
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 22, 2000 – 7:00 P.M. – Senior Center

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Meamber, Storrs, Lemley, Warner and Silves. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, City Supervisor Stendal, Engineer Barnet, Planner Rivera, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #41635 to #41723 for \$317,663.83
 - Payroll Warrants #25772 to #25862 for \$123,290.66 (Voided Warrants #25773 to #25776)

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2001 Budget

Supervisor Stendal noted some revisions prior to commenting on the 2001 Budget. Supervisor Stendal reviewed the budget process which included worksessions and staff budget review and revisions.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Glenn Allen – 316 Talcott St., addressed the Council and reminded them that they are elected to represent all citizens of Sedro-Woolley, not the City employees. Allen stated he believes that everyone needs to share in the economic crunch, including the employees.

Bob McLaughlin – Puget Avenue, spoke against the City purchasing road building equipment. McLaughlin stated he believes from his experience that it is more cost effective to contract for road building equipment.

Ron Forshier – 1315 Railroad Ave., also addressed the Council on the purchase of road building equipment. He stated he believes that it is more cost effective to either contract out or to rent the needed equipment which saves on maintenance and repair of owned equipment. Forshier also addressed neighboring cities and towns that have had minimal tax increases and he noted he also agreed with Allen's comments that employees need to share in the economic crunch.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

Councilmember Warner requested Supervisor Stendal outline some of the changes made within the budget reflecting the requested 25% tax increase to the approved 18% tax increase.

Supervisor Stendal stated some of the affected areas were in the Planning Department, the scaling down of salaries for extra help and various other goods and services items.

Councilmember Warner questioned that in light of the timing of the meeting, if the decision on the budget should be postponed to the next meeting in order to give a better opportunity for public comment.

Discussion followed which included negotiated union contract agreements for employees salaries, equipment needs and justification for the road building equipment and the capital expenditure approval process.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance #1390-00 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Meamber – No, Storrs – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Warner – No, Silves – Yes.
Motion carried 3-2.

Councilmember Meamber expressed his disappointment in Councilmembers not being present for major votes and discussions of important issues. Meamber requested his comment be made part of the record.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Award of Bid – Public Address System for Community Center

Mayor Dillon addressed the Council on a prior direction to solicit bids to make the Community Center usable for future City Council meetings. She stated in order to provide adequate accommodations for the public, a sound system, acoustic panels and meeting tables are needed.

Supervisor Stendal and Ardell McCombs, Building Official reviewed the needed equipment and bids received. McCombs stated that in addition to what is being proposed, carpeting of the walls was also recommended for acoustics, however, it was not included in the proposal to the Council at this time.

Councilmember Silves moved to award the bid for the PA System for the Community Center to Hugo Helmer, Inc. in the total amount of \$6,597.10, including sales tax, to award the bid for the new meeting tables for the Community Center to Collins Office Supply in the total amount of \$1,460.98, excluding sales tax and to award the bid for acoustic panels for the Community Center to SEPIA Company in the total amount of \$3,120.00, excluding sales tax. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon stated she would like to start holding the Council meetings at the Community Center in January. A definite date will be announced later.

Scheduling of Public Meeting Regarding Storm Water (Northwest Portion of City)

Engineer Barnet addressed the Council regarding ongoing storm water problems in the northwest portion of the City, (the Garden of Eden/Jones Road/F & S Grade Road portion of town). Barnet utilized visual aids to review the current Sub Flood Control Zone which is taxed and represented by the Skagit County Commissioners.

Barnet requested Council direction and Council to authorize staff to hold a public meeting with residents of the northwest portion of the City to discuss ongoing storm water problems. Barnet stated the meetings would be open meetings to look at what the existing problems are and to explore possible solutions.

Further discussion was held on the Sub Flood Control Zone.

Council directed Engineer Barnet to move ahead with the public meeting to be held sometime in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Lemley – requested Council readdress the Impact Fee structure. Lemley also noted a street light burnt out on the corner of Talcott and Township Streets.

Councilmembers Warner and Silves concurred with Councilmember Lemley on addressing the Impact Fee structure as soon as possible.

Planner Rivera – invited all Councilmembers to join in the Ferry Street Tree Planting to be held on Saturday, December 2, 2000. Rivera stated they will be planting approximately 70 trees. A number of community volunteers will be participating.

Councilmember Warner moved to close Ferry Street on December 2, 2000 for the tree planting between Township and Puget. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned speed bumps on the alley at 4th Street.

Mayor Dillon stated these had been ordered and will be installed when they arrive.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the upcoming deadline for the burn ban of all outdoor burning. Klinger stated the only exceptions are recreational and ceremonial fires. The deadline is December 31, 2000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:05 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of personnel.

The meeting reconvened at 8:26 P.M.

Mayor Dillon stated that she had been reminded of the procedure for voting on Ordinances involving money. There needs to be a majority of elected officials voting in favor. Tonight's vote would need 4 votes to the positive. The Council either needs to re-vote to try to obtain the 4 positive votes or to continue the public hearing until December 13, 2000.

Councilmember Warner moved to continue the public hearing until December 13, 2000 on the 2001 Budget. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried 3-2. Councilmembers Lemley and Silves opposed.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
