
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 28, 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, Lemley and Grandy. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Engineer Barnet, City Planner Jeroldine Hallberg, Police Lieutenant Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon welcomed City Planner Jeroldine Hallberg to her first meeting. She also announced the addition to the Agenda for a Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #42483 to #42574 for \$98,475.08
 - Payroll Warrants #26454 to #26460 and #26464 to #26543 for \$126,824.73
(Voided Warrants #26453, #26461 to #26463)
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Craig Cole – addressed the Council regarding the workings of the City Attorneys office including phone lines, secretary and budget for the legal department. He complained that he has had difficulty reaching the attorney. Cole also addressed the police department and racial profiling.

Ken Cornet –596 Township St., representing the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council on the Sedro-Woolley Revitalization program and questioned if there are ordinances that dictates the amount of ground floor space that must be used for retail or for another purpose. Cornet questioned how one would go about getting one.

Mayor Dillon referred his request to City Planner to follow the proper procedures beginning with the Planning Commission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Feasibility Study

City Engineer Barnet reviewed a draft feasibility study that was compiled by CH2M Hill Engineering. The feasibility study was for the sanitary sewer line along the SR-20 corridor between Trail Road and the Hospital. Barnet stated the study addresses the expected growth within the Urban Growth Area. He answered questions from the Council which addressed Brickyard Creek and pump stations.

The consensus of the Council was to proceed with finalizing the feasibility study and bring it back to Council for adoption as part of the existing Sewer Comprehensive Plan at a later date.

2001 City Wide Paving Program

Engineer Barnet presented to Council the proposed paving program for the year 2001. Barnet stated that staff has reviewed the priority list with the Street Committee. The costs listed on the priority list are estimates only. He addressed questions from the Council which included reasoning for prioritization.

The Council direction was to proceed with the projects on the list with an update to be given mid-year.

Pacific Northwest Bank Monument

Mayor Dillon introduced the request of Pacific Northwest Bank for a new monument sign. She stated the Design Review Committee had been presented with three Options for the sign and had chosen Option #3 because it fit best with the standards, however the bank representatives prefer Option #2 but it does not meet the requirements set forth in the Design Review Committee regulations and are requesting City Council approval for Option #2.

Jerri Bonafont – representing Dwinell’s Visual Systems, manufacturer and installer for the Pacific Northwest Bank sign, reviewed the plans for the new sign replacing the existing rotating pole sign. She stated the proposed sign is a four sided sign. The problems with Option #3 sign is uneven lighting, visibility of lettering and aesthetic value.

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept Option #2 for the proposed sign for Pacific Northwest Bank. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Councilmember Silves requested to go on record stating the City has a hodge-podge of signs and the Design Review Committee doesn't make anyone stay within the standards.

Request for Public Hearing – Toter Charges

Attorney Hayden updated the Council on the purchase of the Toters and stated the cost of the toters came to \$80,956.00. Hayden requested the Council consider setting a public hearing for consideration of an ordinance change, to charge for the City owned garbage containers and if so at what rate.

Councilmember Grandy moved to set April 25, 2001 as a public hearing to consider an ordinance for charging or not charging for the new toters. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

Council Approval – Alarm System (Community Center)

Ardell McCombs, Building Official reported on upgrading the current security system which would be more user friendly. The cost of the upgrade would be \$3,034.83 including sales tax.

Councilmember Miller moved to enter into a contract with D-Tech, Inc. to upgrade the security system at the Community Center in the amount of \$3,034.83 including sales tax. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

Revision – Gambling Tax Ordinance

Attorney Hayden reviewed background information on the need to revise the cities gambling tax ordinance to make it consistent with state law. The ordinance also addresses a lower rate for tax on non-profit bingo games.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve Ordinance #1405-01 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Amending SWMC Section 5.40.020, for the Purpose of Conforming the Tax Rate on Gambling to that Specified in RCW Chapter 9.46. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

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

Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County

Mayor Dillon reviewed a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Construction of a Skateboard Park. Dillon stated the agreement was a formality for the commitment of funds from Skagit County.

Councilmember Grandy moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County to accept \$20,000.00 to put towards the construction of a Skateboard Park. Councilmember Miller seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – reminded Council of the Community Action Task Force meeting dates and noted that the tree markers have been placed on the trees at Ferry Street.

Councilmember Silves – questioned the status of the tree slated for removal on Ferry Street. She also noted illegal dumping along Polte Road and questioned recycling at the City Sanitation shop.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the railroad ties behind Coast to Coast. He also reported the need for the pick up of a dead animal in the neighborhood of Trail Road.

Councilmember Miller – noted potholes at John Liner Road and Hwy 9.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the days of operation for Grass Collection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M. to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with no decision expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:42 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.