
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 9, 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, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Hallberg, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon welcomed members of Scout Troop 79 who were in the audience working on a merit badge.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Claim Vouchers #49027 to #49111 for \$97,405.95
 - Payroll Warrants #31417 to #31512 for \$126,235.90
- Small Works Roster – Public Works Agreements – Lee Johnson & Sons
- Manual Warrant Request (addition)

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar A thorough D. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

Presentation – Wastewater Treatment Plant Award (Department of Ecology)

Mayor Dillon introduced Amy Jankowiak from the Department of Ecology who presented an award for excellence compliance during the past year. She noted this is the fifth year the department has received the award. She reviewed the criteria for receiving the award and stated Sedro-Woolley is one of 31 facilities out of 300 to receive the award. Congratulations to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Staff.

Karen Burgess also of the Department of Ecology read a letter from Kevin Fitzpatrick, Water Quality Section Manager of the Northwest Region congratulating Debra Allen, Kenneth Earnst, Bob Blakely, Ralph Kennedy, Steve Huizinga and David Schorno on their key role in the successful operation of the treatment systems.

The award and letter was presented to Mayor Dillon who passed the award on to Debra Allen, Foreman of the Treatment Plant. Allen introduced the staff of the department and gave a brief biography of their tenure with the treatment plant and noted the award is a team effort and couldn't be accomplished without everyone involved.

Public Comment

Craig Cole – General Delivery, addressed the Council on definitions of the words honesty and justice and other related wording. He also addressed the judgment awarded to him through the Court.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed Resolution for the Six-Year TIP incorporating the changes noted by Council at their last meeting.

Councilmember Pearson moved to adopt Resolution #678-03 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington 2004 – 2009. Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Fire Impact Fee

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed ordinance for the Fire Impact Fees.

Councilmember Anderson requested a broader window for implementation such as a 90 day implementation window of the fees rather than a five day implementation window.

Councilmember Splane noted his disagreement with the fees. Councilmember Meamber concurred with Splane on all but the Fire Impact Fees.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance #1452-03 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Amending Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Section 15.60.040 and Appendix A to Chapter 15.60, to Provide for Amendments to the Fire Impact Fee for Residential and Non-Residential Structures as amended to take effect November 1, 2003. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

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

Ordinance – School Impact Fee

Mayor Dillon noted that Kevin Sullivan from the Sedro-Woolley School District was in the audience to answer any questions Council may have prior to voting.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1453-03 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Amending Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Section 15.64.040 and Appendix A to Chapter 15.64, to Provide for Amendments to the School Impact Fee for Residential and Non-Residential Structures. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the use of the impact fees.

Kevin Sullivan – representing the Sedro-Woolley School District reviewed the use of the impact fees for the use of the purchase of portables.

Councilmember Anderson questioned consistency in the effective dates of the ordinances being passed.

Discussion on the process of adoption and effective date of County versus City.

Councilmember Anderson moved to change the ordinance effective date from five days after passage to November 1, 2003. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

Council discussion took place regarding the effects on the School District Budget with the change of effective date. Sullivan noted capacity issues and the additional need for portables, the number of building permits in process during July – October and the proposed date for adoption for County.

Councilmember Storrs moved to table the School Impact Fee Ordinance to the July 23, 2003 meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Repeal or Amendment of Ordinance No. 1446-03 (UGA Reduction)

Attorney Hayden reviewed background for reducing the City UGA. Hayden noted disputes with the County regarding GMA issues and recommended to Council that the City not invest resources in defending this ordinance as it is written and repeal the ordinance.

Council discussion ensued.

Councilmember Storrs moved adopt Ordinance #1453-03 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Repealing Ordinance No. 1446-03. Councilmember Anderson seconded.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Meamber – noted he will be in contact with Engineer Blair and Police Chief Cooper regarding concerns that have been brought to his attention.

Councilmember Storrs – commented on the great Loggerodeo festival and some problems with seating.

Councilmember Anderson – requested the newspaper to run an article regarding firework restrictions prior to July 4th next year.

Councilmember Meamber – commended the great job of the Sanitation and Street Department for their extra efforts during the Loggerodeo festival. Meamber also noted the great job the Cemetery and Street Department did preparing for Memorial Day.

Fire Chief Klinger – noted the good Loggerodeo festival. He stated the Fire Department experienced the highest call volume in some time during the seven days, with most calls being fireworks related.

Police Chief Cooper – noted the continued firework related calls and would encourage any publicity for next year of the time limitations for discharging within the City limits. Cooper also noted labor negotiations have begun with the Public Safety Guild for the contract for January 1, 2004.

Mayor Dillon – encouraged Council to take a look at the City website. She commended Julie Rosario for her good work in keeping the website updated.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.