

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

The first Council meeting for the month of November was called to order by Mayor Nichols at 7:00 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall, 23920 113th Place West. Councilmembers present were William Anderson, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Kent Saltonstall. Council members Quinn and Whitson had excused absences. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld were also present.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to approve Claims Checks #8761 through #8795 including EFT's for the total amount of \$371,571.65. It was noted that the vouchers included several expenditures associated with the new building. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Payroll Checks #10819 through #10827 and EFTs for the total amount of \$45,398.72. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Saltonstall reminded the Mayor and Council about the Chili Cook-off sponsored by SNOCOM on November 15th.

Councilmember Anderson stated that he read an article regarding fire chiefs wanting to outlaw fire balloons and he suggested that Woodway review the existing fireworks ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols commented on the open house/grand opening of the Town Hall held on Saturday, November 2. It was estimated that over 100 guests attended the two hour event. Positive comments from residents centered on the new building fitting in with the neighborhood and that the interior rooms were warm and inviting. Town resident Chris Cantu organized Woodway artists to lend original art work to be hung in the lobby of the building. The art will be rotated on a regular basis.

Mayor Nichols stated that Snohomish County Tomorrow is hoping to align groups so all are in agreement on the legislative agenda. She stated a few of the important issues are transportation, port issues, and science/technology training.

Mayor Nichols announced that the Washington State Auditor is on site and has started the audit for 2011 and 2012.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town Administrator Faison stated that the Shoreline Fire Department is anxious to get the word out about the switch from Fire District one to Shoreline. Faison stated that the Fire Marshall talked about gate keys for all of the residents with gates. The Fire Marshall is recommending that Woodway have their own key code. He stated that the company that sets up the key codes is willing to pay a portion of the expenses and Shoreline is also willing to pay a portion, so the cost to the owner will not be excessive. Faison said a notice will be in the upcoming Town newsletter and individual letters will be sent to residents regarding the change and the gate codes.

PUBLIC HEARING-2014 REVENUE SOURCES AND BUDGET:

Mayor Nichols opened the public hearing at 7:34 pm. She presented Resolution #13-370, which would increase property taxes by 1%.

Mayor Nichols acknowledged that there were no residents present who wanted to give testimony related to the budget.

Mayor Nichols closed the public hearing at 7:35 pm.

ACTION: *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to approve Resolution #13-370, increasing property taxes by 1%. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW 2014 BUDGET:

Mayor Nichols presented the draft budget reviewing each of the revenue sources as well as programs of expenditures. There were no changes from the previous meeting where the full budget was reviewed.

Mayor Nichols reminded the Council of an earlier presentation regarding stormwater capital projects designed for the Twin Maples neighborhood. She requested that the Council consider a schedule for implementing this project during 2014.

The Council discussed stormwater projects and asked that an amount of \$180,000 be included in the budget. The amount would be borrowed from the Capital Fund and repaid over a three year period. Town Administrator Faison recommended that the Council review the current stormwater projects that have been approved for funding and possibly reprioritize them. The recent 100 year storm events have revealed additional areas in Town that need attention. He recommended that at a future date, the Council should review the Stormwater Utility rates.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION - CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

The meeting on December 2nd will be cancelled because there will not be a quorum of the Council present for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Nichols recessed to Executive Session at 7:50 pm for approximately 30 minutes to discuss property acquisition.

Mayor Nichols reconvened the meeting at 8:27 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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.)