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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
March 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, Miller, Lemley and Anderson. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, Planner Hallberg, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Cooper (Late), and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #48119 to #48246 for \$189,730.24
  - Payroll Warrants #30767 to #30857 for \$152,228.19
- Request for Waiver of Fees – Community Center
- Agreement – Drainage Plan for Fire Dept. Training Site
- Hammer Heritage Gazebo Use Request – Loggerodeo Street Dance

Councilmember Storrs requested Item E, Hammer Heritage Gazebo Use Request – Loggerodeo Street Dance be moved to Old Business.

Councilmembers Meamber, Lemley and Miller questioned items on the consent calendar regarding two Claim Vouchers and the Request for Waiver of Fees.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

Proclamation – Disaster Preparedness Month

Mayor Dillon proclaimed the month of April, 2003 as Disaster Preparedness Month, encouraging all citizens, government officials, educators, and others to increase their knowledge and awareness of proper safety measures to follow before, during and after a natural or human-caused disaster.

Councilmember Anderson requested the City take steps for a notification process such as a siren to notify citizens of a disaster. Fire Chief Klinger explained the process of disaster notification and the availability of a portable siren from Emergency Management

Services. Anderson suggested the formation of a committee to research grants and funding a City owned siren.

Fire Chief Klinger presented a brief history of the reason for discontinuance of the old siren and the process used for notification that was used during a train derailment in the 1980's.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to executive session for the purpose of litigation at 7:09 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:58 P.M.

### **Public Comment**

Bruce Berglund – 17441 Lake Terrace Place, Mount Vernon, requested to address the Council regarding Old Business item – Myers Request for Vacation of Easement.

Mayor Dillon noted that he would be granted time under Old Business.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### Resolution of Findings in Support of UGA Ordinance

Attorney Hayden stated the ordinance was passed and requires a public hearing within 60 days to be effective. The Council to make it effective must pass findings that it's appropriate to stand. Hayden reviewed the proposed resolution which puts the findings in writing with a recommendation to adopt the resolution to support the ordinance that Council has already passed.

Hayden explained the ordinance purports to draw the Urban Growth Area back to the City Limits and that it is not effective unless adopted by Skagit County. He noted there can be up to a 12 month process to get this to a vote of the County Commissioners. In the event the infrastructure position is not adopted this gives the City alternative to stop vesting of sub-divisions in the Urban Growth Area. It also gives the City an opportunity to comply with the Growth Management Act.

Mayor Dillon reopened the public hearing at 7:59 P.M.

Debbie Allen – representing the Sewer Department – 401 Alexander St., presented Council with information on the Curtis Street project and the financial costs involved in the project. Allen addressed the Ordinance for a connection variance and the impact to the projects.

Louis Requa – 806 Metcalf St, reminded Council of his request to retain the Public Lands as part of Sedro-Woolley's UGA, specifically the Northern State Recreational area.

Requa also questioned the emergency and why so much time and effort is being put into this issue. Requa claimed that it only affects 1% of the development in the UGA. He addressed the No Protest agreements and their acceptance and spoke on Ordinance #1427-02 being in conflict with the UGA request.

Jeff Ingman – 23611 Glen Allen Pl, Mount Vernon, stated he has researched the short plat ordinance and the history dating back to the 1960's. Ingman commented that sanitation experts will attest that individual septic systems when periodically pumped and monitored treat effluent better and safer than public sewer systems. He addressed the fact that Sedro-Woolley needs the UGA boundaries for future growth and requested Council continue with current practices.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 8:17 P.M.

Discussion on wording of the Resolution took place.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Resolution #673-03 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting Findings Supporting the Reduction of the Urban Growth Boundary of the City of Sedro-Woolley to Conform to the City Limits for an Interim Period, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1442-03.

Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried 4-3 (Councilmembers Anderson, Pearson and Miller, opposed).

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Resolution #674-03 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington to Include the Northern State Property in our Urban Growth Area. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Hammer Heritage Gazebo Use Request – Loggerodeo Street Dance

Councilmember Storrs questioned any associated street closure with the Street Dance and questioned the Police and Fire Chief's regarding emergency access.

Mayor Dillon reviewed the probable area affected by the street closure and the Chief's both noted it would not affect their emergency response as it is not a main route.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the use of Hammer Heritage Gazebo for the 2003 Loggerodeo Street Dance. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

### Ordinance – Myers Request for Vacation of Easement

Bruce Berglund -17441 Lake Terrace Pl., Mount Vernon, addressed the Council representing Ray and Hazel Baker. He presented a packet of information which chronocalized the process for the original 11<sup>th</sup> Street vacation request. Based on the

information presented, Berglund stressed that Council consider there be no cost for the easement vacation.

Spud Walley – 810 Warner St., addressed the Council and presented background on the original 11<sup>th</sup> Street vacation request. Walley, former Mayor of Sedro-Woolley, presented his recollection of the request at the time and indicated to his knowledge it was never intended to have the easement in question in the ordinance.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1445-03 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Vacating a Portion of the Easement for Utilities Reserved in Ordinance #1038 Vacating Eleventh Street Right of Way, Effective Upon Receipt of the Specified Amount of Money Within One Year, excluding Section 2 and changing the amount negotiated to \$25.00. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

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

Councilmember Meamber noted that it was his belief that the discussion was an individual situation and is not intended to set a precedent.

Councilmember Storrs apologized to the parties involved for the errors that occurred in the original ordinances.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Resolution – Final Plat Approval – Sauk Mountain View Estates North – Phase One Wildflower Planned Residential Development Application No. 161

Planner Hallberg presented information on Phase One of the development approved with the annexation of the Sauk Mountain Golf Course area. She noted it will be a 61 unit cottage type development and reviewed the conditions the plat is subject to.

Frederick Flemming – 1124 W. Racine St., Bellingham, requested Council give approval for the first phase of Sauk Mountain View Estates North, which is a project that will be known as the Wildflower Project. Flemming reviewed the process that has brought them to the final plat approval request and expressed his excitement for the project. He reviewed the overall project.

Discussion was held with Council questioning lot frontage, street width, parking, homeowners association, common areas, targeted price range, trails, future access to Hwy 9, color scheme and zoning.

Councilmember Miller moved to pass Resolution #675-03 A Resolution Granting Final Approval to “Sauk Mountain View Estates North – Phase One – Wildflower” Planned Residential Development (PRD) Application No. 161. Councilmembers Storrs and Lemley seconded. Motion carried.

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

### Library Tour

Due to the time of the evening the Library Tour will be rescheduled.

Fire Chief Klinger – offered to bring back pricing information for some sirens should Council desire. Councilmember Anderson approved.

Police Chief Cooper -- presented information on a Department of Transportation project that will be commencing in the Bellingham area which will have an effect on I-5 traffic. An alternate traffic route will be utilized which will route traffic through Sedro-Woolley. The project will start in late April and run through October. Traffic impact will be intermittent.

Councilmember Meamber – encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Woodfest.

Councilmember Splane – questioned City procedures for mosquito control at the retention ponds.

Mayor Dillon noted discussions have been held at staff meetings and we are waiting for recommendations from the Skagit County Health Department who is currently putting together a program.

Councilmember Storrs – commented on how nice the flags look that are being displayed in town.

Councilmember Miller – again commented on the crossings at Cascade Middle School and also commented on the signage that differs from those around other schools as well as the need for sidewalks up Hwy 9.

Mayor Dillon – reported that she attended the groundbreaking of McIntrye Hall.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.