
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 10, 2002 – Community Center – 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Dillon announced the addition of a Waiver of Fees for Memorial Park to the Consent Calendar and noted revised minutes at the Councilmembers seats.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #45270 to #45406 for \$101,652.61 (Voided Checks #45351 to #45356)
 - Payroll Warrants #28667 to #28752 for \$108,441.24
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement – Central Stores
- Contract with District Court Probation
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar A through G. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson St., addressed the Council regarding a development in her neighborhood and access to their property on the end of Jameson St. with the curbing that was installed. Grandy expressed concern with the width of the road and parking on the street.

Attorney Hayden noted that the sidewalk is part of the street design and there is also a 5-foot strip between the sidewalk and the property line which is in the public right-of-way and is the planting strip that will have trees planted in it. Hayden stated the developer is required to put in landscaping in the City right-of-way. Hayden noted the street is wide enough to accommodate an entire standard city traffic width but the developer is only required to build his half of the street.

Grandy also addressed issues such as taxpayers paying for street improvements for the benefit of two homes and City parking requirements.

Councilmember Grandy stated it would be short sighted to allow people to park on the street.

Neenia Stevens – 1202 Jameson St., noted she lives directly across from the sidewalk being discussed. Stevens thanked Engineer Barnet for his time and site visit to the area and questioned if planting of trees will be done in front of the new houses. She believes this to be a problem with width of the street and cars not being able to pass. Stevens encouraged no parking signs be implemented because if the road is widened it would disturb existing trees she has on her property and doesn't want that to happen.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Remand of Appeal of Conditional Use Permit #72 SBA/Cingular Cell Tower

Attorney Hayden requested Council set a closed-record hearing for the April 24, 2002 Council meeting to consider the Planning Commission recommendation for the Remand of Appeal of CUP #72, SBA/Cingular Cell Tower.

Councilmember Storrs moved to set a closed record hearing for April 24, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the Conditional Use Permit for the Cingular Cell Tower. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Setting Public Hearing – Subdivision Standards in the UGA, Moratorium, and Annexation Issues

Attorney Hayden requested Council set a public hearing concerning the adoption of interim ordinances which would prohibit further subdivision in the City and unincorporated UGA without full installation of urban infrastructure and annexation. Hayden noted this topic may take more than one meeting but setting the public hearing would start the discussion process.

Councilmember Grandy moved to set a public hearing for May 8, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. to adopt an interim ordinance which would prohibit further subdivision in the City and unincorporated UGA without full installation of urban infrastructure and annexation. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried.

Amendment to Business License Ordinance

Attorney Hayden reviewed proposed amendments to the Business License Ordinance.

Discussion was held with Councilmember Anderson questioning the status of business license requirements for Real Estate agents and sub-contractors.

Attorney Hayden also addressed the requirement of a fire inspection permit for residential rentals over four units and the exemption for non-profit organizations.

Councilmember Grandy moved to adopt Ordinance #1422-02 An Ordinance Amending SWMC Ch. 5.04, The Business License Code, Exempting IRS Code Section 501(C) (3) Organizations, and Providing For Mandatory Fire Inspections of Non-Residential Properties and Residential Properties Consisting of Four or More Dwelling Units. Seconded by Councilmember Warner.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Potential Sewer Intertie

Engineer Barnet presented background on a request for sewer extension from the Upper Skagit Tribal Community. Barnet stated currently the Tribe is working jointly with Skagit County Public Works for street improvements along Helmick Road. The Tribe is requesting to enter into negotiations with the City to explore getting sanitary sewer services to the Tribal property. Barnet noted if the City is willing to negotiate, the sewer line will be placed during road construction and would be left “dry” until all details could be worked out. If the City has no interest, they will not include the sewer line into their design. Barnet requested direction from Council.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the Northern State Recreational Task Force feelings on the request.

Barnet noted that there will be a multi event center and baseball field up at Helmick Road, in order to get sanitary sewer, which will be a requirement, a pump station will be place to pump across Hansen Creek into the City service line off McGargile. Partnering with the Tribe would lower the cost among all the participants to that pump station.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the benefits to the City taxpayers and capacity of the sewer.

Barnet noted that there would be a broader base of rate payors and if the Tribe paid according to our current ordinance they would be paying 1 ½ times the rate the residents of the City pay. Barnet also noted that the Sewer Plant capacity is currently running at about 30%.

Councilmember Anderson questioned the commitment should Council give approval to proceed with negotiations. He also questioned the 1 ½ time the monthly rate, which he remembered included the connection fee.

Barnet stated that a process would begin to iron out the details and a written agreement would be made. Hayden stated there had been discussion on the connection fee but there is no state statute to support the higher fee for the connection fee, there is a state statute that supports the 1 ½ times the monthly rate.

Discussion was also held on possible grant funding, existing system, growth and benefits on an ongoing basis.

Councilmember Warner moved to direct staff to work with the Upper Skagit to review the feasibility of extending the sanitary sewer and serving the Tribe. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

Councilmember Meamber and Grandy both emphasized not to spend a lot of City time and energy on this topic. Do what we can but keep focus on the regular business and not to burden any of our taxpayers with the good neighbor policy.

Councilmember Warner commented that this is a neighborly issue and it should be handled like good neighbors.

Barnet noted the timeline would be resolved within a year or so because of the corresponding issue of the sanitary sewer lines in the road.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion and called for the vote. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – announced that any interested parties are invited to stay after the meeting to review information on the Bond and Open House.

Councilmember Grandy – questioned the process for getting official review of items such as the Jameson Street road concerns.

Mayor Dillon noted the “RED” sheets given in each Council packet for such items.

Councilmember Miller – questioned work being done in front of the DNR on Highway 9.

Barnet noted it is not a City project and might be the State DOT in connection with their upcoming summer overlay project that will go from SR20 to Basset Road later in the summer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.