
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 14, 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, Planner Hallberg, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #46287 to #46434 for \$213,200.68 (Voided Warrant #46419)
 - Payroll Warrants #29408 to #29502 for \$118,562.83
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park
- Request for Out of State Travel – Sewer Department
- Request for Out of State Travel – Officer Dougher

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

Public Comment

Vern Sims – addressed the Council regarding replacement of a mid-block crosswalk in front of his business on Ferry Street. Sims read correspondence received from the City and addressed liability. Sims requested that all city crosswalks be treated in a non-biased manner. He also addressed the Results Group report and the lack of follow-through with implementation of plans. He hi-lighted the impact fee section and stated to the Council decisions are Staff driven and it is time for Council to take control.

Tena Brown – 1105 Fidalgo St., requested port-a-pottes be placed at the football practice field on Fruitdale Road.

Sharon Shoop – 608 Ferry St., requested placement of a four-way stop at Central and Ferry Streets because of the speed of traffic on Ferry Street.

Mayor Dillon requested Shoop gather a petition of support for the 4-way stop and bring in to City Hall.

Dewey Hyatt – addressed the Results Group report. Hyatt read from the report which addressed the lack of follow-through. He also addressed the Staff generated City and personal liability of Councilmembers. Hyatt also spoke on the impact of the fees to the public as well as grant monies he believes the City should be going after.

Mayor Dillon responded on several issues. She noted the \$50,000 grant money that was addressed would have been for the Results Group to implement the plan. She also noted that everyone in town has been treated in the same manner, no matter who they are. The Mayor stated the crosswalk can go in as long as it is engineered properly. She cited safety is the main concern of herself and staff.

Councilmember Storrs polled the audience of those who attended the Results Group committee meetings and volunteered to be on committees. He noted the audience are using their study. He said the Results Group came and tried to organize the town into committees to work with the City Council. Everyone was invited, numerous times over a two year period. Storrs noted that Washington State University offers a program that will work with the City to accomplish the same thing the Results Group wanted \$50,000 for. He requested the audience to understand that the Council is working hard.

Unidentified Audience Member – stated the reason people don't sign up for the committees is that they don't have the background or education and feel they are of no use to be a spokesperson.

Mayor Dillon noted that the Council has only been in office for 21/2 years. If the public wants to credit this Council for things that happened a long time ago, that's their right.

Councilmember Anderson questioned the statement of personal liability exposure within Sims letter and grandfathering of the crosswalk.

Hayden reviewed the standards for crosswalks and noted if crosswalks are intentionally placed without the proper studies and engineering, there could be a personal liability to Councilmembers for intentional wrongful acts or gross negligence. Hayden noted that the crosswalk was grandfathered until the road was repaved.

Discussion on the liability and grandfathering of the mid-block sidewalk on Ferry Street was held.

Planner Hallberg noted the Comprehensive Plan standards for mid-block crosswalks.

Councilmember Grandy addressed the safety of the pork chop type of crossings recently put in on Ferry Street.

Councilmember Miller moved to reinstate the crosswalk as it was on Ferry Street. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

Vern Sims – addressed the need for a full-time engineer to take care of the backlog of projects.

Discussion on signage of the crosswalk ensued as well as other safety measures.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion, amended to reinstate the crosswalk on Ferry Street with safety standards, approved by the Council. Motion carried 6-1 (Councilmember Warner opposed).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution – 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Dillon introduced the Resolution for the 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program which included the amendments discussed at the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution #666-02 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington 2003 – 2008. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

Councilmember Miller requested discussion to clarify Item #4 SR 20 Improvements.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CH2M Hill Engineering Contract

Mayor Dillon introduced the requested contract extension for CH2M Hill for time of completion through June 30, 2003.

Councilmember Miller moved to extend the contract for CH2M Hill for time of completion to June 30, 2003. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried.

Asbestos Pipe Insulation and Mold Removal at City Hall

Mayor Dillon requested Council approve a contract for Mold and Asbestos removal in City Hall.

Ardell McCombs, Building Official answered Council questions to include areas of inspection, process, heating system, on-going maintenance and budget. McCombs noted that the only areas that have been looked at are the known problem areas.

Councilmember Storrs moved to accept the contract for Environmental Abatement Services to remove asbestos insulation and mold from the basement and theatre areas of City Hall in the amount of \$4, 707.00. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Amended Sewer Agreement – Janicki Machine

Mayor Dillon introduced the request for authorization to modify the Janicki Machine outside sewer contract.

John Janicki – reviewed the previous agreement which included two buildings. Janicki noted the two northern parcels were included for future annexation to the City and the need for sewer is for bathrooms for employees for expansion of the business.

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept the amendment to the sewer contract with Janicki Machines. Councilmember Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Council Ward Issues (*Discussion*)

Mayor Dillon noted the new Council Wards and the Councilmembers sitting in their new respective wards. She noted that Councilmembers Lemley and Grandy currently live within the same ward so that Councilmember Lemley will represent Ward 2 until the next General Election.

Ordinance – Community Center (hours change and minimum fee charge)

Police Chief Cooper reviewed some problem areas of the rental of the Community Center in respect to the closing time. Chief Cooper requested that the present ordinance be amended to provide for shorter hours – 12 Midnight on Weekends, and 11 pm on weekdays. He noted that renters usually finish their celebration by the closing time, but hang around for an additional hour to do their cleanup. Security and law enforcement continue to stay on site until the building is secured.

Council discussion ensued to include current noise ordinance, penalties for over stay, enforcement actions and the rules of surrounding Cities.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance #1432-02 An Ordinance Amending SWMC Section 12.36.030 to Modify the Hours During Which the Community Center is Available for Rental, and to Provide for a Minimum Fee for All Users. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Councilmember Miller requested the motion be modified to include the requirement of a Staff Monitor to be present during the rental of the Community Center. Some discussion held with no action taken on the modification request.

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

Mayor Dillon noted that the agreement will also be referred to the Building Committee for further review and updating of the rental agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Meamber – expressed concern of the “pork chops” being placed throughout town and noted the comments received from citizens as well. Meamber requested a review of the design.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming “Just For Fun Poker Run” on Sunday, August 18.

Councilmember Warner – announced his resignation from the Council effective August 30th.

Councilmember Miller – requested more information to the Council regarding changes in the traffic designs (i.e. Stop Signs, Pork Chops). Miller also spoke on comments from audience members regarding lack of communication.

Councilmember Anderson – questioned if the railroad tracks on State Street by the Iron Skillet are scheduled to be fixed. Anderson requested the City put some pressure on Burlington Northern. He also questioned quorum status for the next meeting with Councilmember Warner’s resignation and his own absence.

Councilmember Warner noted he would be in attendance at the next meeting.

Councilmember Miller – requested the concern of the Port-A-Pottee situation at the practice field be taken care of.

Mayor Dillon – reminded Council of the worksession on the Sub-Area Transportation Plan to be held August 20. She also noted the Open House to be held the following night for input on the budget and other citizens concerns. Mayor Dillon requested Council encourage citizens to attend the sessions.

Planner Hallberg – announced the formation of a Downtown Revitalization Committee which is a sub-committee of the Chamber. She noted this anyone is invited to attend the meetings but the committee will be the core group of people responsible for development of the program.

Police Chief Cooper – updated the Council of the progress of the search for a new police officer.

Mayor Dillon – showed the Council of a poster presented to the City from the Best S.E.L.F. summer program. She also requested a representative attend their closing ceremonies on her behalf due to a schedule conflict.

Councilmember Miller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.