

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 29, 2013

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The Council meeting for the month of April was called to order by Mayor Nichols at 7:08 p.m. at the home of Dan and Kaye Lyon, 22430 Dogwood Lane. Councilmembers present were William Anderson, Mike Quinn, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Tom Whitson. Kent Saltonstall had an excused absence. Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld and Town Administrator Eric Faison were also present.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to approve Claims Checks #8559 through #8569 for the total amount of \$20,102.93. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Payroll Checks #10758 through #10771, including EFT's for the total amount of \$44,147.35. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Chris Cantu, 23126 Wachusett Road, commented that there is an ongoing concern about parking at a certain residence on Wachusett Road. She stated that last week there were 16 cars parked on the side of the road and a group of school children on an outing had to walk around the vehicles and into the street. She feels it is a safety issue and the vehicles park on the side of the road on a regular/weekly basis. Mayor Nichols suggested sending a friendly reminder letter to the resident and Councilmember Quinn will speak with the resident.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmember Quinn stated that many trees have been removed or trimmed and asked which company is trimming the trees. Town Administrator Faison stated that Snohomish County PUD is trimming and cleaning up hazard trees that are close to the power lines.

Councilmember Anderson asked if the tree ordinance defines what types of trees could be removed. A discussion followed regarding the tree ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols stated that she had attended the recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting where the Solid Waste Advisory group gave an update on their annual budget. She stated that the annual budget for solid waste in Snohomish County is \$48 million.

Mayor Nichols stated that Planner William Trimm and she had worked with several Woodway residents to draft a comment letter and submit it to the City of Edmonds with suggestions on how to remedy the issues with the Point Edwards Condominium Project. Mayor Nichols explained some of the suggestions that were recommended in the letter.

Councilmember Anderson commented that, when the original Point Edwards project was built, the Council had talked about closing Chinook Road and Nootka Road. He stated that there were several residents at that time who did not want the roads closed.

Mayor Nichols distributed the master calendar for 2013 and asked council to let staff know when they would be on vacation.

Mayor Nichols provided the Council with an update on the timing for completion of Town Hall, reviewed some of the landscape plans for the building and recommended that the annual community fair be postponed until October or November. She suggested holding an open house or grand opening of the new Town Hall at that time.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Town Administrator Faison shared a letter from a Twin Maples resident requesting that the names of the streets be changed, the Twin Maples sign be updated, and made several other suggestions to update the Twin Maples subdivision.

TOWN HALL BUDGET AMENDMENT: Town Administrator Faison explained that there have been some unanticipated expenses to the Town Hall project budget and asked Council to increase the contingency fund for the Town Hall project by \$40,000 to cover the costs. Councilmember Anderson recommended that \$60,000 be authorized to make sure that future costs would be covered. The additional money does not include landscaping; staff will request those funds at a later date. Council authorized an increase of \$60,000 to the contingency fund for the town hall project.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION-CHOICE OF SUBJECTS: Councilmember Whitson said that he had been walking in Twin Maples after a heavy rain storm and had not seen any standing water. He also commented on the gravel and grassy areas in the rights-of-way that have been installed by the homeowners. Town Administrator Faison said that, as the gravel areas have been there for a long time, they have been compacted and are not permeable.

Mayor Nichols said she would ask the Lyons if we could continue to use their home while she is out of town. She asked if any of the Councilmembers would be willing to host the Council meetings in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nichols recessed to Executive Session at 8:10 for approximately 60 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Nichols reconvened the meeting at 9:14 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 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.)