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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
February 25, 2004 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro-Tem Storrs.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-Tem Storrs announced that Mayor Dillon was in Washington D.C. and is excused from the meeting. He also stated the Annexation hearing scheduled for tonight has been cancelled.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Storrs, Councilmembers Meamber, Splane, Galbraith, Lemley, Colgan and Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Hallberg, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #50752 to #50861 for \$141,030.88
- Payroll Warrants #32825 to #32914 for \$119,917.14
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – USFS (February 24, 2004)

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

Public Comment

Robert Woolsey – 933 Alexander St. addressed the Council regarding the annexation request on Alexander Street. He expressed concern over the flood hazards of the area, impact to existing homes and residents and street improvements. He encouraged Council to leave the area as is.

Bill Knuth – 24230 Alexander St., spoke to the Council on the Alexander Street right of way. He presented a history of right of way vacations, land being filled in and tree removal within the area.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### Gentry Annexation

Mayor Pro Tem Storrs noted that the qualifications for the Gentry annexation have not been met at this time and therefore the public hearing will not be held. A public hearing will be set for another date at the time the qualifications are met. Mayor Pro Tem Storrs

informed the audience that they were welcome to speak on this issue, however, it will not become part of the public record hearing. Should they wish to be part of the public record hearing they would need to readdress their statements at the official public hearing.

Ray Knuth – PO Box 772, former resident of the annexation area noted fill that is believed to be illegally placed in the floodway. He stated the property owner was directed by the County to remove the fill and it has not been done. He requested someone look into the directive. Knuth also spoke regarding Fairhaven Avenue and questioned what criteria Gentry has to meet.

Storrs reviewed the criteria for annexation.

Some discussion ensued regarding the history of past street vacations and possible vacation requests in the future. Knuth also addressed the costs involved with street request applications.

Ginny Good – 24250 Alexander St, noted a file available in the Planning Department with documentation of the fill and tree removal addressed. She also spoke on the flood issues in the area and working together with the City.

Bill Knuth – noted the fill being referred to is City landfill and is an illegal dump.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the time frame of the dumping, with Knuth stating it has been over the past 20 years and he reviewed some of the history of the wall that was placed.

Ray Knuth spoke to the Council regarding the lack of action regarding complaints and the history of the complaints.

Planner Hallberg noted a sign up sheet being passed for those that want to be notified of any future hearings.

Fran Shewmaker – 1016 Alexander St., questioned the 75% criteria.

Planner Hallberg reviewed the criteria of the annexation procedures and law changes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Setting Public Hearing – Washington Rural Development Loan Fund

Chris Greenley – Department of Community Trade and Economic Development for the State of Washington addressed the Council on behalf of Rootabaga Enterprises DBA CF Fresh regarding their application to the Rural Washington Loan Fund. Greenley reviewed the design of the program which is to retain or create jobs. He noted the funding is federal in origin and requires a pass through of the City's books.

Steve Mackey, CFO of Rootabaga Enterprises addressed the Council and stated the jobs to be created will be sales support, clerical and low to middle class income jobs. He stated the company has gone through some difficult times and has had to lay off personnel and this is an effort to maintain the 18 employees currently employed and the loan will enable the company to move forward.

Discussion ensued regarding potential financial impacts to the City and expectations of job creation.

Councilmember Colgan moved to set March 10, 2004, 7:00 P.M. as the date of the Public Hearing to authorize an application by the City of Sedro-Woolley to the State of Washington in the amount of \$700,000 for a Washington Rural Development Loan Fund Project on behalf of Rootabaga Enterprises, Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

### Setting Public Hearing – Rezone Hearings

Storrs reviewed the request to set a public hearing for rezone requests for Brickyard Creek Properties LLC, 210 Township Street from Single Family & Duplex (SF) to Auto Commercial (AC) and Yasuko Boutilier, 225 Central Avenue from Single Family & Duplex (SF) to Auto Commercial (AC).

Councilmember Anderson moved to set March 24, 2004 to hear two applications for rezoning and change of land use, Brickyard Creek Properties LLC at 210 Township Street and Yasuko Boutilier at 225 Central Avenue. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried.

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

Police Chief Cooper – informed the Council the Washington State Patrol was in to audit the computer system tie-in for driver's license and criminal history checks. The department passed the audit, and they were very pleased with the policies and procedures and safeguards in place.

Planner Hallberg – announced the upcoming National Bike to Work Day and passed out information to the Councilmembers.

Attorney Hayden – pointed out information given to Councilmembers on motorized scooters. He stated that more information will be forthcoming.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – noted the copies of the 2004 budget for each Councilmember.

Councilmember Galbraith – noted the danger of the new fad motorized scooters with discussion following.

Councilmember Meamber – was pleased to see the City crews out cleaning the gravel on Cook Road. Meamber also congratulated the Sedro-Woolley High School Wrestling team for their first place State Championship for the third year in a row.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the curfew laws for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Storrs – announced the upcoming Job Corps dinner and auction on March 11, 2004. Tickets are available.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.