
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 23, 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, Lemley, Warner and Grandy. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Barnet, Planner Hallberg, Police Sargent Linn Tucker.

Mayor Dillon reviewed some additional agenda items. She indicated two use requests for Riverfront Park to be added to the Consent Calendar and a Proclamation under New Business. She also stated the Falavolito Appeal has been continued to June 13, 2001 per the applicant's request.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #42927 to #43043 for \$538,746.48
- Payroll Warrants #26806 to #26896 for \$129,438.35
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the Consent Calendar A through E. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Dee Denton – Co-Chair of Blast from the Past addressed the Council and requested approval to block off streets within the downtown area for placement of food and arts and crafts vendors.

Frank Martin – 7963 Hwy 9, addressed the Council on the proposed gas fired power plant and questioned the City's stand on the proposed plant. Martin presented personal experiences as a former Puget Power employee with such plants.

Mayor Dillon noted that the City did not have an opinion at this time. The proposed plant needs to go through the proper processes and it is located outside the City Limits with Skagit County being the deciding body.

Jerry Pachuilto – 90077 Fruitdale Road, addressed the Council with numerous questions regarding the proposed power plant.

Planner Hallberg noted a general informational meeting on energy generating plants will be held on June 7, 2001 held in Sedro-Woolley. She also noted an official public hearing on the Tollhouse proposed project will be held on June 20, 2001, conducted by the Skagit County Planning and Permit Center.

Nan Laney – 28671 Utopia Rd., spoke on the proposed power plant within the Urban Growth Area. Laney spoke in opposition of the plant and expressed concern of the lack of awareness regarding this project.

Craig Cole – General Delivery, Sedro-Woolley, addressed numerous issues regarding the Police Department and repair and maintenance of sidewalks and streets.

Jamie Waite – 9183 Fruitdale Road, addressed health concerns of people, animals and traffic in connection with the proposed power plant. Waite encouraged Council and City staff to visit other sites to get a first hand look at an operating plant.

James Hawkings – 1211 State St., noted a sewer cut out in the vicinity of the 1200 block of State Street that has remained unfinished for several months.

Johnny Gilland – 106 Talcott St., addressed the Council on being open minded. He stated that no one wants projects in their backyards but we all utilize the end result.

Attorney Hayden addressed Council and audience members stating that the City of Sedro-Woolley is not the permitting agency. The City has the opportunity to make comment as any citizen also does.

Planner Hallberg reviewed the contents of the upcoming informational meeting.

Nan Laney – 28671 Utopia Rd., spoke on the permitting process and some of the confusion citizens are having due to the property being within the Urban Growth Area.

Jerry Pachuillo – 90077 Fruitdale Road. again to the podium addressed the Council on the unfairness of the process.

Max Alaways – questioned the sanity of the Council.

Tony Splane – 714 Sapp Road, challenged opponents of the proposed project to come up with an alternative plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation -- A Walk of Hope Day

Mayor Dillon read a proclamation declaring May 25, 2001 A Walk of Hope Day. The proclamation stated that Norman Bell, a 58 year old grandfather has taken it upon himself to take an epic walking journey across the United States and Canada to call public attention to the plight of at risk children who live on the streets and in the sewers of many large cities of the world.

The Mayor stated Mr. Bell will be walking through town on Friday, May 25, 2001 and she invited Councilmembers to walk along with Mr. Bell and herself if possible.

New Computers – Building/Planning/Engineering

Planner Hallberg reviewed a request for replacement of three CPU's and connection to the network for the Building/Planning and Engineering Departments. Hallberg cited difficulties in internet access, slowness of computers and computers locking up or shutting down.

Adrian Mintz – Consultant for support services addressed Councilmembers questions regarding warranty, networking, bidding process and budget categories.

Councilmember Warner moved to accept the bid from Computersmart not to exceed \$2,850.00 including tax. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Hallberg passed out some samples of the type of things that can be done with the GIS system.

Contract for Services – Dykema Environmental Consulting

Planner Hallberg reviewed a request for contract services with Dykema Environmental Consulting. Hallberg stated Tina Dykema worked as a college intern assisting the City with several projects including the DNR grant for street trees and the Woodsource site evaluation. She recently finished her degree at Western Washington University and is available for short-term planning work.

Councilmember Warner moved to hire Dykema Environmental Consulting for up to 20 hours a week for no longer than four months. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

SR 20 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Feasibility Study

Engineer Barnet reviewed the final version of the SR 20 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Feasibility Study. This study which was prepared by CH2M Hill and is for the minimum construction standards for the replacement of the line between Trail Road and Collins Road.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the SR 20 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Feasibility Study report prepared by CH2M Hill. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

Senior Discount for Garbage Accounts – Set Public Hearing

Mayor Dillon requested Council set a public hearing to consider raising the senior discount income level.

Councilmember Silves moved to set a public hearing for June 13, 2001 to discuss a reduced rate for senior citizens for solid waste handling. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Falavolito Appeal from Planning Commission Discussion

At the request of the applicant, the appeal was continued to June 13, 2001.

Request for Street Closure – Blast from the Past

Councilmember Silves moved to allow Blast from the Past to close Metcalf Street from Woodworth to Ferry on June 1st and Metcalf Street from State to Ferry and Woodworth Street from alley to alley on June 2nd. Councilmember Miller seconded.

Discussion was held in regards to merchants concerns of having the street blocked and a decrease in business during that time.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Silves – noted a pothole on Polte Road that still hasn't been patched. Silves also noted a pothole in the alley between Puget and Murdock.

Councilmember Meamber – stated Batey Road is in bad need of repair.

Councilmember Miller – complimented the Street Department.

Councilmember Lemley – stated he had received a comment from a citizen on the number of benches located around City Hall. He questioned if some of them could be dispersed throughout town at better locations. Lemley also noted a sign is needed at Bingham Park where the entrance has been blocked at the Hwy 20.

Councilmember Warner – addressed the topic of additional stop signs in the vicinity of Bennett and Jameson Street along 5th Street. He also questioned the status of redistricting. Warner expressed thanks to the Police Department for their recent speed enforcement on State Street.

Councilmember Grandy – requested notations on the Agenda under the Executive Session as to whether one will be held and the approximate length of the session. Grandy also questioned if the Council will be taking an official stand and providing comment to the County on the Tollhouse Energy project.

Planner Hallberg and Attorney Hayden addressed the process should Council decide to take an official stand.

Discussion was held which included noise ordinances and a possible schedule for worksessions on this topic.

Frank Martin – noted that the City adopted County standards for noise limitations.

Councilmember Meamber – requested follow up on the railroad ties behind Coast to Coast. Meamber also encouraged everyone to attend the Results Group Community Action Plan meeting.

Mayor Dillon – announced a Staff/Council meeting scheduled for May 30, 2001 with the Results Group.

Engineer Barnet – indicated that the Engineering Department has been reviewing areas of sewer installation along Reed Street, Trail and Cook Roads. He noted that they will be sending out letters to those people who have not hooked up to sewer in accordance with the City ordinance. The first letters will be going to those property owners on Trail and Cook Roads. He also noted a public informational letter will be going out to those persons in the Garden of Eden area regarding the proposed pump station.

Mayor Dillon reported on the ground breaking ceremony that was held at Hammer Heritage Square.

Councilmember Silves moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.