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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
February 26, 2003 – 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, Splane, Storrs, Pearson, Lemley and Anderson. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Planner Hallberg, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon announced the addition to New Business (Item 10) Confirmation of Planning Commission Member.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #47887 to #48003 for \$125,819.05
  - Payroll Warrants #30587 to #30675 for \$149,382.99
- Request for Out of State Travel – Legal Department
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center

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

Public Comment

Bonnie Abernathy – 500 Fidalgo Street, addressed the Council on a situation regarding cleaning of the alley. She requested to be notified of the outcome of the police report recommendation.

Iva Ewing – 517 Fidalgo Street, readdressed neighborhood with suspicious activity and speeding cars in the area. She again requested action be taken.

Don Van Etten – 517 Fidalgo Street, addressed traffic and noisy cars in his neighborhood. He requested enforcement of the existing noise ordinance and addressed ongoing partying in the neighborhood. Van Etten also spoke against the proposal of curb side garbage pickup.

Bonnie Abernathy – again to the podium, spoke on her driveway being blocked by cars visiting a neighboring home. She questioned if there were permit requirements for numerous cars parked.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Resolution – Establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Mayor Dillon presented background information on the proposed Resolution.

Councilmembers questioned the role of the Department of Transportation, the voting structure within the MPO, term of the agreement and the financial impact of the agreement.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Resolution #672-03 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Among the City of Burlington, the City of Mount Vernon, the City of Sedro-Woolley, Skagit County, Skagit Transportation Authority, Port of Skagit, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, Establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Seconded by Councilmember Pearson. Motion carried.

### Ordinance – Amending Ordinance No. 1436-02 (Work Session Time Change)

Mayor Dillon introduced a proposed ordinance to change the time of the worksessions as discussed previously by Council at a recent worksession.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1444-03 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1436-02, and Setting the Schedule of City Council Meetings, Work Shops and Joint Work Shops for the 2003 Calendar Year. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – No, Storrs – Yes, Pearson – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried 5-1.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Contract – Inspection Services with Reichardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc.

Mayor Dillon presented background information on the need for an on-site inspector for the Highway 20 pump station. She noted the inspection cost will be reimbursed to the City by the developer.

Council discussion was held to include the timeline of the project, future line replacement and connection.

Councilmember Storrs moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract with Reichardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc. to complete the inspections on the Highway 20 sewer improvement projects. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

#### Solid Waste Curbside Pickup (Alley to Street Proposal)

Leo Jacobs, Solid Waste Foreman addressed the Council on a proposal for a change in pick up service from alley to curb side. Jacobs stated this would consolidate all the pick ups with recycling and yard waste into one area. He noted this came about from citizens requests and that there would be a cost savings for alley maintenance. He also noted damage has incurred by the trucks from trees, fences and houses and general wear and tear on the trucks. The Department is trying to increase efficiency and save time and money. The Utilities Committee approved a test area from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Streets, the south side of Jameson and the north side of Alexander. A public hearing will be held after the test period to review the pros and cons and to give the public a chance to express their feelings on the curb side pick up.

Council discussion was held on interference from parked cars and no parking on trash days to coincide with street sweeping.

Jacobs invited and encouraged the Council to come on a route ride and see first hand what they do.

Doug Sinrud – 212 Puget Street, believes the alleys are meant to be service streets and addressed the automated pick ups.

Mayor Dillon stated there will be a public hearing on the results of the curb side pick up at the June 25, 2003 meeting.

#### Appointment to Planning Commission

Planner Hallberg presented information on Dan Lefeber who has been recommended to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Anderson moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dan Lefeber to the Planning Commission for the term of six years. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon administered the Oath of Office to Lefeber.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on real estate at 7:49 P.M.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

### McIntyre Performing Arts Center Foundation Update

No update available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Mayor Dillon – spoke on her attendance at the State Wrestling Tournament and the honor of Sedro-Woolley being highlighted for being the first ever State Champions, 50 years ago as well as a repeat win of the State Championship this year. She also noted the distribution of a recent editorial by the Skagit Valley Herald for Council to read. Mayor Dillon thanked the Council for their dedication to the City with their decisions on growth issues.

Planner Hallberg – requested the Council consider a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on April 17, 2003. Hallberg stated the joint public hearing would expedite the schedule for approval of the comp plan update. She reviewed some of the proposed changes and stated there would be some informational meetings held prior to the public hearing.

Attorney Hayden – spoke on the process for the comp plan updates and the process for the decision at issue with the County Commissioners of adopting interim ordinances.

Councilmember Storrs – requested the Cemetery Committee meet for a few minutes after the meeting.

Councilmember Anderson – spoke on the upcoming worksession with Katy Isaacson and questioned the number people who have applied for the waiver for sewer hook up.

Fire Chief Klinger – commented on the new fire truck.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – pointed out the Councilmembers copy of the final budget are available.

Fire Chief Klinger – addressed a memo regarding the call load and the effect on the volunteer payroll budget.

Mayor Dillon – announced the receipt of a grant from the County for work on Highway 20 for sewer, road and crossing work in the amount of \$500,000.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.