
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 12, 2001 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilmember Storrs led those in attendance in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Dillon noted a change in the agenda, she stated the Executive Session will follow the consent calendar, for the discussion of personnel and land.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #44359 to #44474 for \$104,481.17
 - Payroll Warrants #27978 to #28063 for \$123,674.67
- Waiver of Fees – Senior Center

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar Items A,B and C. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:04 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:56 P.M.

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Audrey Smith – Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster

Audrey Smith, Executive Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival presented the City with a commemorative poster for the upcoming 2002 festival. Smith also reviewed the events being held in Sedro-Woolley as part of the Tulip Festival.

Presentation by Skagit County – Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project

County Commissioner Dahlstedt, joined by Chal Martin, Dave Brookings and Don Dixon of Skagit County Public Works Department, introduced to the Council the County's and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project. They reviewed their phase one study to determine a cost effective method for safely managing large flood events in the Skagit Valley. A video presentation demonstrated different stages of flooding and the effect on the area. Commissioner Dahlstedt addressed working together as County and Cities for funding and Salmon Restoration. Discussion ensued.

Setting of Public Hearing – Redistricting

Mayor Dillon introduced the idea for a public hearing on redistricting the six council wards.

Councilmember Silves moved to set January 23, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. for the public hearing to start the redistricting process. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

Annexation & Annexation Agreement – Janicki/Lange/Fleming

Attorney Hayden stated that due to some requested changes by one of the parties, this item will come before the Council sometime in the future.

Business License Fees – Non Profit Organizations

Mayor Dillon noted that our current ordinance does not specifically list non-profit businesses needing to obtain a license. In order to keep track of those doing business within our city the Mayor requested consideration of a motion to have non-profit business register with the City but no business license fee be required. Hearing no objections an Ordinance will be drafted and presented to the Council.

2002 Salary Ordinance

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the annual Salary Ordinance for the City of Sedro-Woolley for the year 2002.

Councilmember Lemley expressed concern of the publication within the paper and the need for a better way to communicate the extent of the increases.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve Ordinance #1417-01 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials, Union and Non-Union Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2002. Seconded by Councilmember Warner.

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

Appointing and Agent to Receive Claims

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the new Washington State law that requires each local government to formally appoint an agent to receive claims for damages. She noted that the Clerk has always served in that position but the law requires formal appointment and notation of their location during business hours to be recorded with the County Auditor. The proposed resolution appoints the City Clerk as agent to receive claims.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution #656-01 A Resolution Appointing an Agent to Receive Claims Under R.C.W. Ch. 4.96. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Contract with AMCRIN Corp.

Police Chief Cooper reviewed a proposed contract with AMCRIN Corp. for maintaining computerized central clearing house for bad checks and closed bank accounts. Chief Cooper noted that Brown and Cole will pay the registration fee for the first year giving time for evaluation of the program.

Attorney Hayden noted that because of the contractual nature, it is appropriate that Council be the final decision maker.

Councilmember Warner moved to allow the Mayor and/or Police Chief to sign the agreement with AMCRIN Corp. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

Thank you/Welcome Councilmembers

Mayor Dillon presented outgoing Councilmember Janell Silves with a plaque from the City for her years of service on the Council. She thanked Councilmember Silves for her hard work and dedication to the City.

Mayor Dillon administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Storrs and Grandy. Mayor Dillon announced that the Oath of Office for Councilmember Miller and incoming Councilmember Anderson will be administered at City Hall prior to December 31, 2001.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Planner Hallberg – reported on the progress on the annexation and development application. She noted the SEPA comment period ended yesterday.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – noted that the Unions have requested a change in the holiday schedule. She noted that the normal contracted days off are December 25 and 26 and because of the way the days fall a change has been requested for December 24 and 25. With no objection, the City signed an agreement granting the requested change.

Councilmember Meamber – complimented the City on the main street and tree lighting and parade. Councilmember Meamber also gave compliments to the Mayor and staff for the manner in which the budget was presented over the two evening worksession.

Councilmember Storrs – again noted the road condition in his area.

Councilmember Lemley – noted a pothole at the intersection of Warner and 4th Streets. Lemley also acknowledge Councilmember Silves for her help to him over the past couple years. Councilmember Lemley also wished everyone “Happy Holidays”.

Councilmember Warner – thanked the citizens who have decorated their homes for the holiday season.

Councilmember Grandy – requested investigation into an abandoned vehicle on Jameson Street across from Sedro-Woolley High School football practice field.

Mayor Dillon – thanked the street crew in coming to the rescue of the Chamber with their help on the lights. She also thanked Shane Walley for his visits to the tree and train sights with their vandalism.

Engineer Barnet – reported on a meeting held on the F&S Grade Road/Skagit Steel intersection. He noted a public open house to be scheduled after the first of the year for those interested in looking at the design and to obtain input from the citizens. Barnet noted if all goes well the project could be constructed sometime in 2003. He also addressed the Council on the Street Lights in the City. He noted the street department has proposed re-lamping the lights downtown with compacted fluorescent bulbs and will be bringing back bids for this process. He also noted that it may be that the lights need to be re-globed due to dulling of the current globes.

Planner Hallberg requested if the lamps are re-globed that the project come before the Design Review Committee.

Velma Walker – 726 Northern Street, addressed the condition of the old service station on State and Puget Street.

Chief Cooper noted that the Code Enforcement Officer has been working with the business owner and clean up has begun.

Mayor Dillon wished everyone “Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year”.

Councilmember Grandy moved to adjourn. Seconded by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.