

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Nichols called the second Council meeting for the month of March to order at 7:00 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall, 23920 113th Place West. Councilmembers William Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Kent Saltonstall, and Tom Whitson were present. Councilmember Mike Quinn had an excused absence. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld also were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2014 as amended. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Claims Checks #8953 through #8982 including EFT's for the amount of \$40,498.90. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION - JASON MULVIHILL-KUNTZ, LAKE WASHINGTON/CEDAR/SAMMAMISH WATERSHED COORDINATOR FOR WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA (WRIA) 8:

Mr. Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz explained that Snohomish County, King County, and approximately 30 cities are involved in water resource inventory area (WRIA) 8. WRIA 8 consists of one chapter within a regional plan to improve watershed health and re-populate salmon. The group has created an interlocal agreement that will fund a staff team who will chart out the path to implement a plan for improvement of watershed health.

Mr. Mulvihill-Kuntz explained that there are two types of salmon in this chapter and over 30 types in the regional plan. He stated the highest priority is the upper middle area where the salmon spawn (lower/middle Cedar River), Issaquah, and then Bear Creek. He explained that the Woodway shoreline is a tier one area and is important for the salmon migrating from Puget Sound.

He stated the group also runs two grant programs each year. They raise money by asking people to do a project or by soliciting funding. Woodway's estimated cost to join the group would be between \$750 and \$1,000 dollars each year based on land area, population, and assessed value. He stated that a few of the projects identified in Woodway include the North Tidal lagoon, the Point Wells shoreline, and the Deer Creek restoration area.

The Council and Mr. Mulvihill-Kuntz discussed the importance of the Ballard Locks as all salmon species must pass through that facility, which is in dire need of infrastructure repairs and modifications that would enhance salmon migration. Mr. Mulvihill-Kuntz

encouraged Woodway to join the task force. The group meets on the third Thursday of every other month at Bellevue City Hall.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Saltonstall stated that SNOCOM has issued an annual report and asked that the staff distribute the report to all of the Council members. Councilmember Saltonstall stated that he is concerned about the number of drivers using their cell phones causing distractions while driving. He urged the police chief to review this driving hazard.

Councilmember Anderson reported that he and several members of staff met with Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA) to begin preparations for an updated emergency response plan.

Councilmember Mitchell shared a letter that she received from residents in the Twin Maples neighborhood regarding stormwater and flooding problems. She asked if the Town is able to supply the residents with sandbags. Town Administrator Faison explained that the town is engaged in an extensive project involving the evaluation of storm water issues in Twin Maples, with the goal of reducing localized flooding during major weather events. He stated, however, that the Town cannot legally justify giving sandbags to residents. Such a donation would be considered a gift of public funds, which is illegal under the State constitution.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols stated that Planner Bill Trimm reported that Snohomish County's draft EIS for Point Wells should be completed near the end of 2014. She also announced that Bill Trimm will be the interim planning director for the City of Mountlake Terrace until a new planning director is hired.

Mayor Nichols read two emails from concerned residents regarding the marijuana moratorium.

Mayor Nichols said the Public Works staff has completed the planting on the south side of the Town Hall building. She stated that the plants were purchased with vouchers provided by Snohomish County PUD.

Mayor Nichols announced that she attended the first ever meeting of North and South Snohomish County Mayors. They plan to meet once or twice a year to discuss and look for common issues. The first meeting focused on the Snohomish County Emergency Radio System (SERS) and its role in coordinated public safety. The SERS board has been successful in extending the life of the current Motorola Company equipment by purchasing used replacement parts.

Mayor Nichols asked the Council if they would be interested in joining the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 that was presented earlier in the evening. All of the Councilmembers present agreed that they were interested.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Town Administrator Eric Faison presented an analysis of the monthly utility costs for the new Town Hall compared to the old building. During the first two months of the year, the Town’s costs increased by \$580 a month. He noted that the largest increases were for services that the Town didn’t have before, such as natural gas, sewer charges, elevator & fire monitoring, and security costs. He stated that the fact that gas and electric costs only increased by \$120 (for a building that is three times larger than the old building) reflected the inefficiency of the prior building.

Town Administrator Faison provided a worksheet with the Town’s total expenses for legal and planning services for Point Wells. The total Point Wells legal expenses since 2008 are \$114,589. Total Point Wells planning costs over the same time period are \$59,409.

Town Administrator Faison provided the Council with updated information on sewer services. He stated that Olympic View is gathering additional information on the location and routing of sewer pipes within the Town.

PACE ENGINEERING FEE SCHEDULE:

Pace Engineering has requested a rate increase. It has been three years since the last increase and the requested rate is less than a 4% increase over their 2011 rates.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to authorize the increase to the rates according to the contractual agreement for PACE Engineering. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #14-371, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT IN LGIP:

In an effort to provide more clarity with respect to how the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) operates, and because of recently amended laws, LGIP has updated the prospectus. As a result of this, they feel it is important that each local government complete an updated resolution.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to adopt Resolution #14-371, authorizing investment of Town of Woodway monies in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and have Town Administrator Faison review the prospectus. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 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.)