
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 25, 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: Meamber, Storrs, Lemley, Galbraith and Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minute from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #50066 to #50161 for \$367,290.16
- Payroll Warrants #32282 to #32372 for \$118,251.24
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park

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

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2004 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson thanked the Councilors for their time involved with the budget discussions and meetings. She noted the budget is balanced and there were several errors published in the news article by the Skagit Valley Herald.

Councilmember Anderson questioned the new hire positions within the budget.

Nelson noted the budget includes the hiring of a Police Officer, Assistant Fire Chief, and an Engineering/Sewer Inspector, as well as a part time transcriptionist for the Police Department.

Councilmember Anderson questioned equipment needs for the new personnel.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:08 P.M.

Denise Nicholson – 30170 Highway 20, Chair of the Library Board addressed the Council requesting passage of the Library portion of the budget as it stands. She noted the budget is very bare bones.

James Hawkings – 1211 State St., requested clarification of the new Fire Department position.

Chief Klinger noted the title will be Assistant Chief/Training Officer but he will be responding to calls.

Hawkings also questioned the Equipment Replacement Fund for the Street Department.

Mayor Dillon explained the objective of the ER & R fund.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:11 P.M.

Councilmember Meamber expressed his pleasure with the plan the City has put forward and the goals and specifics of the budget.

Mayor Dillon expressed her gratitude with the Councilmember participation in the budget process.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1458-03 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004. Councilmember Anderson seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance (Interim) – Private Roads

Engineer Blair stated the proposed ordinance was a simple modification to the existing code, revising that private streets not be allowed in residential development. They still could be allowed in industrial and commercial developments at the discretion of City staff.

Attorney Hayden noted this is an interim ordinance which will require a public hearing within 60 days.

Council discussion ensued regarding the wording. Councilmember Anderson stated he supported the Ordinance and would like to see it enforced on commercial and industrial roads.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance #1459-03 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Amending SWMC 15.40.040 For A Period of Six Months to Restrict the Use of Private Roads in New Developments to Subdivisions Containing Not More Than Four Single Family Residential Lots, Providing For a Public Hearing, and Declaring An Emergency, As Authorized By To RCW 36.70A.390. Seconded by Councilmembers Storrs and Galbraith.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Dillon announced the Public Hearing will be held the second meeting in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Meamber – questioned when the building lights downtown go on and where the tree was coming from.

Mayor Dillon noted they go on the night of the tree lighting (December 6). The tree is a donation by a private party in the vicinity of Central School.

Councilmember Galbraith – commented about road closed signs and suggested utilizing blinking lights on dark roads.

Councilmember Anderson – questioned the status of the road repairs.

Councilmember Lemley – reminded everyone of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on Thursday. Serving begins at 11:00 A.M.

Fire Chief Klinger – announced a work party on the fence at the Training Center site. He updated the Council on the Boot to Burn Dance and Auction and noted they raised over \$10,000 for charity.

Engineer Blair – noted Public Works projects and issues would be the topic for the December 2nd worksession.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – stated the State Auditors have arrived to do the annual audit, they hope to be completed by the end of the year and will most likely be contacting Councilmembers.

Mayor Dillon – stated the Oath of Offices for Councilmembers and the Mayor will be on December 16. She then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:28 P.M for the purpose of personnel with no decision expected.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:33 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.