
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 11, 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 Lt. Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #52152 to #52262 for \$159,205.39
- Payroll Warrants #33853 to #33951 for \$170,667.04
- Request for Out of State Travel – Solid Waste
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Mim Ambrose – October 2, 2004
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SW Little League – September 14, 2004
- Donation of Sick Leave
- Setting of Public Hearing Regarding Solid Waste Additional Services & Rates
- Hammer Heritage Square Construction Contracts

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

Presentation – Wastewater Treatment Plant Award (Department of Ecology)

Mayor Dillon presented the staff of the Wastewater Treatment Plant with a plaque awarded to them by the Department of Ecology for Outstanding Performance. The award recognizes departments that meet certain criteria and standards with exceptional operation of the plant. Mayor Dillon noted less than 20 of these awards are given out in the State of Washington. This is the 6th time that the department has received this high honor. She thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M. for a short demonstration on the new closed circuit TV unit which allows the Treatment Plant staff to perform TV video inspections of the sewer lines and enables them to identify broken pipes and problems within the collection system.

The meeting reconvened at 7:14 P.M.

Public Comment

Gloria Rivera – 705 F & S Grade Road, a former City Planner, addressed the Council on the wonderful City that we have. She noted that due to a career change she will be moving to Issaquah but has always loved living in Sedro-Woolley, the people in the city and being able to be involved in the community.

Judy Carlson – 898 Carriage Court, commented regarding a recent article in the Skagit Valley Herald regarding the spill at Janicki Industries. Noted she was shocked that the spill was not reported nor disclosed and allowed to happen. She noted her disappointment in the City for not disclosing it as well. She stated she believes it to be a cover up and is offended by the circumstances.

Debbie Allen – 433 Talcott St., Wastewater Treatment Plant Foreman, addressed Carlson's concerns. She stated that it was not a cover up and as soon as they became aware of the situation, it was turned over to the Department of Ecology for investigation as the problem was out of their hands. She noted it was not publicized because DOE needed to investigate the situation and that Janicki's have been very upfront and cooperative in dealing with the issues at hand. It was in no way to be deceitful or to cover it up for the annexation. The timing was coincidental, but in order to allow the DOE a fair field to investigate it was in the best interest to not publicize it at that time.

Sierra Beecher – 424 N. Oak, Burlington, a recent graduate from WSU noted that the best part of her education was her internship at Nostalgia Farms and Zoo on Burmaster Road. Beecher addressed the USDA certification process the owner is currently going through. As part of that certification, fencing is required for the camels. She asked the Council to consider help with a donation towards the fencing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bingham Park Loop & West Munro Access

Engineer Blair reviewed two proposals for the access. Blair noted there are benefits to both proposals and at this time he is looking for public and Council input.

Engineer Blair answered Council questions to include location of playground, tree removal, Hwy 20 access, other alternatives considered, the least impact of square footage to the park, and the closure of West Munro.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

Peggy Boggs – 301 Washington St., spoke on the use of the park as well as the beauty of it. She addressed movement of the playground equipment. Boggs addressed the food bank parking with possible widening of Washington Street to enhance parking along that area. For safety reasons she encouraged maintaining the park in one piece instead of the existing two or three. She indicated her preference would be plan II.

Ed Blanton – 309 Hawthorne St., questioned the impact on the trees between the two options.

Engineer Blair noted that the trees are an issue even without relocation of the road.

Blanton encouraged leaving the trees as a buffer for the homes that are there.

Peggy Boggs – 301 Washington, addressed the trees and the fact that both plans would call for the removal of trees. She again stressed maintaining the park in one piece. She noted she has seen an increase in park usage and spoke of the possibility of planting new trees for any removed.

Steve Derbyshire – 1410 6th St., questioned the tot lot and addressed the safety of dividing of the park with kids running across the street from one area to another.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:50 P.M.

Council entertained discussion to include removal and replanting of trees, liability issues, contact with W. Munro residents, and the effect on food bank.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance – Adopting the 2003 International Building Code

Mayor Dillon noted the City is required to begin enforcing the 2003 International Building Codes. The propose ordinance is only a beginning to get the City started in the correct direction.

Attorney Hayden stated the IBC is very similar to the Uniform Building Code which the City utilizes now. He stated the IBC should have been adopted in July. He has modeled the fee schedule from the City of Burlington and detailed the changes and fee schedule.

Discussion ensued to include roofing permits, mobile home sighting permits, and future fee review.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance # 1477-04 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting the 2003 International Building Code, 2003 International Residential Code, 2003 International Mechanical Code , 2003 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2003 International Existing Building Code, 2003 International Fire Code, Washington State Energy Code, Washington State Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Code, Providing for the Issuance of Permits and Collection of Fees Therefore,

Providing Certain Changes to Said International Codes, and Amending SWMC Chapter 15.04. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

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

Ordinance – Temporary Sewer General Connection Charge

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed ordinance for a temporary increase to the general facility charge. She noted this has been a topic at two previous worksessions.

Council discussion was held regarding two tiered fee or exemption for existing house, senior citizen discounts, length of ordinance, and rate payer increases.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance #1478-04 An Ordinance Amending the General Facilities Charge for connection to the City of Sedro-Woolley, Sanitary Sewer System, SWMC 13.16..35, to Increase the Fee for A Full “Equivalent Residential Unit” Charge to \$5,300. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Meamber – No, Splane – No, Storrs – Yes and Colgan – Yes. Motion Carried 5-2 (Councilmembers Meamber and Splane opposed).

Resolution – Transportation Funding

Engineer Blair reviewed background information on the proposed ordinance. He noted the ordinance requests the Governor and Legislature to address funding for infrastructure.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Resolution #703-04 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Seeking State Legislative Action to Address Funding for Municipal Transportation Infrastructure. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Request for Funds – Nostalgia Farms

Councilmember Lemley expressed concern of spending taxpayers money on this request and willingly provided some names and phone numbers for Nostalgia Farms to contact for possible alternative funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Galbraith – noted after a call he received from residents at Carriage Court he visited the area and indicated the smell from Janicki was very evident. He does now understand their concern.

Councilmember Storrs – noted the City needs a ladder truck.

Fire Chief Klinger – concurred with Councilmember Storrs.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – requested a quick meeting of the Building Structures and Insurance Committee prior to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. for the purpose of personnel and land acquisition with no decisions.

The Meeting reconvened at 9:20 P.M.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 9:21P.M.