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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
October 22, 2003 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Meamber, Splane, Lemley, Pearson and Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair, Police Lieutenant Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon announced the addition of a Resolution Declaring an Emergency to the Agenda under “New Business”.

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #49784 to #49925 for \$257,131.37
  - Payroll Warrants #32102 to #32192 for \$156,949.93
- Street Closure Request – Metcalf Street – Halloween Parade
- Street Closure Request – Metcalf Street – Christmas Parade
- Setting Public Hearing – Property Tax Levy 2004
- Setting Public Hearing – 2004 Budget Ordinance

Councilmember Splane moved to approve the consent calendar A through F. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Kyle Wyler – 317 Rowland Road, addressed the Council on the Park and Ride on F & S Grade Road and the use of the lot with cars for sale. Wyler spoke of the inconsistent manner in which cars are tagged for removal.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Ordinance – Cemetery Fees

Mayor Dillon reviewed the proposed ordinance for the establishment of new Cemetery rates.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1456-03 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Washington, Establishing Rates at the Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery, and Repealing Ordinance No. 1300-98 in its Entirety. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Interlocal Agreement – State of Washington Department of Printing

Fire Chief Klinger reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement with the State of Washington Department of Printing. Chief Klinger noted the Fire Department has previously had them perform work for them when they have been the lowest bidder. They also get their incident report forms from them at no cost. The State is now requiring an interlocal agreement to continue this arrangement.

Councilmember Lemley moved to enter into an interlocal agreement with the State of Washington, Department of Printing to do printing for the City of Sedro-Woolley. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried.

### Stiles ULID 1994-2 Settlement

Attorney Hayden presented background information on the Stiles ULID 1994-2 Settlement.

Councilmember Meamber expressed his interest in moving the topic to a future worksession. He also addressed the benefit of the ULID in the upgrade of the pump stations that were included.

Bill Stiles III – representing William Stiles, addressed the Council. He presented history of the sewer connection to the building on Trail Road.

Attorney Hayden reviewed in more detail the background utilizing a hand drawn map of the property, sewer line and inclusion within the ULID. Attorney Hayden advised the Council that it is his belief that the proposed settlement is in the best interest of the City.

He also noted the City has been trying to work with the property owner rather than forcing the issue to the Courts.

Council discussion ensued which also involved comments from Bill Stiles III. The discussion included the amount of assessment, signed agreements, file documentation and property frontage.

Councilmember Meamber moved to hold the discussion of the Stiles ULID 1994-2 Settlement to the November 5, 2003 Worksession to include more information that the City can find. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried.

### Resolution Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Dillon reported that she had declared an emergency on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, within the City of Sedro-Woolley due to the severe flooding being experienced as a result of the rising waters of the Skagit River and its tributaries. She requested Council affirm the declaration by Resolution.

Councilmember Pearson moved to adopt Resolution No. 682-03, A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Declaring an Emergency. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Dillon – reviewed the activities of the flood and commended staff and volunteers for the exemplarily effort put forth. She also commended the citizens of Sedro-Woolley for their efforts as well.

Fire Chief Klinger – commended the outstanding job of Josh Carpenter and Gerald Chandler in the evacuation of patients from the Life Care Center and United General Hospital. Chief Klinger also praised the Sedro-Woolley Eagles for their donation of sack lunches, as well as the efforts from SKAT and the Sedro-Woolley School District.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – reviewed a letter received from the Cities Insurance Association which stated they would not be including flood coverage within their policy. Nelson noted she has been working with The Unity Group for flood coverage through FEMA for the wastewater treatment plant. Nelson reviewed the quotes with discussion following to include alternatives such as low interest loans, building a berm and past damage due to receding water.

Councilmember Pearson – noted a tree down in an alley at 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> between Jameson and Bennett. Pearson also questioned the total assessment for the Stiles property.

Engineer Blair noted the tree was over a utility line and due to liability the City should not remove.

Councilmember Meamber – commended the Sedro-Woolley Eagles for not only providing sack lunches to the Public Safety Building but also feeding others displaced by the flood all day.

Councilmember Lemley – noted the need for gravel on Talcott Street between Metcalf and Third Streets.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.