
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 11, 2002 – Community Center – 7:30 P.M.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dillon called for a moment of silence to remember 9-11-2001.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Meamber, Lemley, Storrs, Grandy and Anderson. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Hallberg and Engineer Barnet.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #46530 to #46647 for \$118,972.68
 - Payroll Warrants #29599 to #29693 for \$118,807.62
- Request for Out of State Travel – Librarian Debra Peterson
- Interlocal Agreement – Skagit County & Sedro-Woolley for Senior Services

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

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

Avon Bypass Project

A video titled “The Skagit Risk” was presented by the Skagit County Public Works Department.

Mayor Dillon introduced County Commissioner Dalsteadt, Chal Martin and Don Dixon from Skagit County. Dalsteadt spoke on the potential flooding and the need for action to partner together for a plan. They encouraged participation by the cities in meeting with

the Army Corp of Engineers to address infrastructure concerns and noted the financial request presented to the City for the Avon Bypass Project.

Discussion was held on salmon restoration, mitigation, open channels, fish ladders, bridges, budgeting and funding issues.

Attorney Hayden noted that funding would not be available in the 2002 budget but could be available out of the 2003 budget. He noted staff recommended providing financial support over the next three years providing the proponents of the project demonstrate satisfactory benefit to the city and upon the execution of an interlocal agreement.

Councilmember Anderson moved to enter into an interlocal agreement with Skagit County as long as it demonstrates a direct benefit to Sedro-Woolley, we execute the interlocal agreement providing all of the river municipalities, dike districts, tribes and other jurisdictions enter into an interlocal agreement not to build any other project that will have a negative effect on flood levels outside the benefited area. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Jameson & 11th Place Sidewalk

Engineer Barnet presented background information on the Jameson & 11th Place sidewalk. Barnet noted the topic had been postponed due to the Fidalgo Commons appeal.

Councilmember Meamber proposed a site visit to the location.

Neenia Stevens – 1202 Jameson St., addressed Council and noted that she had intended to present what she believed to be a win/win situation but due to frustration she requested this to be over and to have the sidewalk and rodys moved and the front of her home left at 40 feet. She expressed that she did not want a sidewalk or curb added to the north side of the road until such time as it is needed.

Theresa Stoakes – 1210 Jameson St., concurred with Stevens proposal.

Dale Thompson – 1400 E. Jameson St., addressed the confusion with the street markings. Thompson expressed his opinion to move the sidewalk to the South and leave the North side as is.

Shane Stoakes – 1210 Jameson St., requested no parking signs to be placed on both sides of the street after moving the sidewalk.

Connie Grandy – appealed to the Council to follow the direction that the others stated, to move the sidewalk and leave the north side alone.

Councilmembers Lemley and Meamber both requested an on-site visit.

Neenia Stevens – requested from Council that if an on-site visit is planned, give the residents an opportunity to meet with Council without the presence of the Planning Department.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the expense of moving the sidewalk.

Engineer Barnet encouraged an on-site visit in order to show the complexities of the area. He noted until he receives Council direction as to what they want done, it is difficult to estimate costs.

Councilmember Grandy referred to past discussions regarding the problem with the location of the sidewalk.

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson St., suggested some of the funds could come from what was going to be used to develop the North side. She also noted that driveways are really long and there would be ample room to move the sidewalk.

Councilmember Grandy noted there would be more parking than the new development will have behind the area. He believes if the new development is acceptable than there is more than enough on Jameson.

Engineer Barnet again encouraged Council to take a site visit.

Councilmember Grandy presented neighborhood opinion on the solution with no parking. He also spoke on the numerous solutions that have been presented by the residents which have been met with resistance.

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson St., again stated the request is to have the sidewalk moved back 6 1/2 feet. She noted that parking signs can be changed at any time but with the movement of the sidewalk, it will be a more permanent solution.

Patty Chandler – 1211 Jameson St., noted she was upset that the City is wanting to make concessions for the NEW neighbors. She spoke on the vacation request which was denied and the lack of communication to the existing neighbors with placement of the sidewalk.

Engineer Barnet reminded Council that the sidewalk was already up-tight against the right-of-way and can't be moved further out of the right-of-way in front of the old house.

Neenia Stevens – 1202 Jameson St., stated the sidewalk can be moved and shouldn't have been placed there to begin with.

Councilmember Meamber noted that he has seen the site as well as other Councilmembers and would like to forgo his suggestion for a site visit and make a decision tonight.

Councilmember Grandy moved to move the sidewalk on the south side 6 ½ feet more to the south and not develop anything on the north side of Jameson St. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

Engineer Barnet reminded Council that the second part of the motion was in direct conflict with the conditions placed on the decision of the Fidalgo Commons Appeal.

The motion and second were withdrawn by Councilmembers Grandy and Anderson.

Councilmember Grandy moved to move the sidewalk 6 ½ feet from the corner of 11th Place and Jameson to the end of the currently known Georgia Schopf residence (eastern property line). Councilmember Anderson seconded.

Discussion followed concerning the right-of-way.

Connie Grandy – 1317 Jameson St., noted there is 6 ½ feet where street trees were to be planted which is City right-of-way. She noted it had been measured out from the survey stakes placed by Skagit Surveyors.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion. Motion carried 5-1 (Councilmember Storrs opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Planner Hallberg – noted a population chart for the County. She explained the process of the allocation and requested input from Council on their feelings of the growth ranges indicated. She requested Council respond to her no later than September 19.

Engineer Barnet – reported on the selection of an engineering firm, Leonard, Boudinot and Skodje of Mount Vernon to review the mid-block crosswalks and requested Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for them to review the mid-block crosswalk in front of Vern Sims as well as the downtown and on State Street crosswalks.

Councilmember Storrs moved to enter into a contract with Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje for up to \$6,000.00 to review the mid-block crosswalks. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Discussion ensued regarding liability and mid-block crosswalks.

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

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the petition from the McLean Drive residents and requested action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of personnel at 8:58 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:37 P.M.

Ron Hyatt – 929 Summer Meadows Ct., representing the Volunteer Fire Department requested an extension of hours for the Community Center for an upcoming event on October 26, 2002.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve a one time extension to the Sedro-Woolley Volunteer Fire Department for their Boots to Burn Dance on October 26, 2002 to extend the hours to midnight for the rental of the Community Center. Councilmember Grandy seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson noted a draft of the Statement of Qualifications for Janitorial Services. She noted these are drafts of what would go in the paper and be presented to those that requested information. The building committee would then interview and review qualification and present a recommendation to the Council for approval. Nelson reviewed the schedule.

Mayor Dillon reminded everyone of the Founder's Day events this weekend. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Council budget worksession to be held with Department Heads on September 18 and 19, 2002 at 6:30 P.M. She also noted that to date several individuals had applied for the vacant Ward 4 Council position. Council interviews and selection will be held at the next meeting.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Councilmember Grandy seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.