
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 10, 2001 – 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, Storrs, Lemley, Warner, Grandy 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 #41850 to #42005 for \$259,177.24 (Voided #41851)
 - Payroll Warrants #25948 to #26032 for \$120,802.40
 - Payroll Warrants #26033 to #26117 for \$101,473.39
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Warner. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Frank Martin – 7963 Highway 9 North, addressed a safety issue he viewed from the bike park at Bingham Park. He stated that kids are coming across Cook Road on their bicycles going over to the Little League park and is concerned of someone getting hit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Black Rock Cable Franchise Ordinance

Attorney Hayden presented information and background on the Black Rock Cable Franchise request. Hayden stated Black Rock has a right to a franchise but the City can make reasonable regulations in controlling our public right of way. We are prohibited from requiring certain things from open video systems that can otherwise be required from other types of cable companies. Hayden also stated whatever is offered to other companies has to be offered to this or other companies and all agreements have to be similar in nature. Hayden then explained governmental operations benefits.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:06 P.M.

John Karis – President of Black Rock Cable, spoke on the potential fiber optic link to cities under the governmental operations benefits. Karis presented an overview of Black Rock Cables operation, the workings of fiber optics and the benefits to the City.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:17 P.M.

Council discussion ensued.

The topic was continued for further discussion to the January 24, 2001 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Dillon announced that she was hopeful that the next Council meeting would be held at the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Presentation – Grease in Sewer Lines

Dale Velasquez – Sewer Department Foreman presented information on a problem throughout the City with cooking grease clogging sewer lines. Velasquez stated approximately 50% of the complaints received for clogged sewer lines are plugged with grease. Commercial cooking establishments seem to be the biggest contributor. Velasquez stated while it is not something that would affect the discharge permit, it is something that will need to be addressed in the near future. Velasquez also addressed restaurants being a culprit with either antiquated grease traps or ill-maintained traps and stated currently there is no method of enforcement for non-compliance. Some ideas for solutions for this problem would be charging a fee for violation, education within the newspapers and possibly working with other agencies with inspection and enforcement.

Velasquez fielded questions from the Council including the number of establishments involved, suggested inspection times and cost and time involved in a repair of a clogged line.

Engineer Barnet emphasized a periodic review of those establishments with grease traps to ensure that they are in compliance.

Council Presentation – A Community Action Plan Presentation from The Results Group

Steve Kent and April Lee addressed the Council on the formation of a Community Action Plan. Kent requested input from the Council on items they would like to see within a Community Action Plan. Kent reviewed the basics of a Community Action Plan and a timetable for planning and implementation of a plan over a 5 year period.

Planner Rivera spoke on other plans that she had been involved in and it's effective use as a marketing tool in attracting new business, services and residents.

Mayor Dillon stated it would be a good way to get the community involved and believes it would be an effective tool for the Council.

Lee stated a large part of their work is to publicize the opportunity for citizens to become involved in the plan.

Mayor Dillon also noted a grant has been obtained along with the U.S. Forest Service for funding to proceed with a Community Action Plan.

Lee reviewed the history of the grant and allocation of the funding.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Results Group Limited. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorized the Mayor to sign the application for Federal Assistance with the U.S. Forest Service. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried.

Segregation of ULID #1994-2 Assessment

Attorney Hayden reviewed background information for the segregation of ULID #1994-2 for parcels affected. The ULID assessments for the entire property is being pro-rated on a square foot basis among the property owners.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Resolution #645-01 A Resolution Approving the Segregation of Assessments for ULID #1994-2 for Dennis Klinger, David Rohrer, Frankie Rohrer, and Walley and Betty Thurmond Family Trust and Trustees Wallace G. Thurmond and Betty L. Thurmond. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Second Quarter Real Estate Excise Tax

Attorney Hayden reviewed Council direction to find a way to lessen the burden of impact fees and to find alternative revenue sources. Hayden stated the City has a couple of sources of taxes that we are not using and compared current excise tax to that of the City of Mount Vernon. Hayden stated the difference is the second quarter real estate excise tax called REET II which we are not charging. Hayden stated this is a tax that people pay when real estate is bought and sold and the money can only be used for capital improvements. Hayden recommended setting a public hearing date along or a worksession for educational purposes.

Councilmember Meamber moved to continue the discussion to the worksession scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2001. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Vendor List

Supervisor Stendal reviewed the implementation of a Vendor List as a result of 1999 audit comments. Stendal stated this is a housekeeping matter and is spelled out in the proposed resolution.

Councilmember Warner moved to adopt Resolution #646-01 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley to Establish a Policy to Ensure Compliance of RCW 39.04.190 and .200 for Implementation of the Laws of the State of Washington with Regards to Purchasing From Vendor Lists Without Formal Bids. Councilmember Miller seconded. Motion carried.

2001 Salary Ordinance

Supervisor Stendal reviewed the proposed salary ordinance. Stendal stated the City is currently in negotiations with the police union and the ordinance reflects the 1999 salary structure for them. The AFSCME salaries represent the second year of a three year contract.

Councilmember Storrs moved to pass Ordinance #1400-01 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and the Wages for Elected Officials, Union and Non Union Employees for the City of Sedro-Woolley for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2001. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Warner – Yes, Grandy – Yes and Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Silves – requested a sign be placed at the Community Center listing when the meetings are held along with a display case to post the agenda and other information once the meeting location is moved. Silves has requested the Parks Department look into the costs and sizes of the display cases.

Councilmember Warner – stated he has been reviewing the utility bills and commented on the anticipated increases in utility bills. Warner encouraged everyone take their part in conserving energy where ever possible.

Councilmember Lemley – commented that the Parks Department is pursuing the purchase of a vehicle under the state contract which would come in under the amount budgeted.

Councilmember Miller – concurred with Councilmember Warner in conserving energy. Miller suggested a daytime Council meeting be considered in order to help with the energy conservation.

City Planner Rivera – announced her resignation as the City Planner effective February 15, 2001. Rivera stated she has accepted a position with the City of Mount Vernon and will provide an

overview of the projects with her exit report. Rivera expressed her pleasure of working at the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Engineer Barnet – addressed the topic of street lights throughout the City and suggested a review of street lights be conducted as a possible means of conservation. Council encouraged Barnet to pursue.

City Planner Rivera – stated she has had a number of calls regarding construction activity going on in the vicinity of AM/PM. She stated the construction is for a new Forest Service building. It will also house some retail/commercial area facing Township Street.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the removal of the Christmas Tree and the disposal of the wood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:35 P.M. and reconvened at 9:30 P.M.

Mayor Dillon reminded everyone to fill out the attendance sheet available for any known absences.

Councilmember Miller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.