
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 8, 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, Colgan, Galbraith, Lemley and Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair, Planner Lahr, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #53131 to #53217 for \$317,892.37
 - Payroll Warrants #34634 to #34728 for \$189,389.03
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – DCFS – December 14, 2004
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Skagit Co. PUD – December 10, 2004
- Interlocal Agreement – Provision of Senior Services with Skagit County for 2005
- Collective Bargaining Agreement – Public Safety Guild Support Employees

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

Public Comment

Kevin Loy – 128 Garden of Eden Rd., addressed the Council regarding previous concerns with the Planning Commission. Loy announced that the Planning Commission has now adopted Rules and Regulations to follow, including an attendance policy. He challenged the Council to support the rules and regulations adopted by the Planning Commission, support the Planning Commission and to work on an open line of communication with the Planning Commission.

Lauren Fretas – 1433 S. 12th St., Mt. Vernon, spoke to the Council regarding a partnership opportunity between the Sedro-Woolley, Hamilton and District 8 Fire Departments. She noted that she has been working with Chief Klinger regarding an aerial ladder truck and reviewed a proposal for a joint purchasing agreement for a ladder truck and peripheral equipment. She requested to be placed on a future agenda should the Council be interested in exploring the partnership.

Julie Calix – 216 Gibson St., addressed the Council regarding water problems she is experiencing since the completion of the sewer project in the alley behind her residence. She discussed damage to her home which she believes is a result of this project and requested action.

Ron Power – addressed the Council and encouraged maintaining the Police Department under the control of the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution – Design Standards and Guidelines Manual

Planner Lahr reviewed background information for the proposed resolution adopting a Design Standards and Guidelines Manual for use by the Planning Commission. The manual would be used to guide growth in industrial/commercial/multi-family and planned residential developments. It would include suggested design elements and required design elements. The purpose of the resolution is to enter findings in support of the ordinance.

Mayor Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 P.M.

No Public Comment Received

Mayor Dillon closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution #707-04 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Entering Findings of Fact in Support of Interim Ordinance No. 1488-04 Adopting A Design Standards and Guidelines Manual. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution – Annexation of FEMA Property – Former Skagit County Lots

Attorney Hayden reviewed the history of the FEMA property formerly owned by Skagit County, located north of the existing Riverfront Park and adjacent to the Little League Ball Fields. He reviewed a map of the property. Hayden noted it would bridge a gap between the existing City limits and the park and stressed that the annexation requests does not include any privately owned property. Zoning was addressed and use restrictions that were part of the original agreement which follows the property regardless of ownership.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:23 P.M.

Robert Woolsey – 933 Alexander St., spoke in support of the annexation if annexed for the right reasons. He noted that any development of the property, even for ball fields would be wrong because of the need to level the land. He encouraged making the land into a reserve and interpretive center which could be done with federal grant money.

Bill Knuth – 24230 Alexander St., addressed the use of chemical weed control in the area. He also spoke of the history of the property and fill of neighboring property which changed the lay of the land. Knuth expressed concern of illegal activities taking place and being conducted with limited police officers for enforcement. He stated he believes a ball field would create more damage to the land.

Mayor Dillon read letters into the record in support of the annexation as long as the property is utilized as a park and the letters requested open communication regarding flood concerns and culvert installations to prevent damage. The letters were signed by Tom Vlahovich, Sr., Tom Vlahovich, Jr., and Ginny Good.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:30 P.M.

Discussion was held regarding use of the property and Council involvement in the decision of the use of the property. Audience discussion was held regarding possible funding for a reserve.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Resolution #708-04 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Resolving to Annex Real Property Contiguous to the Southern Portion of the City, and Adopting a Proposed Land Use Zoning Regulation for the Real Property, and Subjecting the Property to its Pro-Rata Share of City Indebtedness. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

Councilmember Storrs requested Mayor Dillon research the possibility of the inclusion of the PUD property at the same time as the annexation of the FEMA property.

Ordinance – 2004 Budget Amendment

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the proposed Ordinance for the 2004 Budget Amendments. She summarized the changes as outlined in the staff memo.

Mayor Dillon opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 P.M.

No public comment received.

Mayor Dillon closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance #1493-04 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1458-03, “An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004”. Councilmember Splane seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement – Annexation and Road Improvements on Fruitdale & McGarigle

Attorney Hayden reviewed background information for the proposed Interlocal Agreement for the delivery of services and revenue sharing for the “Stanislaw Properties, et al”. Hayden noted the agreement would have both the County and City working equally on a 50/50 basis to develop the roads to urban standards. The upgrades would take place over the next 10 years. Developer Impact fees would not be shared. Hayden complimented Commissioner Anderson for his effort in bringing this agreement forward.

Discussion ensued to include budgeting, expense of work, area of work and affect on County and City budgets.

Councilmember Storrs moved to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County concerning the Stanislaw Property annexation and to provide the permitting during the transition and shared cost in road improvements with Skagit County. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

Resolution – Brickyard Meadows Division 2 Final Plat Application

Planner Lahr reviewed the request for approval of the Final Plat of Brickyard Meadows Division 2. She noted that preliminary plat approval was granted on November 14, 1994 by Resolution #559.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve Resolution #709-04 A Resolution Granting Final Approval to “Brickyard Meadows” Planned Development, Division 2, for 11 Single-Family Lots and 11 Multifamily Units (No. 2569). Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Extension of Interim Moratorium on New Subdivisions Served by Township and Metcalf Streets Sewer

Engineer Blair reviewed the proposed ordinance for the extension of the Interim Moratorium on New Subdivisions served by Township and Metcalf Street Sewers. Blair reviewed the progress that has been made and encouraged Council to extend the moratorium for an additional six months. Blair noted that a portion of Metcalf south of Highway 20 (Moore Street) has been removed from the moratorium area.

Council discussion took place to include the Gibson Street situation, Township Street line capacity, project timing and design and funding mechanisms.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance #1494-04 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Extending a Moratorium on Subdivisions in Certain Areas Served by the Township Street and Metcalf Street Sewer Mains for a Period of Six Months and Requiring New Applications to be Accompanied by Confirmation From the Public Works Director that Line Capacity is Available. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

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

Councilmember Anderson questioned the process of the Public Hearing and noted his displeasure of doing public hearings in reverse.

Addition to Cemetery Ordinance No. 1456-03 Establishing Rates for Estate Model Columbarium Niche

Engineer Blair reviewed the proposed ordinance which adds a section for the Columbarium (niche) wall and set rates.

Discussion of the Headstone setting fee listing ensued.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance #1495-04 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Washington, Establishing Rates at the Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery, and Amending #1456-03 removing “headstone setting at \$75.00” under Burial Space on Page 1. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

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

Ordinance – Establishing the 2005 City Council & Planning Commission Meeting Schedules

Mayor Dillon reviewed the City Council and Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for the year 2005.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance #1496-04 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Establishing the 2005 City Council and Planning Commission Meeting Schedules. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

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

Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor Dillon noted it was again time to elect a Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2005.

Councilmember Meamber moved to appoint Tom Storrs as Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2005. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – thanked the Councilmembers for their participation in the Christmas Parade.

Police Department Research

Mayor Dillon reported on her research as requested by Council for the costs of contracting police services through Skagit County. She reviewed very rough estimates for the services which are estimated at \$1,128,000.00. The cost would be for 12 officers, not including ancillary items such as office space, support officers, office personnel and accounting services. She requested the Council provide direction from this point.

The general consensus of the Council was not to pursue the topic any further.

Lin Tucker – 9774 Collins Road, added several other possible costs that would be included such as an additional judge and prosecutor. Tucker addressed the commitment of the police department to the City and requested Council commit to the department as well.

Mayor Dillon restated her understanding of the Council consensus to discontinue any further research and maintain the current police department under the City. Applause from the audience was received.

Chief Wood – thanked the Council for their support and noted their desire to live up to the support received from the Mayor, Council and community.

Councilmember Meamber – congratulated everyone involved in the downtown decorations. He thanked Councilmember Splane for the use of his truck and lights for the parade as well as Councilmember Lemley for the use of the hay.

Councilmember Storrs – noted the great time participating in the parade.

Councilmember Galbraith – spoke of the pride and spirit in the community and is proud to be a part of it.

Councilmember Lemley – extended everyone a happy and joyous holiday season.

Councilmember Anderson – expressed interest in having a web-cam incorporated into Hammer Heritage Square. Anderson wished everyone a happy holiday season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:34 P.M. for the purpose of personnel with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
