
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 9, 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, Storrs, and Grandy. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Nelson, Engineer Barnet, Planner Hallberg, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #42809 to #42926 for \$70,737.68
- Payroll Warrants #26719 to #26805 for \$101,024.71

Councilmember Silves moved to approve the consent calendar A and B. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Johnny Gilland – 106 Talcott Street, addressed the Council regarding potential sewer projects within the Garden of Eden Road area. Gilland stated he just purchased property in that area and was questioning future sewer expansion.

Engineer Barnet indicated that Council has approved to go out for bid for design for that area but there is no commitment for building of a sewer line. He noted it is his plan to bring it before Council for construction in the year of 2002.

Craig Cole – General Delivery, Sedro-Woolley, questioned the funding of the Police Department in regards to DNA testing. Cole suggested shifting funds from the attorney's office to the Police Department. Cole commended the City for moving forward with the public restrooms.

Mike Anderson – 2079 Highway 20, addressed the Council on several topics 1). regarding working septic tanks within an area where sewer becomes available. Anderson stated that previously the city had allowed persons to continue with septic until failure of their system, any change in the use of their property or a sale of their property. A few years ago this option was repealed and Anderson encouraged Council look at allowing these exceptions again. 2). Anderson also addressed Council regarding a skateboard park. He questioned why Bingham Park is not being looked at and encouraged this site be considered. 3). He addressed a recent oil spill within his neighborhood and city crews cleaning up on private property. Anderson believes that a private company should have been brought in and questioned the disposal of the contents. 4). Anderson then spoke on the recent Police Department issues and addressed the topic of privatizing as other cities and towns have done.

Jacqueline Gent – 868 Carriage Court, requested clarification as to whether Item 6 involved Carriage Court.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rate Increase – Automated Carts in the Solid Waste Department (continuation)

Mayor Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 P.M.

Mayor Dillon read comments received into the record from James Newbaker who is opposed to any increase. A letter was also read from Gerri Rowland who believes the elderly would be severely impacted by the rate increase.

Tony Splane – 714 Sapp Road addressed the Council in opposition of any rate increase and encouraged cutting staff to pay for the cans.

Ginny Good – 24250 Alexander Street, questioned what should be done with the old trash cans.

Mayor Dillon stated that should the customers want to get rid of their existing cans, they will be picked up by the Sanitation Department.

Don Van Etten – 517 Fidalgo Street, questioned a report of the County giving a kick back to the Cities in connection with refuse hauling and Sedro-Woolley declining to participate.

Mayor Dillon stated she did not know of any such program and would need to research the topic.

Grant Robbins – 7 Bingham Place, addressed proposed savings in labor and believes that should be used to pay for the cans. He also stated he believes the amount should be spread out according to size of can.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:21 P.M.

Attorney Hayden summarized the proposed ordinance for the increase. He indicated the 34 cents is an average and seems to be a more cost effective bookkeeping system.

Discussion ensued with staff answering council questions regarding life of the cans, combining services for duplexes and mother in law situations, future growth, damage, replacement and loss of cans.

Councilmember Grandy moved to adopt Ordinance #1407-01 An Ordinance Amending the SWMC 8.04.085 to Provide for the Mandatory Use of City Containers for Residential Garbage Service and Establishing a Monthly Rental Charge Therefore. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Consulting Engineering Contract

Engineer Barnet presented background information in connection with a Rural Economic Vitality Grant (REV) for funding of access and signalization in the vicinity of the Skagit Manufacturing Plant. Barnet stated the WSDOT is also looking at that portion of SR-20. It is proposed to combine projects and begin a feasibility study for this area. Barnet requested Council to allow the Mayor to sign a Consulting Engineering contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to proceed with a feasibility study. Barnet addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with David Evans and Associations for the engineering work for the Skagit Manufacturing Access and Signalization Project. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding – Skagit Co. Fire Dist. #8

Fire Chief Klinger reviewed a letter from Fire District #8 to Mr. Mario Brown of Skagit County Geographic Information Services regarding the addressing of Carriage Court. Chief Klinger presented history on this development and some of the problems that have occurred. Klinger requested council approve a memorandum of understanding to address these concerns.

Opal Riggs – President of Homeowners Association of Carriage Estates, noted that she did not want any address change as she has not had any problems with emergency response.

Chief Klinger further detailed the addressing problem they have with emergency response in currently receiving two addresses. He indicated they have a cross reference map which aids them.

K.B. Johnson – Carriage Court, indicated that the Sheriff’s department still uses the old number which does cause some problems. Johnson also questioned if Carriage Court would be becoming part of the City. Johnson then addressed sewer fees for the Carriage Court area.

Mayor Dillon noted that at the current time there is no immediate plan to annex their area into the City Limits.

Engineer Barnet offered for himself and Chief Klinger to meet with interested residents after the meeting to discuss some of their concerns.

Jackie Gent – 868 Carriage Court, spoke on some of the management changes that have occurred and expressed frustration over not knowing where to go, being caught within the City’s urban growth area.

Discussion was held regarding fees within Carriage Court Estates.

Councilmember Storrs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a joint letter with Skagit County Fire District 8 to request the County to generate a memorandum of understanding. Councilmember Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Mapping & Computer Services Agreement

Mayor Dillon presented a proposal to enter into a contract with Summit GIS to provide mapping services for the city. Some of the current needs of the city include re-addressing, sewer and storm water maps, Council ward maps, Emergency response grid maps, zoning and planning map updates and other various services.

Planner Hallberg presented a draft of a proposed timeline for accomplishing these tasks and detailed some of the tasks.

Engineer Barnet and Police Chief Cooper spoke on the need and importance to all departments of having a source for these services.

Councilmember Miller moved to enter into a contract with Summit GIS through December 31, 2001. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Storrs – noted after reviewing the budget figures for the year he was impressed that the City is right on target for the year.

Councilmembers Miller, Meamber and Silves all noted potholes on John Liner Road, north end of 6th Street, west end of Batey Road and Polte Road.

Councilmember Silves also commended the street crew for placement of a street sign with a metal pole in the vicinity of her neighborhood.

Fire Chief Klinger – noted he will be gone for the next two weeks for his annual training.

Councilmember Miller moved to adjourn at 8:20 P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
