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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
November 12, 2003 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers: Splane, Storrs, Lemley, Pearson and Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair, Planner Hallberg and Police Chief Cooper.

Mayor Dillon announced additions to the agenda. Under the consent calendar Item E, Waiver of Fees – Community Center and Old Business – Property Purchase for Solid Waste Department.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #49926 to #50065 for \$419,912.72
- Payroll Warrants #32193 to #32281 for \$125,675.21
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center
- Inter-agency Agreement – King County for Biosolids Removal Equipment
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center (addition)

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

Appointing New Councilmember in Ward 5

Mayor Dillon introduced Hugh Galbraith as the new newly elected Councilmember in Ward 5. Because the Ward position has been vacant, he will take his Oath of Office early.

Mayor Dillon administered the Oath of Office to Hugh Galbraith, who then took his place at the Council table.

## Proclamation – Family Week

Mayor Dillon read a Proclamation which proclaims the week of November 24-30, 2003 as Family Week in the City of Sedro-Woolley.

## Public Comment

Kevin Loy – addressed the Council as Chair of the Planning Commission and extended an invitation to the Council to attend a tour of the Verizon switching station at 6 P.M., Tuesday, November 18, 2003. Verizon will also speak at the Planning Commission meeting regarding developments and fiber optics. Loy also noted that State Representative Kirk Pearson will be addressing the Planning Commission.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### Ordinance – Property Tax Levy

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the current 2003 property tax percentage breakdown. Nelson reviewed recent changes in the law regarding increases of property tax. She noted the numbers given to her by the Assessors office are still considered preliminary, final numbers are not available until January or February of next year, but little change is expected.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:15 P.M.

No public comment given.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:15.30 P.M.

Councilmember Pearson moved to adopt Ordinance 1457-03 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Approving an Increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy, In Addition to any Amount Resulting From the Addition of New Construction and Improvements and Addition of Properties as a Result of Annexation. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

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

Councilmember Anderson clarified that any further increase would need voter approval.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Stiles/ULID 1994-2

Attorney Hayden reviewed background information regarding the proposed agreement settling issues related to the Stiles ULID assessment.

Some discussion took place to include provision for Trail Road hook up, future interpretations of the agreement and inclusion of the RCW reference.

Councilmember Storrs moved to execute the accompanying agreement settling the ULID 1994-2 issues with Stiles according to the terms of the agreement with a slight change of the language from “per statute” to “per RCW #\_\_\_\_\_ (listing appropriate code section). Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried.

#### Property Acquisition – Solid Waste Department

Mayor Dillon reviewed the amount of the purchase and final figures for closing the transaction for the property acquisition for the Solid Waste Department. She also requested authorization for a manual warrant.

Councilmember Storrs moved to pursue the purchase of real property from the Lattings and execute a manual warrant in the amount of \$149,323.43. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Land Acquisition

Mayor Dillon introduced the request for authorization to purchase property from Wilbert Wilson and Irene Wright Wilson.

Councilmember Anderson questioned the buyers closing costs.

Councilmember Pearson moved to enter into a purchase agreement and issue a manual warrant to the Wilson’s for \$180,000 plus appropriate closing costs. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried.

#### Subdivision – Private Roads (Discussion only)

Council held discussion regarding a proposed interim ordinance which would prohibit private streets for new subdivisions. This is at the request of Councilmember Anderson.

Councilmember Anderson reviewed some of his concerns in maintenance, policing of the area and investigation of other cities requirements.

Attorney Hayden noted that this was designed to be an interim ordinance for six months giving time for staff to work on the Public Works Construction Standards and incorporation Councils wishes into the update.

Discussion also took place of detention ponds and the maintenance responsibilities.

Staff was directed to proceed with formalizing the interim ordinance for further consideration by Council at a later date.

#### Contract – PACE

Mayor Dillon introduced the request for authorization of a contract with PACE for the update to the Sewer Comp Plan.

Planner Hallberg noted that PACE will be giving a presentation at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

Councilmember Splane moved to enter into a contract with PACE to update the Sewer Comprehensive Plan in an amount not to exceed \$96,650. Councilmember Storrs seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Dillon – noted for Council information a copy of the Curtis Street sewer letter given to each Councilmember. She also noted a waiver of fees for the Community Center for FEMA.

Councilmember Storrs – questioned the status of the street repairs that remain unfinished (See Engineer Blair’s comment below).

Mayor Dillon – addressed a recent letter to the editor in the local paper regarding Comcast cable fees and senior discounts. She noted the misinformation given to the author of the letter and stated there is a senior discount available.

Councilmember Anderson requested Mayor Dillon write a rebuttal letter to the editor to present the proper information for the public.

Councilmember Splane – questioned the status of Pacific Street.

Engineer Blair noted both streets are scheduled to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Both streets referenced are under the same contract with Lakeside.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – noted she was requested by the Court Clerk to ask if any Councilmember mistakenly walked away with the Judge’s “red notebook” containing the bail schedule. She also pointed out the preliminary budgets for the Councilmembers at their seats and the upcoming joint Planning Commission/Council Meeting scheduled for November 20, 2003 (rescheduled from October 28, 2003).

Police Chief Cooper – noted he concurred with Councilmember Anderson regarding private streets and enforcement issues.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.