

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 4, 2013

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 the home of Dan and Kaye Lyon, 22430 Dogwood Lane. Councilmembers present were William Anderson, Kent Saltonstall, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Mike Quinn. Councilmember Tom Whitson had an excused absence. Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld and Town Administrator Eric Faison were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Claims Checks #8469 through #8475 for the total amount of \$11,150.86. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Checks #10718 through #10730 including EFT's for the total amount of \$41,183.07. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Quinn reported that the pothole on the Town's bridge is getting larger and inquired about the status of the repair.

Councilmember Saltonstall reported that long time resident Charlie Fontaine sold his Woodway home and moved from the area.

Councilmember Anderson reported that he recently attended an Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA) meeting on disaster preparation.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols presented a report outlining Snohomish County regional legislative priorities for the coming year. Aerospace, education, and maintaining local government autonomy were highlighted.

Mayor Nichols asked the Council if they would be interested in a Council Retreat. The Council agreed to schedule a short retreat in the near future. The topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Faison presented a letter written by a resident in Twin Maples regarding the Stormwater Utility. The resident requested to see a plan for improving the

drainage problems in Twin Maples and asked how the stormwater utility fees paid by the Twin Maples residents would be used to remedy the standing water problems in the neighborhood. Mayor Nichols said she would respond to the letter. Councilmember Quinn recommended that a stormwater project update be placed in the Town's next newsletter.

Town Administrator Faison then updated the Council on the Town Hall construction costs. A discussion followed about how the contingency money is being used, the cost to remove dirt from the site, and the change order for the retaining wall along 114th Avenue W.

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (RFA) DISCUSSION AND DECISION:

The Mayor and Council discussed the pros and cons of joining the Regional Fire Authority (RFA). While there was consensus that effort to consolidate public safety services were desirable, the financial obligations for Woodway at this point in time are too high. It was also noted that if the City of Edmonds declines membership, then Woodway will not be eligible to join.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to adopt Resolution 13-364, withdrawing as an active voting participant of the Region Fire Authority Planning Committee; however Woodway will continue to evaluate future involvement in the Regional Fire Authority. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-1, with Councilmember Anderson voting no.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:

There was a short discussion on the building plans for the final phase of the Point Edward's development in Edmonds and the concern of some Woodway residents.

Councilmember Anderson requested an excused absence for the Council meeting on Tuesday, February 19.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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.)