
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 9, 2002 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dillon welcomed new Councilmember at large Anderson.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Grandy, Warner, Lemley, Storrs, Miller, Member and Anderson. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Hallberg, Engineer Barnet, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Cooper.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #44475 to #44645 for \$209,325.49
 - Payroll Warrants #28065 to #28151 for \$128,428.34 (Voided Warrant #28064) and #28152 to #28238 in the amount of \$109,279.74
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center

Councilmember Grandy moved to accept the Consent Calendar A through D. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Councilmember Storrs voted in favor of the consent calendar, abstaining from warrant #44567 (Oliver & Hammer) and #44608 (Thomas Storrs) due to potential conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Annexation & Annexation Agreement – Janicki/Lange/Flemming

Planner Hallberg reviewed background information for the proposed annexation agreement for the Janicki/Lange/Fleming annexation. She also reviewed the annexation agreement and development agreement.

The pre-annexation agreement provides for the following:

- a. payment of \$60,000 for improvements to a sewer main on Township;
- b. dedication to the City of a 12,000 square-foot site plus street and utility improvements for a public safety building (fire);
- c. dedication of a north-south trail corridor at a location to be approved by the City;
- d. commitment to convey an east-west collector between Fruitdale Road and S.R. 9 in a location subject to approval by the City.
- e. donation of two acres for public park purposes in a location to be approved by the City.

Hallberg reviewed visual aids for the location of the public safety building, trail corridor and park location.

Attorney Hayden presented a recap of some difficulties of previous annexations to the City and the history of the proposed agreement.

Engineer Barnet reviewed the traffic impact fees and the commitment the City will have for improvements.

Staff answered questions for the Council which included sewer and stormwater capacity, number of proposed units, difference between SF1 and SF2 zoning, access point to Hwy 9 and power lines.

John Lange, developer for the project, addressed Councilmember Anderson's question regarding the power lines and potential use for the golf course. Lange stated there are no plans for use of that land as part of the golf course, other uses could be something like a putt putt golf course or tennis courts, something that would leave the land in a somewhat raw state due to the power lines.

John Lange – 839 Fruitdale Road, developer for the project again addressed the Council. He clarified the boundaries for the annexation and the plan for annexation that manages the repairs to the sewer line, fire station location, creation of a park facility and creates seed money for matching federal money for improvements to the McGargile Road which wouldn't happen without planning and thought. Lange addressed the value of the development in tax revenue to the community and fees to the City and the bond of trust that has developed.

Fred Fleming – developer for the project, reviewed some history of the project and spoke highly of the City staff for their work in the agreement. Fleming thanked the City staff and Mayor for their hard work. He stated they look forward to developing a project that Sedro-Woolley can be proud of.

Planner Hallberg spoke on the required HPA permit required by the Department of Fisheries and the agreement to reconnect an old stream bed as mitigation as part of this project.

Attorney Hayden reminded Council that the agreement is for the requirements for annexation, not the requirements for development.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1418-02 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Annexing Certain Real Property; Establishing the Zoning Classification of Said Property; Requiring Said Property to be Assessed and Taxed at the Same Rate and Basis as the Other Property within Said City; Approving an Agreement Between the City and the Petitioners; and Fixing the Effective Date of Said Annexation and allowing the Mayor to sign the Annexation Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Warner – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Anderson – abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract – Humane Society of Skagit County

Police Chief Cooper reviewed the proposed contract with the Humane Society of Skagit County for the animals picked up by the City Code Enforcement Officer.

Chief Cooper answered questions from the Council which included number of animals, stray cats and the need of an ordinance to deal with them.

The Mayor referred Councilmember Warner's concerns on the need for an ordinance to deal with stray cats to the Police Committee for consideration.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the Humane Society of Skagit County. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Metcalf Street Lights

Engineer Barnet reviewed ongoing concerns with the amount of light available to the downtown area given the existing lights, globes and bulbs. Barnet requested authorization from Council to go out to bid for replacement of the bulbs. Barnet stated that staff has met with several electrical contractors to discuss options available to increase the amount of light available using the existing light poles and fixtures. The bid will include removing the existing mercury vapor bulbs and the associated ballast for each light. The lights will be direct wired and new compact florescent bulbs will be installed. The globes will not be changed or altered. Barnet answered

questions from the Council which included brightness, lumens, sodium vapor lights and cost analysis.

Planner Hallberg noted the Design Review Committee would be involved should there be any change in configuration of the lighting.

Councilmember Warner moved to go out to bid to replace “bulbs only” in the downtown area. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

Second Cash Drawer

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson noted the recent audit report from the State Auditor’s office recommended the Finance Department have a second cash drawer. One for the cashier and one for the relief cashier. In order for this to be accomplished staff requests Council authorized the establishment of a second cash drawer with \$250 available for change.

Councilmember Warner moved to approve Resolution No. 657-02 A Resolution Establishing a Second Cash Drawer for the Finance Department. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Meamber – noted dirt in the gutters along Trail Road from previous construction and requested this be cleaned up.

Councilmember Miller – complimented City staff for the beautiful downtown enjoyed by all during the Christmas holiday.

Councilmember Storrs – thanked the Street Department for fixing the pothole on Talcott Street.

Councilmember Lemley – welcomed Councilmember Anderson back to the Council and noted the pothole on his end of Talcott has also been fixed.

Councilmember Warner – thanked the Fire Chief for offering him a ride to the park yesterday while the road was flooded.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – noted that the GMA Impact Fee report from the Sedro-Woolley School District was in the Council packets for Councilmembers review.

Planner Hallberg – stated that the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code can now be found on the web by using the search code MRSC web site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

Attorney Hayden noted that the Mayor requested that Council authorize or direct Mayor and staff to implement our current contract to require the SEIU employees to pay a portion of their medical insurance in a manner consistent with the recommendation of our outside labor consultant beginning January 1, 2002.

Councilmember Storrs moved to implement the current contract with SEIU for the employees to pay a portion of the health benefits in accordance with our labor consultants recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Warner. Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
