
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 27, 2001 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Dillon announced modifications to the agenda. The consent calendar has a request for a waiver of fees for the Community Center for July 18, 2001. This function has been cancelled and will be held sometime in August. They now request approval with no specific date. Executive Session will be held at the beginning of the meeting. The addition of items regarding an Inter-local Agreement under New Business and a Resolution regarding the power plant under Old Business.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #43179 to #43286 for \$172,705.10
 - Payroll Warrants #26987 to #27079 for \$134,560.65
- Surplus Police Vehicles
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar A through E with the noted changes. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation issues for approximately 20 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 P.M.

Public Comment

Eloise Stendal – 717 Brickyard Blvd., representing Brickyard Creek and North Central Association, presented a Resolution to the Council requesting a public hearing before the City

Council regarding the Logan Massey Development off of Sapp Road. The Resolution also requested a meeting with the Planning Commission.

Becky White – No Address Given, addressed the Council regarding the proposed power plant. White addressed concerns of air pollution and the health of the community.

Nan Laney – 28671 Utopia Road, thanked Mayor Dillon for the comment in the paper in regards to requesting an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed power plant and encouraged Council pass the proposed resolution. Laney requested the Council consider a moratorium on power plants within the Urban Growth Boundary and City Limits.

Judy Carlson – 898 Carriage Court, expressed concern of the well being of health and property values. Carlson shared a photo of what the power plant will look like with the Council.

Karl Shewmaker – 1016 Alexander, questioned at what point the annex petition would be addressed.

Larry Russell – 9027 Fruitdale Road, expressed concern of the power plant within the close proximity to the schools. Russell also addressed the lack of authority regarding air pollution standards.

Doyle Cowan – 8927 Fruitdale Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed power plant. Cowan reminded Council to consider the people who reside within the area of the plant when making their decisions.

Jerry Pachuillo – 9007 Fruitdale Road, thanked the Council and Staff for their work on the proposed resolution regarding the power plant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Solid Waste Senior Citizen Discount – Eligible Head of Household

Mayor Dillon presented background regarding the current parameters for senior citizens qualifying for solid waste service discounts. Currently the income level is \$8,000.00 per year and is below the federal poverty levels normally used for similar discount programs for public services. Mayor Dillon proposed to raise the limit to a more meaningful level and proposed \$18,000 per year.

Attorney Hayden noted that the ordinance also corrects a conflict within the current ordinance involving the fees.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:42 P.M.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:43 P.M.

Councilmember Silves moved to pass Ordinance #1409-01 An Ordinance Amending the Qualifying Conditions and Charges for Reduced Rates for Solid Waste Collection for Qualifying Eligible Head of Household in SWMC Section 8.04.075(A)(1), 8.08.010 and 8.08.020. Seconded by Councilmembers Lemley and Grandy.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution – Power Plants

Council discussion was held with numerous questions and answers. Topics included discharge to the sewer system, water lines, control of quality of discharge water and emergencies.

Councilmember Grandy requested the addition of “Analysis of Proposed Emissions and Alternatives” to the Resolution.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve Resolution #649-01 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Regarding the Application Before the Skagit County Planning and Permit Center of Tollhouse Energy to Construct a Gas-Fired Power Plant in the City’s Urban Growth Area, with the addition of an Analysis of Proposed Emissions and Alternatives. Councilmember Storrs seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Award of Bid – Mountain View Estates

Dale Velasquez, Sewer Department Foreman reviewed the staff recommendation to award the bid for identified improvements to the Mountain View Pump Station. Velasquez presented background of the need for these improvements, citing high maintenance.

Councilmember Storrs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Works contract with Independent Construction for the improvements at Mountain View Pump Station in the amount of \$68,560.00. Seconded by Councilmember Silves. Motion carried.

Street Vacation Petition – John Eades – Alexander Street

Attorney Hayden presented background information on the requested petition of Street Vacation for John Eades. Due to a question in percentage of ownership Hayden recommended Council set a public hearing by resolution.

Councilmember Grandy moved to approve Resolution #651-01 A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for the Vacation of a Portion of Alexander Street Lying East of Township Street, Upon the Petition of John Eades. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried. The public hearing will be set for July 25, 2001.

Grass Collection Cards – GMA

Mayor Dillon presented background information on requests for grass collection services to be extended to persons who reside within the City's Urban Growth Area. It is proposed to charge \$2.00 for non-residents.

Attorney Hayden stated that this topic would need a public hearing and would require an amendment to the current ordinance.

Councilmember Silves moved to set a public hearing for July 25, 2001 for the Ordinance change for Grass Cards for Non-Residents in the UGA before the Council. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried.

Inter-Local Agreement – City of Everett

Attorney Hayden presented background information for the requested Inter-local Agreement with the City of Everett for the purchase of equipment. This request would satisfy a State Auditor requirement.

Councilmember Storrs moved to allow the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Everett. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – announced the success of the recent block party. She noted two garbage trucks went to the dump and was well received by all participants.

Councilmember Storrs – noted the downtown curbs have been painted and thanked the volunteers from the Church of Latter Day Saints.

Councilmember Lemley – thanked the City Street crew for the installation of the banners making a festive look for the upcoming 4th of July.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the Skateboard Park.

Mayor Dillon reported on the volunteer efforts and donation from North Cascade Health Council for the blacktopping.

Councilmember Silves – noted several areas that are in need of attention. The alley between Dunlop and Jennings/7th and 8th Streets is overgrown with blackberries, the 300 Block between Murdock & Puget is overgrown with grass and near the City shop area there are cars parked across the street that appear to be a nuisance. She also requested the muffler shop be contacted for clean up in their area.

Jeroldine Hallberg – noted a recent grant received for GIS software through the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Chief Cooper – noted a county-wide training being held at the Public Safety Building on domestic violence. Also noted the department is gearing up for the upcoming Loggerodeo events.

Chief Klinger – announced fireworks sales will begin Thursday and reminded everyone that it is illegal to let them off within the City limits except on July 4th between the hours of 9 A.M. – 11 P.M.

Mayor Dillon encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Loggerodeo events.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.