

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Mayor Nichols called the 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, Tom Howard, Elizabeth Mitchell, Kent Saltonstall, and Tom Whitson were present. Town Administrator Eric Faison, Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld, and Public Works Director Terry Bryant were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2015 as amended. *Councilmember Howard* seconded the motion. Councilmembers Elizabeth Mitchell and Tom Whitson abstained due to not being in attendance at the August meeting. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Claims Checks #10916 through 10936 including EFT's for the amount of \$17,666.93. *Councilmember Saltonstall* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mitchell moved to approve Payroll Checks #10876 through 10879 including EFT's for the amount of \$57,439.95. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Lisa Marquart, 1 Point Edwards Place asked if the Town allowed tree topping and trimming on the bluff above the Olympic Reserve. The Olympic Reserve is identified in the Critical Areas Section of the Comp Plan as a reserve and is protected from development activities. Ms. Marquart said she has observed on several occasions individuals accessing the reserve and conducting tree trimming activities on public land. Ms. Marquart suggested all six property owners on the bluff should be notified of the tree preservation policies for the publicly owned land.

Councilmember Anderson recommended that the Mayor write a letter to residents on the bluff specifying the policies regarding tree trimming on the publicly owned area of the bluff.

Councilmember Saltonstall stressed the importance of calling 911 to report suspected tree violations so that authorities can witness the violation and thus, the Town can then take appropriate action.

COUNCIL REPORTS: *Councilmember Whitson* reported that he attended the Watershed Basins within Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8) meeting. He reported record setting high water temperatures and that salmon species numbers were low this year. He explained ongoing research with soil bio retention, a filtering process study consisting of a mixture of sand, mulch, compost, and gravel used to remove the

toxicity in water. Fish subjected to this filtering process survived but those that weren't included in the filtering process did not survive in the straight runoff. He suggested implementing such a process may be an important consideration in the proposed Point Wells development annexation.

Mayor Nichols explained that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington State Department of Ecology requires all municipalities over 1,000 in population to treat their ground water. Woodway has had an exemption on this requirement since there are several private properties that have their own system and do not utilize the Town's storm water utility. The next census count which may include annexed land and its potential new neighborhood of homes could very well impact Woodway's current exemption for water treatment.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reported the Lidar maps detailing the topography of the Town have been received. Council members briefly reviewed the maps. She explained Lidar is new technology that is able to bypass tree canopy cover and provide information on land topography.

Mayor Nichols reported she will be meeting with the town planner and other emergency management officials regarding the Mitigation plan for the Town's emergency preparedness.

Mayor Nichols reported she met with a newly appointed independent county agent, Ms. Jill McKinnie, Ombudsman, whose role is to be responsive to County residents' complaints regarding County government. In an effort to introduce herself, Ms. McKinnie is meeting with other neighboring communities.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Town Administrator Eric Faison thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work during the recent wind storm.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Public Works Director Terry Bryant reviewed the Beautification policy for roadside gardens which will guide future efforts in creating and managing gardens on public lands. This document will provide consistent management practices for future Town staff and Councilmembers. Councilmembers had a few recommendations which will be incorporated into the final document.

Councilmember Bill Anderson reported that after the recent street overlay, a road joint at the intersection of Nootka and Bella Coola needs attention. He also reported the north end of Nootka has a bump and it needs to be protected. Public Works Director Terry Bryant said he has already spoken with the engineers and these issues will be fixed. Mr. Bryant reported a fog line was striped on the south side of Pine Street in an effort to reduce parking in the Town's ROW.

Public Works Director Terry Bryant reported eleven trees were blown down in Woodway during the recent wind storm. He said the crew was able to remove most of the trees but

others had fallen on power lines and had to be removed by the Snohomish County PUD. He stated that if the storm is designated as a disaster, the Town may receive \$10,000.

WATERSHED BASINS WITHIN WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 8 (WRIA 8) – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Mayor Nichols explained the Interlocal Agreement with WRIA 8, authorizes the Town to share interests in and responsibility for addressing long-term watershed planning and conservation of the aquatic ecosystems and floodplains. These overall goals are designed to improve watershed health for the Puget Sound Chinook salmon. Communities that are part of this Interlocal Agreement can apply for federal funding to support salmon enhancement projects. While Woodway does not have any salmon spawning creeks or rivers, the Town is adjacent to areas in Puget Sound that contain smelt and eel grass habitat which supports salmon species.

ACTION: *Councilmember Whitson* moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement participating in the Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8). *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

This Interlocal Agreement (ILA) establishes the relationship between the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Services and member cities as it relates to public emergency responses to natural disasters. This relationship will replace the South County Emergency Services Coordination Agency (ESCA) which will disband effective December 31, 2015. The ILA covers a three year period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Snohomish County Emergency Management Services Interlocal Agreement. *Councilmember Howard* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UPPER BLUFF ANNEXATION PETITION:

This item is tabled until further notification.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION-CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:

Councilmember Saltonstall requested an excused absence for the first meeting in December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nichols recessed to Executive Session at 8:34 pm for approximately 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Nichols reconvened the meeting at 8:46 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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.)