
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 23, 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, Miller, Tesarik, Lemley, Warner, Grandy and Silves. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, City Supervisor Stendal, City Planner Rivera and Police Chief Cooper.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Pervious Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #40982 to #41088 for \$144,673.79
 - Payroll Warrants #25223 to #25316 for \$128,690.03
- Interlocal Agreement with City of Wapato

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent agenda plus warrant #41089 in the amount of \$18,307.41 for Lee Johnson & Sons Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Tesarik. Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Award

John Glenn of the Department of Ecology presented the Staff of the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award. Glenn commended the staff in their superior rating and stated it was uncommon that a department would meet all conditions in the rating requirements as Sedro-Woolley has successfully done.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wheeled Carts - Sanitation Department

City Supervisor Stendal and Leo Jacobs, Sanitation Foreman presented information on the current system of garbage collection and the benefits of going to a semi-automated system. Samples of the containers were shown.

Councilmember Miller questioned the cost of the containers.

Supervisor Stendal stated that if approved the City would go out to bid but it is estimated to be between \$80 - \$90,000 to outfit the City with the containers.

Jacobs reviewed the individual cost of the different size containers ranging from \$50 - \$40 dependent upon the size. Jacobs field questions regarding the mini can set up, growth potential, storage of cans and initial purchase and delivery/pick up of containers.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:16 P.M.

Ron Forshier -- 1315 Railroad Ave, spoke in support of automation but questioned increase in daily pickups, staffing, the life of the containers and cost savings.

Stendal stated that the routes will be readjusted and pick ups are planned to be done in 3 to 4 days instead of the current 5. Stendal also stated at the present time no reduction in personnel will take place, there will still be 2 persons scheduled for each truck. The life span of the containers is estimated at 10 years. Stendal stated the cost savings would be in human toll.

Tony Splane -- 714 Sapp Road, addressed cost savings and believes it should save more money in efficiency than just in L & I. Splane stated he believes the City should supply the cans.

Mayor Dillon commented the City is trying to give the workers something better to work with and there possibly could be cost savings that are unknown until the system is tried. She also addressed the weight of cans and potential injuries with the current system.

Bob Blakely -- City employee and former sanitation collection worker spoke in favor of going with the containers and semi automation.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:25 P.M.

Discussion was held on staffing with rerouting and a reduced number of pick up days, current garbage rates were reviewed and compared to other cities and private carriers and discussion was also held on effects of recycling. Jacobs stated the Sanitation Department personnel traveled to Bellingham to look first hand at their operation which is semi automated. After seeing the system in place they are excited about the possible transition.

Councilmember Silves moved to allow staff to secure bids for the carts and move forward on the carting of Sedro-Woolley to make it better for employees. Seconded by Councilmember Warner. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Approval - Street Sweeper Purchase

Supervisor Stendal reviewed staff recommendation to award the new street sweeper to Western Power and Equipment in the total amount of \$135,144.88, including trade in and sales tax.

Stendal stated the City of Mount Vernon recently solicited bids for a new sweeper that also met our requirements. Mt. Vernon is willing to sign an interlocal agreement that would allow us to piggyback on their bid contract.

Councilmember Grandy moved to award the street sweeper bid to Western Power and Equipment in the grand total of \$135,144.88 including trade in and sales tax. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement - Skagit PUD (Sewer Provision)

City Planner Rivera reviewed a proposed Interlocal agreement with Skagit PUD for the provision of sewer service within the Urban Growth Area with City consent.

Councilmember Warner moved to approve the Interlocal agreement with Skagit County PUD District #1. Councilmember Silves seconded. Motion carried.

Council Approval - Alley Paving Project

Supervisor Stendal reviewed the staff recommendation to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement with Lakeside Industries in the total amount of \$4,250.00 plus tax for asphalt paving of the alley in the four hundred block between Nelson and Bennett Street.

Councilmember Silves requested speed bumps be placed due to the location of the alley in the vicinity of the High School.

Supervisor Stendal requested Attorney Hayden research and bring to the next meeting a determination whether speed bumps are allowed.

Councilmember Warner suggested working with the School District in a cooperative measure on the speed bumps.

Councilmember Miller questioned the funding with Stendal stating the funds come from the money received from the School District for the vacation of First Street.

Councilmember Miller moved to allow the Mayor to sign an agreement with Lakeside Industries in the total amount of \$4,250.00 plus tax for asphalt paving of the alley in the four hundred block between Nelson and Bennett Street. Councilmembers Warner and Tesarik seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon commented on the recent work the Street Department completed, at their own discretion, at Mary Purcell School (8th Street) to make it safer for the children when entering and exiting the busses.

Councilmember Grandy -- read a note of thanks from Ellen Broome, Senior Center Coordinator for the services provided by the City in enhancing the Senior Center. Grandy also questioned the status of the Mayor Pro Tem position with the recent resignation of Councilmember Tesarik.

Mayor Dillon stated that Councilmember Silves would move into first position followed by Councilmember Miller.

Councilmember Grandy addressed the informational memo regarding the Publication of Record -- Land Use Publications and questioned the legal requirements of notification. Some discussion followed.

Councilmember Warner -- commented on the condition of sidewalks throughout the City and some overgrowth of hedges and requested this be looked at. Warner also addressed the lack of interlocal exchange between libraries.

Hayden recommended Warner write a letter to the Library Board who governs the Library.

Councilmember Lemley -- questioned the status of the website.

Mayor Dillon stated it is up and running, complete with pictures of the Councilmembers.

Councilmember Tesarik -- questioned the status of the skateboard park. Tesarik also addressed the condition of the alley located between Talcott and Nelson.

Mayor Dillon reported the skateboard park has been removed from the school and they are in search of another temporary spot. Stendal stated the alley is on the list to be done.

Councilmember Miller -- questioned the Interlocal Jail Agreement with City of Wapato passed under the consent calendar, as to how prisoners will be transported.

Chief Cooper stated he has a reserve officer who will be doing the transporting.

Councilmember Meamber -- thanked staff for mowing the grass at the home on 11th and Warner. Meamber also commented on another home located on the corner of Warner and Township that needed attention.

Chief Cooper -- reported on the Skagit County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) Top Cop award given to Officer Bill Storie for the highest number of DUI arrests in the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Mayor Dillon -- reminded everyone of the upcoming worksession to be held at City Hall on September 5, 2000. Dillon also requested moving the continued public hearing on the sewer standards to September 27, 2000 due to the absence of some Councilmembers.

Councilmember Miller moved to hold the public hearing on the sewer standards on September 27, 2000. Councilmember Warner seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon thanked Councilmember Tesarik for his service to the City.

Councilmember Warner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Tesarik. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.