
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 12, 2001 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dillon held a moment of silence for those that perished in New York and Washington D.C.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Silves, Meamber, Miller, Storrs, Lemley, Warner and Grandy (Late). Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Barnet, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon announced the addition of Executive Session for discussion of personnel to the agenda.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #43696 to #43809 for \$73,447.94
 - Payroll Warrants #27443 to #27534 for \$107,408.88
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent calendar A through C. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried.

Proclamation – United Way

Mayor Dillon proclaimed October and November as United Way Campaign Months in Skagit County.

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Janicki/Lange/Fleming – Update Only

Engineer Barnet reported the staff and the proponents of the annexation have been meeting several times per week trying to iron out and go over a variety of issues related to bringing a large piece of property into the City. Barnet reviewed some of the components under consideration. He stated that there will be two agreements, an annexation agreement and a development agreement.

John Lange – 839 Fruitdale Road, addressed the Council on the process for annexation and the representation of the City. Lange stated the agreements are being worked out prior to development and addressed the benefits of this type of agreement and funding for both the developers and City by use of the resources.

Barnet addressed questions from Council on potential risk, access on Hwy 9 versus Hwy 20, traffic signals, pedestrian issues and the effects of the Northern State project.

Attorney Hayden spoke in support of the direction staff is going and addressed the risk factor and the corresponding benefits.

Council consensus was for staff to continue in the direction they are heading.

Mayor Dillon thanked the staff and developers for their foresight and hard work on compromising.

Results Group

Mayor Dillon updated the Council that there were no new developments. Dillon stated that the Results Group have plans for a proposal to make amendments to the Comp Plan but due to the absence of Planner Hallberg, the topic will be brought before council at a later time.

NEW BUSINESS

Skagit Literacy Presentation

Laruen Fretas and Andy Becker, Americorp Volunteers for Skagit Literacy addressed the Council. Fretas stated the Skagit Literacy is the adult tutoring portion of the Best Place program and is a community based program who relies solely on volunteers. Fretas read a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting the use of the Community Center for providing their services to the community.

Councilmember Warner questioned the structure of the Best Place program and the grant funded modulars which he understood would be used for this purpose.

Fretas noted their goal is to provide easy access to their clients and families.

Councilmember Warner spoke in support of providing space for this program. Discussion was then held on interference with the rental and use of building and contract dates,

A contract will be brought back before Council for their approval at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Storrs – reported a tree obstructing vision on McGargile Road near the LDS Church. He also requested the road be smoothed out from the recent construction at Third and Talcott.

Councilmember Miller – again brought up the need for sidewalks up Highway 9 from the middle school.

Councilmember Meamber – proudly announced “God Bless America, the home of the brave”.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the status of the mid-block crosswalk on State Street.

Engineer Barnet – presented information on an ER & R Fund (Equipment Replacement and Rental Fund) and a current list of equipment which the City owns. Barnet noted a ER & R fund is a program that owns all the equipment and rents back to the various departments the equipment. The rental rates cover the cost of maintenance, fuel and replacement amount. Barnet reviewed the pros and cons of such a fund. Discussion ensued with the consensus of the Council being to proceed with the gathering of more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:30 P.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel with no decision anticipated.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:49 P.M.

Councilmember Warner moved to adjourn. Councilmember Silves seconded. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
