
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 24, 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 and Anderson. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Hallberg, Engineer Barnet, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #46170 to #46286 for \$337,606.96
 - Payroll Warrants #29312 to #29407 for \$156,651.83
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park
- Payment for Township Sanitary Sewer Projects (related warrants #46227 & #46268)
- Fire Department Comp Plan Update

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the consent calendar A through E. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Don Van Etten – 517 Fidalgo St., expressed concern on behalf of his neighborhood of suspicious activities, noises and disturbances on Fidalgo Street.

Iva Ewing – 517 Fidalgo St., also addressed suspicious activity within the neighborhood and lack of concern from the Police Department. Ewing questioned the existence of noise and dog ordinances. A petition was presented to Council signed by residents in the neighborhood addressing concern of the suspicious activity.

Bonnie Abernathy – 500 Fidalgo St., spoke of suspicious activity of a particular residence within the neighborhood. Abernathy also spoke on the 911 system for emergency calls. She believes 911 should be for definite emergencies only and a direct line to the police department for non-emergent concerns. She requested action on the problem.

Carolyn Tenneson – 519 Fidalgo St., noted suspicious activity and noise coming from the home which interferes with sleep. She indicated as a single person, safety is a concern.

Bill Knuth – 24230 Alexander St., also spoke of suspicious activity and the lack of police patrols within the area.

Don Van Etten – again to the podium, stated the number of homes that the owner of the suspected home owns within the County which also involves suspicious activity.

Bonnie Abernathy – 500 Fidalgo St., relayed a conversation she had with the property owner regarding the renters.

Jeff Johnson – 3rd St. resident, spoke to the Council on a citizens rights and the infringement of those rights with the implementation of government agencies. Johnson expressed belief of Big Brother watching he and his family. He requested the help of the Council in stopping the surveillance activities that he believes are happening.

Iva Ewing – again to the podium, spoke of the speed of the traffic on Fidalgo Street.

Tom Lazon – Presidio Place, representing the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild addressed the Council on the need of additional Police Officers for the department. Lazon noted the frustration of the 6 patrol positions in helping the public with concerns such as presented tonight. He encouraged the Council to consider additional staff for the department and cited some of the dangers the Officers face every day warranting the need for the addition.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6 Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:25 P.M.

Council discussion took place with Councilmember Meamber expressing his pleasure in the priority change of the SR 20 Bike/Pedestrian Facilities project. Councilmember Miller requested the SR-9 Pedestrian Facilities be reprioritized to #2. Councilmember Anderson questioned the prioritization of projects with grant funding.

Planner Hallberg noted an internet request from citizen Brooke Johnson requesting the City place intersection improvement for pedestrians at 11th and Jameson on the TIP.

Councilmember Miller moved to amend the Six-Year TIP to add #14 to include the intersection of Jameson and 11th St. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

Discussion followed with Councilmember Lemley questioning what improvements Johnson was thinking. Engineer Barnet requested Councilmember Miller's motion be amended to include more detailed information to include type of improvements and length of project in order for cost estimations to be included.

Councilmember Anderson expressed his opinion that it was premature for Jameson St. to be placed on the list for this year. He stated it would be better considered for next year to give time to look into the improvements needed.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion. Motion carried 3-2 (Councilmembers Anderson and Storrs opposed).

Councilmember Miller moved to move the SR9 Pedestrian Facility from #4 to #2. Discussion followed. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt the 6-Year Plan as presented except for the addition of #14. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment to Notice Provisions of SWMC Ch. 2.90

Planner Hallberg reviewed a handout of definitions of decision types for Land Use actions titled "How the Public is notified of Land Use Actions". Hallberg also reviewed the proposed ordinance which would amend the notification distance from 300 feet to 500 feet and the requirement of a signed affidavit by the applicant that the map and list are a true representation of the County assessor records.

Discussion followed to include the impact of expanding the notification area from 300 to 500 feet, better public awareness and changes in signage.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance #1429-02 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Providing for an Increase In Notice for Certain Land Use Action Governed by SWMC 2.90 by Increasing the Distance for Determining Property Owners Entitled to Mailed Notice to Those Within 500 Feet of the Applicant's Property Boundary, and Specifying the Manner in Which the List of Owners is Verified. Councilmember Miller seconded.

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

Ward Boundaries

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed ordinance for changing Council Wards.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1430-02 An Ordinance Amending Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 1.12 Describing the Ward Boundaries, and Deleting Superfluous Provisions Concerning Election Procedures. Councilmember Miller seconded.

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

Suspension of Garden of Eden Pump Station Discussion

Engineer Barnet reviewed background on the feasibility of placing a pump station in the area of F & S Grade and Garden of Eden Roads. Barnet noted that staff and Council had been working together to bring sanitary sewer services to the area with Council authorizing the design work to begin. Barnet noted that with recent Council decision to waive connection requirements and until the impact of this decision can be evaluated, he requested Council indefinitely suspend the design work on the pump station.

Council discussion ensued to include loss of revenue, exemption of hook ups and updated financial estimate timeline.

Councilmember Storrs moved to suspend the work of CH2M Hill until a workshop is held with all the figures relating to any increase or decrease in costs related to the Garden of Eden Pump Station project. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilmember Anderson opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Road Sub Area Transportation Plan

Mayor Dillon introduced the topic of the Trail Road Sub Area Transportation Plan to Council.

Councilmember Meamber moved to continue the discussion on the Trail Road Sub Area Transportation Plan to a meeting in August that can be arranged when all parties can be there and notified significantly in advance. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Rob Janicki – stated that he has a development in the affected area and has been in negotiations with the City for the past 18 months. They have complied with all the City's requests for their Sub Area Transportation Plan and are at the last stages of final negotiations with tenants. They are impacted by the transportation impact fees and credits that would be part of this plan. Janicki requested that as the City moves forward with motioning to postpone, he will be building the road systems and they will be done before the workshop.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the affect to his project or if what Council will be looking at is the part of the plan to the North of Janicki's project.

Janicki stated if the concrete and asphalt is down, he believes the City will have to live with it. He noted there is a certain amount of postponement that he is willing to do, but it has already been 18 months. There will be roads and outlets at predefined positions and asked that the City Council at this time approve the construction drawings so his project can move forward.

Engineer Barnet addressed the impact fee calculation using the existing Sub Area Transportation Plan. He stated credits for work done and charges will be according to the existing plan,

Janicki stated that what he is looking for is affirmation that the credit for the road will still be given. He noted the binding site plan has been approved.

Hallberg noted the two legs that Janicki is referring to are both consistent with the adopted Sub Area Transportation Plan. She noted that the way it was adopted was as a conceptual plan with specific location to be negotiated with property owners. She stated there is enough development activity in the area that staff is requesting more specificity about the location of the roads.

Hayden stated if Council delays the topic a month they'll be locked into some things with other developers, if you hold the worksession within two weeks, there might be room to make some changes.

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

SWMC 2.90 Appeal Rules

Attorney Hayden reviewed the proposed resolution to establish procedures and rules for appeals to the City Council for land use decisions. Hayden noted these are the County rules which have been modified to fit City codes.

Discussion ensued to include financial impact and introduction of evidence.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Resolution #665-02 A Resolution of the City Council of the City Council of Sedro-Woolley Establishing Procedures and Rules for Appeals to the City Council for Land Use Decisions. Councilmember Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Small Works Roster

Attorney Hayden reviewed the rules of the Small Works Roster and noted the proposed change to be in line with the State Statute increasing the limit to \$200,000.00.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1431-02 An Ordinance Amending Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 3.18 Concerning the Small Works Roster Procurement Method, to Provide for Annual Publication and a \$200,000 Limit In Cost for Projects Solicited Through the Small Works Roster. Councilmember Miller seconded.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Meamber – Thanked Erin for the information on the Transcription of Hearing Examiner Tapes for Appeal memo.

Councilmember Storrs – moved to change the workshop schedule to start at 7:00 P.M. instead of 7:30 P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller – noted a call from a resident on Cabe Lane acknowledging the work of the Code Enforcement Officer in a recent noise issue.

Councilmember Anderson – noted the Evans Drive project looked good.

Mayor Dillon – requested a substitute for herself at the Emergency Management Council meeting on August 8 at 11:00 A.M, and August 8 at 4:00 P.M. for a SKAT Advisory Committee meeting, due to her vacation. She also noted information given to Council on the change of classification for transportation and encouraged Council read the information as there will be upcoming decisions to come before Council.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the issuance of passports.

Mayor Dillon reported that it is going very well. They have seen people from as far away as Bellingham and Oak Harbor.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson noted the Court Report in the Council packets which provides an update.

Planner Hallberg – noted the opportunity of a grant for archive and records management. She noted we have very important historical records about the start of the City that are currently kept in the vault and are not protected from water and fire. Hallberg explained the content of the grant and requested Council authorized the Mayor to apply for the grant.

Councilmember Miller moved to go ahead with procuring the grant for archiving.
Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Klinger – noted the Fire Department was unsuccessful in obtaining the grant for CPR masks for the downtown area. He noted he will look into whether it was due to wording within the grant or if it was due to lack of funding for all the projects. Chief Klinger noted a County wide burn ban in effect.

Police Chief Cooper – noted the opportunity of a grant for seat belt and school zone speed enforcement. Cooper presented information on the need for an additional police officer and requested Council authorize the hiring process to begin.

Councilmember Miller moved to move forward with the hiring process for the new officer for the City of Sedro-Woolley. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

Engineer Barnet – noted the additional stop signs at Sapp Road, making it into a 3-way Stop. He stated construction is currently taking place for the 4-way stop at Murdock and Ferry streets and the sidewalks in front of Cascade Middle School is near completion. Barnet also addressed the mid-block crosswalk and street parking at the school.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – informed Council of the receipt of a rebate from Puget Sound Energy in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the Metcalf Street light replacement.

Mayor Dillon – announced that Krispy Kreme is coming to Burlington and Council has been invited to witness the groundbreaking.

Councilmember Miller move to adjourn. Seconded by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.