

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 8, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL**

Mayor Nichols called the Council meeting for the month of December to order at 6:00 p.m. at Woodway Town Hall, 23920 113<sup>th</sup> Place West. Councilmembers William Anderson, Tom Howard, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Tom Whitson were present. Councilmember Saltonstall had an excused absence. Clerk Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld and Town Administrator Eric Faison were also present.

**DINNER AND GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff had a general discussion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Councilmember Mitchell* moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014 as amended. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

*Councilmember Anderson* moved to approve Claims Checks #9302 through 9326 including EFT's for the amount of \$15,672.88. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilmember Mitchell* moved to approve Payroll Checks #9298 through 9301 including EFT's for the amount of \$47,200.64. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION BY SUPERINTENDENT BROSSOIT-EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Superintendent Nick Brossoit introduced Kory DeMun, school board member. He then outlined highlights from the last school year including the work of the committee who set the Strategic Direction for the district and the challenges of supporting a diverse student body. Mr. DeMun shared that the district has a variety of options to support students who have different learning styles.

Councilmember Anderson shared that his church supports a backpack program at Chase Lake Elementary; low-income students are given backpacks on Fridays filled with food for the weekends. He thought that the program was initially funded by the District and he encouraged Superintendent Brossoit to learn more about it. Councilmember Anderson also commented that in-school suspension (being implemented by the Kent school district) was better for the students. Superintendent Brossoit responded that recent funding increases have allowed the district to reintroduce in-school suspension at the middle school level; it will be added at the high school level in the future. He also said that the backpack program may have been funded by a grant but was not a program funded by the district.

Councilmember Whitson commented on the great programs offered by the district and thanked them for their information.

Mayor Nichols asked Board Member Kory DeMun to name the three top issues for the school district. Mr. DeMun shared that the district is focusing on funding, meeting graduation requirements, and equal opportunities for all students.

Councilmember Mitchell asked about the differences between the affluent and less affluent schools. Mr. DeMun said that the district funding model is the same for all schools but parents at more affluent schools have more fundraising and volunteer resources to help with extras such as field trips, arts, and other special programs.

A discussion of alternative high schools, graduation rates, class size, and various types of non-traditional education followed.

Mayor Nichols shared that by next year, Woodway may have a park with trails for the school district to use.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Nichols reported that the Woodway Police Contract will be reconsidered at the December 9 City of Edmonds Council meeting.

Mayor Nichols also reported that she attended a recent Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting where they discussed starting a Snohomish County public works trust fund and some of the items that will be addressed during the upcoming legislative session.

Mayor Nichols announced she submitted a grant application to Verdant Health Commission for funds to establish trails, etc. at Deer Creek Park. Letters of support were submitted by Sherwood Elementary School and the Edmonds Senior Center. The total amount of grant included building the trail, money for an arborist, and the first year of maintenance costs.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Town Administrator Eric Faison shared Public Works Director Terrance Bryant's report on whether the Town should install a fuel tank for use by Town vehicles. Mr. Bryant concluded that it was not economically or environmentally sound to do so.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROFILE APPROVAL:**

Mayor Nichols stated that the Affordable Housing Consortium incorporated some changes she requested into Woodway's draft housing profile.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Anderson* moved to approve the Woodway affordable housing profile. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ELEVATOR SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

Town Administrator Eric Faison reported that Public Works Director Bryant was able to negotiate a cancellation clause and a lowered monthly cost into the agreement.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Anderson* moved to adopt the Elevator Service Agreement with ThyssenKrupp. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 14-560, BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

This Ordinance amends the 2014 budget to cover unanticipated expenses and ensure the expenditures do not exceed the budgeted amounts.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to adopt Ordinance 14-560, amending the 2014 budget. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD:**

This agreement updates the current jail services agreement with the City of Lynnwood.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Howard* moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Jail Services Agreement with the City of Lynnwood. *Councilmember Mitchell* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER ANDREW DEDONKER:**

Mayor Nichols described Andrew DeDonker's qualifications and asked for the Council's confirmation of her appointment to the Planning Commission.

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Andrew DeDonker on the Planning Commission. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION-CHOICE OF SUBJECTS:**

**ACTION:** *Councilmember Mitchell* moved to cancel the second regular Council Meeting in December and adopting the usual procedure for the claims checks. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Anderson requested that staff make further contact with the utility company responsible for the downed wire at the corner of Algonquin Road and Woodway Park Road.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Councilmember Howard* moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Mitchell*

seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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Joyce Bielefeld, Clerk Treasurer

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Carla Nichols, Mayor

(These minutes accurately reflect what was said at the Council Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)