

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve Claims Checks #9175, 9176, and 9181 through #9195 including EFT's for the amount of \$158,256.24. This amount includes the 4th quarter fire and EMS payment and the first payment to Iron Creek Construction for the Twin Maples Drainage Improvement Project. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Checks #9177 through #9180 including EFT's for the amount of \$47,074.96. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Anderson reported ESCA has hired an Interim Director. He reported the person hired was the former Fire District Chief in Enumclaw and had excellent qualifications.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reported she attended a panel discussion on coal and oil trains held on August 22. She distributed notes on the highlights of the panel's discussion. She reported train traffic in this region is at capacity. Currently there is an average of 35 trains a day coming through the area and a projection of 104 trains a day by 2030.

Mayor Nichols stated that she met with South County Mayors, the Mayor of Arlington and the Mayor of Stanwood regarding the North County mayors' experience with the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Services. Woodway currently uses Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA). She reported that the City of Arlington's experiences were satisfactory and that their mayor recommended to South County mayors to sign a unified Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the County. It was recommended that this ILA could address local needs and assure that the County would be attentive.

Mayor Nichols reported on the Town Fair and the observation that the new town hall site provided for a comfortable venue for the Fair. This year's Fair saw an increase in attendees and the children's activities were once again appreciated.

Mayor Nichols stated the hearing on the City of Edmonds Point Edwards Building 10 was held on July 10 and no decision has been made to date.

Mayor Nichols reported that she attended the public hearing of the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board to approve or deny the City of Shoreline's proposed assumption of Ronald Wastewater in Snohomish County. She stated there will be a meeting on September 4 at 4 pm for deliberation and a verbal decision on the proposed assumption.

Mayor Nichols announced she has not yet made a decision on constructing a buffer around the Town Hall's heating/cooling unit. Concerns were raised about the reasonableness of this request from the neighbor, the high cost of the proposed mitigation and possible effects that could hinder the overall operation of the heating/cooling unit.

Due to travel plans for the Mayor, Council members and staff, Mayor Nichols asked if Council would like to cancel the second meeting in September and change the first meeting in October from the 6th to the 13th. Council agreed to change the first meeting in October to the 13th but will wait until the end of today's meeting to make a decision on the second meeting in September. It was agreed by consensus the Town's current arrangement for claim check approval would be utilized to cover the Town's expenses. The Clerk Treasurer will create the list of claim checks and circulate to Council members for approval prior to payment.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Faison had no report.

DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCE 14-557, AMEND TITLE 4-BUSINESS LICENSING:

Council discussed the Ordinance amending the business license section of the Woodway Municipal Code. The Council discussed what other cities have done in regards to their business licensing and they made a decision to amend the current Woodway Municipal Code regarding Title 4, Business Licensing.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to adopt Ordinance 14-557, amending title 4 of the current Woodway Municipal Code-amending section 4.01.010, definitions, to include the same language that is in the moratorium and adding subsection E to Section 4.01.050 to read "The business would be in violation of any State or Federal law."

Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION-CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:

Councilmember Anderson expressed appreciation to the volunteers, staff, and Mayor for all of their hard work preparing for the Town Fair.

ACTION: Councilmember Mitchell moved to cancel the second meeting in September and approve the check process for approval of claims. Councilmember Saltonstall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nichols recessed to Executive Session at 8:02 pm for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Nichols reconvened the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Mayor Nichols announced a Public Officials Training on Risk Management Fundamentals sponsored by Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) and recommended the Council attend the training.

Mayor Nichols reported on a communication with a resident about a lot that is currently for sale. The resident would like to see the Town purchase the property so that a park could be established. Mayor Nichols explained the pros and cons of the resident's suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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.)