
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 13, 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, Storrs, Lemley, Warner and Grandy.
Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Barnet, Planner Hallberg, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon announced the addition of a Resolution regarding power plants to the agenda.

Councilmember Lemley moved to add the Resolution regarding power plants to the agenda as item #11. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #43044 to #43178 for \$137,563.93
 - Payroll Warrants #26897 to #26986 for \$106,126.92
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center/Memorial Park/Riverfront Park

Councilmember Silves moved to approve the consent calendar items A - C. Seconded by Councilmembers Grandy and Warner. Motion carried.

Proclamation – Hire-A-Veteran Month

Mayor Dillon read a proclamation, proclaiming the month of June, 2001 as Hire-A-Veteran Month in Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County.

Public Comment

Jim Johnson – 8857 Carter Rd., addressed the Council on the proposed power plant and the potential noise, property values and zoning process. Johnson encouraged open forums and public decisions.

Ginny Good – 24250 Alexander St., expressed concern of the power plant and the location in proximity to the nearby schools. She also questioned the value of such a plant to Sedro-Woolley and the process for passing out information to the public.

Jerry Pachuillo – 90077 Fruitdale Rd., read a letter from Nan Laney on behalf of a grassroots group of concerned citizens calling themselves Responsible Citizens for Responsible Power. This letter requested Council pass a resolution expressing opposition for the Tollhouse project. Pachuillo also spoke on the lack of emergency services for this type of plant.

Craig Cole – General Delivery, addressed comments in the local newspaper and questioned who the spokesperson for the Police Department was.

James Hawkings – 1211 State, readdressed the sewer cut out near his residence that still has not been fixed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Acceptance – Hammer Heritage Park Sewer Storm Work

City Engineer Barnet reviewed the bids returned for the sanitary sewer work, storm system work and relocation of gas and water meters for Hammer Heritage Park. Barnet indicated that Snelson was the low bidder and requested authorization for the Mayor to sign the small works contract.

Councilmember Warner moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the small works contract with Snelson Companies, Inc. for the identified improvements to the Hammer Heritage Park in the amount of \$36,546.14 including tax. Councilmember Grandy seconded. Motion carried.

Backhoe Purchase

Engineer Barnet reviewed the requested purchase of a new 2001 John Deere 310 SG, 4 wheel drive, 85 HP loader/backhoe for the price of \$98,507.80 including tax. Barnet stated the current line item amount for this purchase is \$116,500.00 and the purchase is through the State of Washington Purchasing Cooperative. Using the state bid saves the City approximately \$18,000.00 from the original estimate.

Questions from the Council were answered by Barnet and Ray Melton, Street Department Foreman regarding, use of equipment, life expectancy, breaker bar – hydraulic versus mechanical and the benefits of the 4-wheel drive feature.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the purchase new 2001 John Deere 310 SG, 4 wheel drive, 85 HP loader/backhoe for the price of \$98,507.80 including tax. Seconded by Councilmembers Grandy and Storrs. Motion carried.

Presentation – Results Group

Steve Kent, President of the Results Group presented background on the process of the Community Action Plan meetings. Kent also noted business partner April Lee was in attendance. Kent presented the mission statement for the City and reviewed a draft form of the Community Action Plan. Kent encouraged increasing public awareness in order to accomplish the vision of the plan and presented a suggested time line for accomplishment of the plan.

Mayor Dillon briefly adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M. for a photo opportunity.

The meeting reconvened at 8:06 P.M.

Alexander Street Vacation – Set for Public Hearing

Attorney Hayden reviewed a request from John Eades to vacate the South side of Alexander Street adjacent to his property on the corner of Township and Alexander. The next step in the process would be for the Council to hold a public hearing with proper notice to adjoining owners.

Councilmember Meamber moved to set a public hearing on July 11 to hear the request for street vacation on Alexander Street. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

Correction to Business License Ordinance

Attorney Hayden reviewed a housekeeping manner to correct an error in the Business License Code. Hayden reviewed the proposed ordinance and corrections.

Councilmember Grandy moved to adopt Ordinance #1408-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 5.04.030 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to Correct the Omission of Multi-Family

Apartment Buildings Consisting of Eight or More Units from Class I Business License Applicants. Councilmember Warner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Silves – yes, Meamber – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Warner -- Yes and Grandy – Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion – Adoption of Power Plant Ordinance

Discussion was held on the adoption of a Power Plant Ordinance. Attorney Hayden and Planner Hallberg lead the discussion with no decisions being made. Discussion included process, comment period, deciding body for final decision and liability for the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Warner – has received a number of positive comments regarding the new trash cans around town. Warner also gave credit to Officer Lazon in his role with a situation he recently had.

Councilmember Storrs – commented the Boy Scouts were going to put up flags for Flag Day and inquired about assistance from the City for the purchase of new flags.

Councilmember Silves – noted the Cemetery looked wonderful on Memorial Day. Silves expressed thanks for the work on the alley behind her house and also noted an unhealthy tree on Ferry Street that needs to be looked at.

Councilmember Meamber – thanked the Street and Cemetery Department for the wonderful job on the grounds over Memorial Day and also with their assistance to the citizens.

Mayor Dillon – apologized for not being able to attend the Memorial Day services. She also thanked the staff for all their work on the Task Force.

Planner Hallberg – spoke on re-districting and as request, distributed more information including several alternatives to be considered. A public hearing will be set for a future meeting date.

Engineer Barnet – reported that the Railroad ties that are stockpiled are scheduled to be moved on or about June 20th. A fill and grade permit for the commercial development on Hwy 20 has been issues. No final plans have been submitted. Barnet also noted a letter is being sent to property owners along Ferry Street regarding maintenance of the trees.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the Ferry Street repair.

Chief Cooper – reported that the budgeted vehicle purchases have been completed and both units should be in service sometime next week.

Chief Klinger – reminded everyone of the fireworks regulations. Approved fireworks are permitted to be let off within the City on July 4th between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Fireworks stands within the city limits will be selling June 28th through July 4th.

Mayor Dillon – announced the upcoming block party on June 25th. Collection will be at the Public Safety Building from 3 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:43 P.M. for the purpose of land use and personnel with no decisions anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:14 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
