

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The first Council meeting for the month of March 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 were present. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING: MARIJUANA MORATORIUM

Mayor Nichols opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

Ron Cantu, 23126 Wachusett Road, commented that his concerns with the proposal are the impact such a business operation would have on our town, the lack of banking services for these enterprises, and the security infrastructure to safely handle such an enterprise. He stated that this is not a business that fits within the bucolic nature of Woodway and its "dark skies" policies and urged the Town Council to unanimously reject this type of activity in Woodway.

Inger Saltonstall, 22805 Woodway Park Road, stated that she would like to commend the Mayor and Council for issuing the moratorium on the marijuana business in Woodway. She encouraged the Council to continue their discussions on the moratorium and eventually make it a permanent law.

Cliff Day, 11306 S Dogwood Lane, stated that he doesn't feel that this is the kind of farming enterprise that needs to be in Woodway.

Councilmember Anderson commented on the problems with this type of business that involves large amounts of cash. In Colorado, sellers are hiring private guards to protect their property.

Mayor Nichols reported that the Council would continue to research the issue.

Mayor Nichols closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2014 as amended. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve 2014 Claims Checks #8947 through #8952 for the amount of \$10,903.90. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve 2014 Payroll Checks #10847 through #10852 and EFTs for the amount of \$45,679.73. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Whitson reported that he attended the City of Shoreline scoping meeting for the upcoming Point Wells Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will be issued by Snohomish County. He expressed his concern in the appearance from how the meeting was conducted as well as the presenters' comments that a significant portion of the EIS has been completed and that new issues would not be given adequate consideration. He stated that a great deal of time was spent reiterating the community's frustration with anticipated impacts from the proposed development.

Councilmember Mitchell attended the County Summit that was sponsored by the Snohomish County Cities & Towns organization. The meeting had two primary purposes: to increase communication between town /city personnel and the county and to organize all of the elected officials in Snohomish County to be a more cohesive force in Olympia.

Councilmember Quinn stated that three neighbors contacted him and were concerned about the Marijuana issue and asked that the Council continue with the moratorium.

Councilmember Saltonstall commended the Public Works Director on quickly removing hazardous trees on Dogwood Lane.

Councilmember Anderson reported that he and some of the staff will be meeting with Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA) on Wednesday to begin the update of the Woodway Comprehensive Emergency Plan.

Mayor Nichols requested a change in meeting dates for the next March Council meeting, and proposed a new date of March 24.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to change the regular Council Meeting scheduled on March 17 to Monday, March 24 at 7:00 pm. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reported that the Superior Court hearing on the City of Edmonds' denial of a building permit for building ten in the Point Edwards Condominiums has been set for May 15, 2014.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Eric Faison announced that the meeting with the residents of Twin Maples was well attended with Ken Nilsen from PACE Engineering and Terry Bryant, Public Works Director also attending. He stated that the residents were relatively supportive of the tentative proposal for storm water control, which is a combination of previous recommendations. PACE will be completing final engineering drawings to address the most critical areas within Twin Maples as the first phase of this project. He stated they will meet again on the 4th Monday in April to review the final plan. Ken Nilsen from PACE stated that with residents' input plus field observations during the recent heavy rains have identified 10-15 properties that would comprise the first phase of the project.

Police Chief Doug Hansen reported that 90% of the infractions that were issued in 2013 were issued to non-residents. In an effort to address speeding, the Town has ordered flashing speed limit signs which can be moved around to different areas of town.

Chief Hansen compared Woodway's average for traffic stops to other communities in south Snohomish County. Woodway's stops represent 28% of our population, which is higher than other cities with full time police departments.

Chief Hansen stated that there have been a couple of burglaries in town and several car prowls. He recommended that residents not leave valuables in vehicles. The Council discussed the City of Edmonds police contract for 911 back up calls with Chief Hansen concluding that the new contract is working well. Edmonds' Chief of Police is also pleased with the new arrangement.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT CONTRACT:

Town Planner, William Trimm, explained the need for updating the transportation element of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and explained the eleven elements that PACE would complete in order to fulfill the requirements of Transportation chapter of the Comp Plan.

After some discussion, it was concluded that while the County and the City of Shoreline will be embarking on extensive transportation studies associated with Point Wells, it would be beneficial for the Town to complete their own analyses. This information would be a useful baseline for analyzing the impacts of future development.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract authorizing PACE Engineering to draft the transportation element for Woodway's Comprehensive Plan. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

POINT WELLS EIS SCOPING LETTER:

Town Planner, William Trimm, explained the purpose of the 1971 Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). He explained the key steps in Snohomish County's Environmental review process, as it relates to Point Wells, are the Determination of

Significance (DS); the Scoping period where interested parties are asked to identify elements of the environment that need to be studied to determine if the proposed development will alter environmental conditions. Then the Draft EIS is created with various development alternatives identified. There is usually a 30-45 day comment period for the public after the Draft EIS is published. Then the Final EIS is published which provides development alternatives that the permitting agency can select. In the case of Point Wells, the Snohomish County Council will utilize the Final EIS in approval of a development application. This decision can be appealed.

A discussion followed regarding Woodway's comments on Scope of Point Wells EIS.

Councilmember Quinn requested a timeline of the process and a decision chart.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to ratify and approve the formal EIS scoping letter. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Peter Block, 23821 115th Place W, commented regarding bicycle/resident safety. He stated that he sent a comment letter to Snohomish County Planner Daryl Easton regarding the fact that Woodway is a bikeway for people moving within the county and the Point Wells project would increase the traffic through town. He questioned how they will be providing for safe bike and resident traffic when the project is built.

He stated the bicycle program that Hank Landau started several years ago has received some grant money for safe traffic and there is money available to Woodway. The grant money would be used to make it easier for students to get to Sherwood Elementary. He suggested a couple of routes that could be utilized- the North end of Twin Maples that intersects with Wachusett Road; and the other option is to open up the path behind the Woodway Highlands.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Quinn* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 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.)