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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 14, 2004 – 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, Splane, Storrs, Lemley, Colgan and Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair, Planner Hallberg, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger

Mayor Dillon announced the addition to the Consent Calendar of Item I – Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Sedro-Woolley Little League

Councilmember Meamber suggested to move Agenda Item 7 – Appointment of Kevin Loy to the Planning Commission to the Consent Calendar. All Councilors were in agreement.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #50267 to #50478 for \$271,441.30 (Voided Warrant #50266)
  - Payroll Warrants #32463 to #32553 for \$122,403.28 & #32554 to #32644 for \$170,723.39
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – S.W. Cooperative Preschool (Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004)
- Public Works Supplement Agreement – Bayside Services
- Misc. Annual Contracts/Agreements – Sedro-Woolley Riding Club, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Volunteers of America, Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services, Loggerodeo, EDASC, SW Chamber of Commerce, Skagit Co. Community Action, SW Farmers Market, Skagit Symphony, SW Museum, NW Childrens Theatre
- Interlocal Agreement – Skagit County Probation Services – 2004
- Interlocal Agreement – Mobile Wireless Management System
- Appointment of Stan Sygitowicz to the Housing Authority
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Sedro-Woolley Little League (Various Dates)
- Resolution #687-04 Appointment of Kevin Loy to Planning Commission

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

#### Public Comment

John Diamond – 23430 Diamond Rd., owner of the Mission Market, addressed the Council on the recent break-ins in town. He noted his building has been broken into twice and expressed concern for more police presence and coverage at night, as well as the number of police officers within the department for the size of the City.

Mayor Dillon stated the Police Department has budgeted for a new officer for the year 2004, and noted the length of time it takes for hiring and training.

Discussion followed regarding the shift placement of the new officer with Chief Cooper responding that the goal is to have two officers on duty 24/7 and with the hiring of the new officer it will ensure two officers being placed on the night shifts. Cooper reviewed the status of the Civil Service boards and academy dates.

Barbara Colvig – 1101 Jameson, representing Broadcast Tools, also expressed concern of the lack of officers on duty at night. She suggested some of the daytime officers be transferred to the night to cover when the crimes are happening.

Dennis Whalen – 502 Creek Lane, owner of the Double Coin expressed concern of the current police situation and lack of coverage at night.

Pam Farrar – 805 Talcott, representing Bethel Assembly of God Church, discussed with Council the need for more officers. She also expressed her appreciation for the job the police have done.

Melissa Reed – 234 N. Central Ave., addressed the Council on community involvement and suggested a citizens patrol be implemented to be staffed with willing volunteers.

Councilmember Lemley questioned the Senior Crime Watch program and the hiring of a lateral officer.

Tom Lazon – President of the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild, representing the law enforcement officers, firefighters and support staff for the City of Sedro-Woolley, thanked the Council for their past support of both the Police and Fire Departments and looks forward to continued support. He noted that no one is more frustrated with the lack of police officers than the officers themselves. He noted this is a complex issue with no quick fix.

Max Always – 101 W. Woodworth, spoke on several incidents that involved his property. He addressed the brightness of the street lights and the condition of the streets and sidewalks in town.

Thomas Cook – owner of Cascade Games, thanked the City Council for the resources that we do have. Commented on the volunteer effort for clean-up of his business after the break in. He also encouraged people presence in the downtown area.

Chief Cooper presented an update on the recent burgurlies and noted charges have been files against three people.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### Public Hearing and Findings Supporting Ordinance No. 1459-03

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:30 P.M.

Dave McLaughlin – property owner on Garden of Eden Rd., presented history on his parcel of property and the plan for development of his property. McLaughlin noted the impact the proposed ordinance would have on any future development of his property. He supports the current ordinances and standards and encourages the Council to look hard at the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:37 P.M.

Attorney Hayden reviewed background information on the implementation of the interim ordinance.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Resolution #688-04 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting Findings Supporting the Restriction of Private Street for Residential Subdivisions in the City to Serve Four Lots or Less, and Confirming Ordinance No. 1459-03. Seconded by Councilmember Lemely.

Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Approval of Phase II, Sauk Mtn. View Estates North and Revised Phasing Agreement for Both Sauk Mtn. Estates North and Sauk Mtn. View Estates South as to Phase II

Attorney Hayden reviewed the background of the annexation and development of Sauk Mountain View Estates. Hayden reviewed the phasing agreement for all phases and the

importance of this agreement. He noted a change with WSDOT regarding the stop light at Fruitdale Rd. and Hwy 20 and the change that effects the development agreement.

Rob Janicki – 16432 Cultus Court, addressed the Council and stated the developers are in agreement with the development agreement. He clarified the fire hall, subgrade and trail from Port-A-Bello to Fruitdale Rd. are not being completed at this time because of weather conditions. He noted the majority of the work has been completed.

Council discussion ensued to include lot frontages on 9 lots and sewer upgrades.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution #689-04 A Resolution Granting Final Approval to Sauk Mountain View Estates North – Phase Two Planned Residential Development (PRD) Application No. 161. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Storrs moved to enter into agreement between the owners and the City of Sedro-Woolley amending development agreement regarding obligations arising from the previous development agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

#### Appointment of Kevin Loy to Planning Commission

Moved to Consent Calendar per request of Councilmember Member

#### Design Review Committee Status

Mayor Dillon presented background on the Design Review Committee. She noted that the City had established design standards and a committee to review these standards within the Central Business District. Mayor Dillon noted that it is becoming more difficult to get members for the committee and questioned if Council wishes to continue this committee or perhaps utilize the Planning Commission for this type of review. She suggested if the concensus was to delete the standards altogether, a public hearing should be held.

Councilmember Meamber moved to hold a public hearing.

Council discussion was held to include design standards, committee effectiveness and deciding body.

After a poll of the Council it was their desire to leave the design standards as they are, and change the review body.

Councilmember Meamber withdrew his motion.

### Award of Bid – Video Inspection Unit

Mayor Dillon introduced the request for awarding the bid for the video inspection unit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She noted the bids were attached.

Debbie Allen – Wastewater Treatment Plant Forman explained the video system and optional equipment listed on the bids as well as the difference in the brands.

Allen addressed questions from the Council to include clarity of video equipment, plans for existing equipment and longevity of equipment.

Councilmember Meamber moved to award the bid and sign the contract with CUES for the purchase of a Video Inspection System, including WinCan MPEG option, in the amount of \$106,273 dollars plus tax. Seconded by Councilmembers Lemley and Colgan. Motion carried.

### (Interim) Ordinance – Public Works Standards

Engineer Blair reviewed the need for the implementation of the proposed interim ordinance. The ordinance would buy time for the City to review and revise the Public Works Standards to close loopholes that currently exist.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Ordinance #1461-04 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Amending SWMC Title 14.40 for a Period of Six Months, Delegating to the City Engineer the Authority to Establish Standards and Requirements for all Public Works, including Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities and Authorizing the City Engineer to Approve Designs for Public Works. And to set a public hearing for March 10, 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Councilmember Splane questioned whether passage of this ordinance will interfere with the recent private street ordinance passed.

Attorney Hayden indicated it will not interfere and wording has been incorporated to include the recent private street ordinance.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion. Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Splane – Yes, Meamber – Yes. Motion carried.

### Resolution – Youth Athletic Facilities Grant (Metcalf Field Improvement Project)

Nathan Salseina presented a grant proposal that is being submitted to Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) for improvements to the Metcalf Field Ballpark Facility. Salseina reviewed a history of the funding sources. He also reviewed the improvements planned. Approval of this Resolution will allow the City to apply for the funding but does not commit the City at this time.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Resolution #690-04 A Resolution Authorizing Application(s) for Funding Assistance for a Youth Athletic Facilities Program (YAF) Project to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) as Provided in Chapter 79A.25 RCW. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

#### Ordinance – Council & Workshop Meeting Dates – 2004

Mayor Dillon introduced the Council & Workshop Schedule for the year 2004. She noted a conflict with the Joint Council/Planning Commission Worksession scheduled for January 22, 2004.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance #1462-04 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Adopting the 2004 City Council Meeting Schedule with the deletion of the Joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting scheduled for January 22, 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

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

Councilmember Anderson stated he appreciates the schedule for planning purposes and credited Mayor Dillon for the implementation.

#### Ordinance – 2004 Salaries

Mayor Dillon introduced the 2004 Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1463-04 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials, Union (Guild) and Non-Union Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

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

#### Request to Surplus Items from Property Acquisitions

Mayor Dillon reviewed the property purchases recently approved by Council. She noted there are items on the property with no significant value. The attached resolution would declare the items surplus which will allow City staff to dispose in the most appropriate manner to include auction, donation, garbage collection, destruction or other methods deemed necessary.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Resolution #691-04 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, declaring certain property as surplus

and authorizing the sale or destruction of surplus property. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chief Klinger – requested a quick meeting with the Fire Committee following the meeting.

Chief Cooper – reassured the Council that the Police Department is working trying to prevent burglaries and vehicle prowls, if they do happen they are investigated and they try hard to bring people to justice. They will continue to do so to the best of their ability with the resources available. Cooper thanked the Council for their continued support as well as the people in the audience for this community.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – pointed out a copy of the auditors reports for each Councilmember. She noted the audit went well.

Planner Hallberg – reviewed the Planning Department annual report which was left at each Council seat for their information.

Mayor Dillon – noted she has asked all department heads to prepare annual reports for Council information.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the blacktopping of the alley between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and Jameson and Fidalgo.

Mayor Dillon stated there had been neighborhood problems and this was the best solution for the neighborhood. The paving was included in the Lakeside Contract which was approved by Council.

Councilmember Splane – complemented the Police Department for their effort in getting rid of the junk cars along Sapp Road.

Councilmember Storrs – requested a ward map be given to each Councilmember.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the location of the speed limit trailer.

Chief Cooper responded. There is an area for this to be utilized when Sedro-Woolley's turn comes around.

Councilmember Lemley – welcomed Councilmember Colgan.

Councilmember Anderson – complemented the Street Department for their work on clean up of Hodgin Lane.

Discussion was held on sweeping of the streets after the snowstorm sanding.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.