended a recent ESCA meeting where they discussed holding a practice drill for dealing with a shooter, potentially at Alderwood Mall.

Councilmember Anderson shared that former Edmonds Councilmember Steve Bernheim was organizing a global warming committee made up of local residents and elected officials. Councilmembers Anderson and Whitson showed interest in being part of the committee.

Councilmember Anderson reported that a group of residents at the Point Edwards condominium community was collecting donations to help offset the cost of the Building 10 court case. The case, currently being processed at the Snohomish County Court, involves the City of Edmonds and a private developer whose application has been denied approval by the City.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reminded the council of the upcoming Snohomish County summit sponsored by the Snohomish County Cities and Towns organization. Councilmember Mitchell volunteered to attend and asked for another councilmember to join her.

ACTION: The consensus of the council was to cancel the second February meeting due to lack of urgent business. The Mayor proposed the normal procedure where the list of proposed claim checks would be circulated to the Mayor and Councilmembers. If there were no objections, then the checks would be processed.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to establish a procedure for approving claims checks in lieu of holding a meeting. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nichols gave a brief overview of the items on the calendar for the March meetings.

Mayor Nichols shared the notice from Snohomish County regarding the Determination of Significance and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping for the Point Wells development.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Eric Faison reported some recent police activity including a break-in on Wachusett Road on January 16.

Town Administrator Faison also reported that the purchase of the 4.38 acre park property closed recently. The Mayor reported that, of the eighteen grants approved by Snohomish County, only three have been processed with the final sales completed. Woodway was one of the three. Councilmember Anderson thanked the mayor for her hard work.

Town Administrator Faison shared that S. Deer Drive and a portion of Wachusett Road are private roads. The Town owns a portion of S. Deer Drive because it now owns adjacent land. More study will be necessary to determine how to transition that portion of Wachusett Road to public ownership.

MARIJUANA MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

Mayor Nichols gave a brief overview of the ordinance, explaining that it would allow for six months to study the question of whether to allow marijuana-based home occupations. While Woodway does not have any commercial establishments, the home occupation business license activity might establish scenarios whereby this would be legal.

The Council discussed whether the ordinance should allow personal recreational and medical use during the moratorium. Council agreed to amend the proposed ordinance to ensure that only commercial activity would be prohibited during the moratorium. Town

Administrator Faison explained that, if Council approved the moratorium as amended, the next step would be to hold a public hearing in March. The Council would have six months from the start of the moratorium to research the issue and make a final decision.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve Ordinance #14-555 as amended. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION - CHOICE OF SUBJECTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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.)