

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 5, 2012

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. Councilmembers present were William Anderson, Kent Saltonstall, and Tom Whitson. Councilmembers Elizabeth Mitchell and Mike Quinn had excused absences. Town Administrator Eric Faison and Clerk-Treasurer Joyce Bielefeld were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2012 as amended. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes as amended carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: *Councilmember Whitson* moved to approve Claims Checks #8331 through #8355 for the total amount of \$48,806.34. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Payroll Checks #10670 through #10684 including EFT's for the total amount of \$48,461.40. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Anderson commented on the recent budget cuts by the City of Edmonds and his concern about how those cuts may affect future police contracts.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nichols reminded the Council that the Appeals Court would be hearing verbal arguments regarding the earlier Superior Court decision that ruled Blue Square Real Estate's development permit for Pt. Wells was not legal. Woodway and Save Richmond Beach would present a joint briefing. The hearing is scheduled for November 7th with a decision scheduled for January, 2013.

She also reminded the Council that the next Regional Fire Authority (RFA) planning committee meeting would be on Wednesday, November 7th

Mayor Nichols explained that while the new town hall was being constructed, the bi-monthly council meetings must be held within the Town's boundaries. Private homes will need to be identified for meeting locations. She circulated a sign-up sheet for Council members to volunteer to hold a council meeting at their home.

DISCUSSION ON INTERJURISDICTIONAL HOUSING:

Mayor Nichols presented information on affordable housing from the interjurisdictional housing task force which is staffed by representatives (elected officials and planning staff) of each participating city within the County. The task force is sponsored by Snohomish County Tomorrow. She shared that there were 55,400 Snohomish County families who had to spend more than 30% of their monthly income on housing. According to the 2010 census information, there were 40 households in Woodway that fit into that category.

Snohomish County cities have entered into an Interlocal agreement to pay for a staff member who will work on an affordable housing program for all of the cities/towns within Snohomish County. The program will be based on a similar program in King County that has been in existence for over a decade. The program sets up a trust fund that purchases properties for affordable housing recipients. Woodway's contribution will be \$1,000 per year in 2013 and 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING-2013 REVENUE SOURCES AND BUDGET:

Mayor Nichols opened the public hearing at 7:37 pm. She presented Resolution #12-362, 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.

She then presented the draft budget by reviewing each of the revenue sources as well as programs of expenditures. Given the recent Council decision to move forward with the construction of Town Hall, the budget has been amended. Both the revenue and expenses would be higher in 2013 due to the one-time bond issuance.

Mayor Nichols closed the public hearing at 7:40 pm.

ACTION: *Councilmember Saltonstall* moved to approve Resolution #12-362, which would increase property taxes by 1%. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR 2013 LEGAL SERVICES:

Mayor Nichols presented the updated contract to the Council. The hourly fee legal consultation provided by Ogden Murphy Wallace would be raised by an additional \$12 per hour.

ACTION: *Councilmember Anderson* moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2013 contract for legal services. *Councilmember Whitson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION – CHOICE OF SUBJECTS: No discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council recessed to an executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

Mayor Nichols reconvened the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Saltonstall moved to adjourn the meeting. *Councilmember Anderson* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 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.)