
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 14, 2001 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Silves, Meamber, Miller, Storrs, Warner and Grandy.
Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Planner Hallberg, Engineer Barnet, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #44114 to #44262 for \$186,267.22
 - Payroll Warrants #27803 to #27889 for \$101,877.81
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent calendar A through C. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried.

Special Presentation

Mayor Dillon made a special presentation to Amanda Adcock, Chris Riley and Therese Riley for their bravery and help in coming to the rescue of an elderly woman who had fallen in her home on Halloween night.

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Gentry/Schopf Street Vacation Ordinance

Attorney Hayden reviewed the request by Georgia Schopf and Ken Gentry to vacate 15 feet of right of way on Jameson Street. Hayden also reviewed several conditions within the proposed Ordinance.

Planner Hallberg addressed the Council on the proposed short plat or subdivision on Jameson and 11th which this street vacation will facilitate. Hallberg noted two letters received which will

be read into the record at the time of the Public Hearing. She stated that staff is requesting in exchange for the land that would be vacated is right of way dedication on the East portion of Georgia Schopf's former home is.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:14 P.M.

Neenia Stevens – 1202 Jameson, expressed concern over increased traffic volume and questioned if the extra 15 feet would allow a multiple family dwelling complex. She stated she was not interested in living in a neighborhood of rental housing which would bring in more noise and traffic on roads that are already in poor condition. She addressed the neglected stop sign at Railroad and 11th.

Hallberg noted that the current zoning for the property is single family/duplex, Which allows those types of dwellings to be build whether the street is vacated or not.

Hallberg read a letter into the record received from Randy and Neenia Stevens who reside at 1202 Jameson which addressed the same concerns Stevens in person addressed to the Council.

Teresa Stoakes – a neighboring resident for 25 years said she agreed with Stewarts comments and expressed concern over increased traffic on poor conditioned roads. She stated she was opposed to granting the street vacation and believes it should be left the way it is.

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson St, noted the traffic already on a dead end street. She stated the developers should be required to put in sidewalks like other developers. Grandy expressed concern for the safety of the children in the area.

Shane Stoakes – 1210 Jameson, spoke against the street vacation.

Planner Hallberg read a letter received into the record from Bruce Grandy of 1317 Jameson Street opposing the street vacation.

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson, again to the podium, addressed the proposed conditions of the street vacation. She believes that they should not be conditions but the developer should automatically be required to complete them without exchange.

Neenia Stewart – again to the podium, addressed the communication of the proposed street vacation. She noted she had to come into the City to get her letter. She also stated that past road work for this property in front of her property was done without the proper permits in place, on a Saturday and she was stuck in her house due to the road work. She found she was not on the list for notification that was supplied to the City by the applicant and questioned the possibility of others not being notified.

Patty Chandler – 1211 Jameson, questioned the road system should the street vacation be approved.

Hayden noted that the City is trying to preserve the “grid road system” because of its efficiency in moving traffic. He noted that developers like to build cul-de-sacs which is inefficient. The grid road system is a priority to the City and there is some question about forcing a developer to do a grid road system.

Chandler noted her disapproval of the street vacation.

Planner Hallberg clarified that the existing travel lane is currently 20 feet. She noted they were talking about an 80 foot wide right of way which leaves 60 feet of right of way. The current requirement is a 50 to 60 foot right of way. The 80 foot right of way is in excess of what is required.

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson, requested clarification of the size of the lots.

Hallberg stated that there have not been any drawing submitted as yet and she is unable to speculate. Hallberg also noted that the zoning changes just to the east of the proposed right of way.

Ed Gibbs – 1511 11th Pl. , questioned the zoning behind his property and questioned improvements to 11th Street to Jameson.

Hallberg noted that half-street improvements would be required along Jameson and 11th Pl. in front of the development.

Mayor Dillon closed the Public hearing at 7:38 P.M.

Councilmember Meamber questioned if this has been run before the Planning Commission to take care of the details.

Hayden noted that a Street Vacation is a Council body decision. The design of the sub-division if the developer chooses to go ahead with the project can end up at the Planning Commission.

Hallberg noted the long plat, the property to the east would require Planning Commission approval. The ones along 11th Place are being proposed as short plats and they are administratively approved unless a variance is required. If a variance is required it would then go before the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Meamber expressed concern over the comment of notification and believed it should be looked at.

Randy Stevens – 1202 Jameson, commented on the notification process and stated that they had to go out and gather the information.

Theresa Stoakes – 1210 Jameson, noted that her mortgage also pays her taxes but she did receive notification.

Hallberg and Mayor Dillon noted they would look into the notification process.

Councilmember Grandy drew a diagram of the intersection and gave explanation to the Council. He noted that the City should retain the property for future.

Hallberg stated that this development proposal is coming in piecemeal and perhaps waiting for approval until the whole picture can be seen might be prudent.

Engineer Barnet reviewed the improvement to the area.

Councilmember Miller questioned the timing of the improvements, which Engineer Barnet stated that the improvements come at time of development, not at time of street vacation.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance 1414-01 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley vacating a Portion of Jameson Street Lying East of Township Street, Upon the Petition of Schoph/Gentry. Seconded by Councilmember Warner.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Silves – No, Meamber – No, Miller – No, Storrs – Yes, Warner – Yes, Grandy – No. Motion denied 2-4.

Setting 2002 Property Tax Levy

Mayor Dillon introduced the Setting of the 2002 Property Tax Levy in the absence of Clerk/Treasurer Nelson.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

Tony Splane – 714 Sapp Road, spoke against raising taxes and noted that the proposal will not increase city taxes. Splane complimented staff for living within their means.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:58 P.M.

Councilmember Grandy moved to approve Ordinance #1415-01 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Approving an Increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy, in Addition to Any Amount Resulting From the Addition of New Construction and Improvements. Councilmember Miller seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Comp Plan Time Line – The Results Group (Discussion Only)

Steve Kent of the Results Group addressed the Council and presented a brief timeline for the Comprehensive Plan update. Kent stated that the Comprehensive Plan may have some significant impact on a number of items. He noted the plan can influence local taxes and fees, cost and value of housing and land, sensitive and critical areas and financial viability of retail and industrial businesses. It is used as a template for designing and enforcing zoning ordinances and designations.

Kent reminded the Council that one of the purposes of City government is to do those things not traditionally done by the private sector. The City also needs to contribute to the economic viability of the entire community. The Comprehensive Plan process will be public driven, council driven and then staff driven.

NEW BUSIENSS

Amendment of Street Vacation Ordinance

Attorney Hayden reviewed proposed changes to the Street Vacation Ordinance to conform with changes in the state law. The two changes 1) to allow assessment of 100% (up from 50%) of the FMV of city right-of-way if the ROW has been part of the dedicated public right-of-way for 25 years, and 2) half the funds received from street vacations must be used for public open space or transportation capital projects.

Attorney Hayden answered Councilmembers questions regarding language in the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Warner moved to approve Ordinance #1414-01 An Ordinance Amending SWMC Section 12.20.110(E) (Ordinance 1171 SS 11,1993), to Provide for Compensation of the City of Sedro-Woolley for Vacated Right-Of-Way in an Amount not to Exceed the Maximum Provided by Law. Councilmember Miller seconded.

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

Setting Public Hearing for 2002 Budget

Mayor Dillon requested Council set a public hearing on the 2002 Budget.

Councilmember Storrs moved to set a public hearing on November 28, 2001 with an option to continue to the next regular scheduled meeting of December 13, 2001 if needed. Seconded by Councilmember Warner. Motion carried.

Public Service Sign Program

Engineer Barnet introduced Leo Jacobs, Sanitation Department Foreman to present advertising proposal on the Solid Waste trucks.

Leo Jacobs – Solid Waste Division foreman presented an innovated idea of leasing space on the sides of the sanitation trucks to business owners and/or event coordinators for a specified price. Jacobs outlined the proposed fee structure and Jacobs noted that some of the details still need to be looked at.

The consensus of the Council is to proceed with the idea.

Worker's Compensation Claims Administration

Attorney Hayden reviewed a Worker's Compensation Claims service agreement with Johnston & Culberson. Hayden stated in the past the City was a member of the Cities Retro Group for Labor and Industry coverage. The group for several years did very well but in the last two years has lost money and therefore the group is being disbanded. Under the proposed agreement Johnson & Culberson would continue to manage the City's open L & I claims as well as future claims. Hayden noted the fee is 5% of our L&I premium which is estimated at \$2,560 per year.

Councilmember Warner moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Workers Compensation Claims service agreement with Johnston & Culberson. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

2002 Meeting & Workshop Schedules

Mayor Dillon presented a proposed 2002 Council Meeting and Worksession calendar for approval by the Council.

Councilmember Warner moved to approve the 2002 Council meeting and worksession calendar as presented. Councilmember Grandy seconded. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement with School District

Attorney Hayden requested this item be moved to the November 28, 2001 meeting.

Councilmember Miller moved to postpone the Interlocal Agreement with School District topic to the November 28, 2001 meeting. Seconded by Councilmembers Silves and Warner. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on a problem with emergency response at 1133 Wicker Road and surrounding area due to a problem with the City/County boundary line. The County will be responding to emergency calls until the boundary line dispute is resolved.

Police Lieutenant Wood – addressed the Council on parking in the downtown area and what efforts are being made to address a letter received from the Planning Commission about the Downtown parking problems.

Engineer Barnet – spoke about the Christmas lights on the buildings and the time it is taking. He noted the lights need to be discussed in further detail before next year.

Councilmember Grandy – discussed a truck parked on Township Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:05 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel and land acquisition.

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 P.M.

Councilmember Warner moved to adjourn. Seconded by all Councilmembers. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.