
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 24, 2001 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Silves, Meamber, Miller (Late), Storrs, Lemley, Warner and Grandy. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Hallberg (Late), Engineer Barnet, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #44017 to #44113 for \$154,979.63 (Voided checks #44101 to #44107)
 - Payroll Warrants #27716 to #27802 for \$129,577.84

Councilmember Warner moved to approve the consent calendar A & B. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried.

Public Comment

C.B. Johnson – 889 Carriage Court, presented an idea incorporating his main interest of parks and his hobby of railroads. He reviewed an idea for a Sedro-Woolley railroad park, also proposing a trolley system utilizing existing railways.

Mayor Dillon referred Mr. Johnson's idea to the Park Committee and Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Dillon announced the addition of Request for Waiver of Fee for the Community Center as agenda item #10 under New Business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Street Vacation for Georgia Schopf & Kendall Gentry

Attorney Hayden announced that the notifications for the requested street vacation were not mailed to property owners in time for the required notification. Hayden stated new notices have been sent and requested Council amend the previous resolution continuing the hearing to November 14, 2001.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve Resolution #654-01 A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 653-01 Setting a Public Hearing for the Vacation of a Portion of Jameson Street, Upon the Petition of Georgia Schopf and Kendall Gentry. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried.

6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (6-Yr TIP)

Engineer Barnet reviewed the proposed 2002 – 2007 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Barnet noted that each City is required yearly to review and prioritize road projects within the City limits. He noted that the plan has not changed from last year with the exception of the McGargile project being moved up on the list.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:22 P.M.

Randy Good – 25512 Minkler Road, presented Councilmembers with a handout addressing item #7 Cascade Trail. Good reviewed some of the background on the Cascade Trail and property owner issues that are still in question. Good encouraged the Council remove the language identifying “Cascade Trail” from the TIP until and after landowners property rights are addressed.

C.B. Johnson – expressed concern over history being lost because of clouded title issues.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:30 P.M.

Engineer Barnet clarified that the intent of #7 was not to justify, construct or build any portion of the Cascade Trail, the intent of having the word Cascade Trail was to reflect the fact that the area would be the eastern terminus of our project.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution #655-01 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington 2002 – 2007 striking the word “Cascade Trail” from item #7. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Setting Public Hearing for Property Tax Levy 2002

Mayor Dillon requested Council set a public hearing for November 14, 2001 for the purpose of the 2002 Property Tax Levy.

Councilmember Storrs moved to set November 14, 2001 for the Setting of the 2002 Property Tax Levy. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Settlement Agreement – Baywood

Attorney Hayden reviewed a Settlement Agreement for Baywood, Inc. at the Skagit plant site for a refund due to overpayment of their utility bill. Hayden stated the source of the error appears to be the City's failure to reduce a surcharge placed on the account for extra waste, occurring some time ago. The refund amount is \$1,956.09.

Councilmember Silves moved to authorize the City of Sedro-Woolley and the City Clerk/Treasurer to pay Baywood, Inc. \$1,956.09 as part of the settlement of their bill. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Garbage Collection – Discontinuance of Service

Attorney Hayden reviewed a proposed ordinance amending the procedure to discontinue garbage and refuse collection. Hayden noted this ordinance will clarify the intent of the existing ordinance and has been reviewed and is recommended for approval by the Utility Committee.

Councilmember Warner moved to approved Ordinance #1413-01 An Ordinance Amending the Procedures to Discontinue Garbage and Refuse Collection Pursuant to SWMC Section 8.04.105. Councilmember Grandy seconded.

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

Request for Waiver of Fees – USDA

Councilmember Grandy moved to approve the waiver of fees request from the USDA – Farm Service Agency for Skagit County for the use of the Community Center on Monday, October 29, 2001. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Silves – on behalf of the Police and Fire Committee presented a request for an increase for the volunteer firemen from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per hour. Silves has noted the firemen have not had an increase since 1995 and the funds are in the budget. The proposed increase would start December 1, 2001 which coincides with their contract.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve a wage increase for the volunteer firemen to increase the rate of pay to \$10.00 per hour for calls and training. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Planner Hallberg – announced an upcoming slide show to be presented at Padilla Bay on Friday November 2, 2001. The slide show will be about an award winning project in Sumner. Hallberg

noted this uses some techniques that she would like considered in the update of the Comprehensive Plan. Hallberg also has future plans of a site visit to Sumner.

Engineer Barnet – noted that letters have been sent to property owners in the F&S Grade road area and the three designs are posted in the office for persons to come and review on the proposed traffic improvements.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the notification process for the projects in the Garden of Eden and F & S Grade Road area.

Fire Chief Klinger – reminded everyone of the upcoming Boots to Burn dance, Saturday, October 27, 2001. Tickets are available through the Fire Department.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the Chamber sponsored Halloween Parade through downtown on October 31, 2001.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of personnel and land acquisition.

The meeting reconvened at 8:38 P.M.

Councilmember Miller moved to expend up to \$5,000.00 for appraisal and architectural services to replace and/or purchase a place for City Hall. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.