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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
September 22, 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 Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #52488 to #52594 for \$254,433.10 (Voided Warrant #52487)
  - Payroll Warrants #34151 to #34250 for \$131,329.93 (Voided Warrant #34150)
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park – Lions Club – September 20, 2004 Waiver of Fees – Community Center – League of Women Voters – October 7, 2004
- Street Closure Request – Metcalf Street – Halloween Parade – October 29, 2004
- Out of State Travel Request – Planning
- Grant – CTED 2005 Growth Management Update
- Junk Cars
- Addendum #1 to Agreement 4658 (Spillman) with Skagit County
- Interlocal Agreement – Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit county – Substance Abuse Treatment & Prevention Programs

Councilmember Anderson addressed consent agenda item H, noting that he spoke with Art's Auto Wrecking who will take the cars for free providing all the paperwork is in order.

Councilmember Lemley questioned if there was a limit per person for the removal of the junk cars.

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

Proclamation – United Way

Councilmember Anderson read a proclamation, proclaiming September, October and November, 2004 as United Way Campaign Months in Sedro-Woolley.

Public Comment

None

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Klinger Estates Planned Residential Development

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed resolution for Klinger Estates Planned Residential Development. The resolution is to formalize the Council's September 8, 2004 decision for approval.

Planner Lahr reviewed the specifics of the resolution which includes the condition that the alleyways between the townhouses shall be designated for one-way traffic only, which was specified at the last meeting.

Councilmember Anderson moved to approve Resolution #704-04, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Granting Preliminary Plat Approval of Klinger Estates Planned Residential Development #2021. Councilmember Member seconded. Motion carried.

### Special Connection Fee Area / 1994-2 ULID

Attorney Hayden reviewed background information regarding a special connection fee for properties utilizing the Cook-Trail sewer improvements that were not part of the ULID (ULID No. 1992-4). He noted staff recommends passage of the proposed ordinance.

Council discussion ensued to include time limitations and homes along Prospect Road.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1481-04 An Ordinance Adding a New Section to SWMC Ch. 13.16, Providing For An Additional Facility Improvement Charge for Sanitary Sewer Service for Properties Not Included in ULID No. 1994-2 But Which are Connecting to the Cook Road – Trail Road Sewer Pump Station and Main Line. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – No, Splane – No, Storrs – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Galbraith – No, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried 4-3 (Councilmembers Meamber, Splane and Galbraith opposed).

Humane Society of Skagit Valley (discussion only)

Police Chief Cooper reviewed background information for the Skagit County Humane Society contact. Cooper reviewed a proposed contract based on a contract that the City of Mount Vernon is proposing to the Humane Society and discussed other possible options for alternative services.

Discussion ensued with pricing, use of local veterinarians, impact of budget and verification of residence.

Council consensus was to continue with negotiations with the Humane Society.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Interlocal Agreement with Washington State University

Planner Lahr reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement with Washington State University (WSU). The agreement would allow the City to continue to work with the WSU extension office on various projects including the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Councilmember Storrs moved to enter into an interlocal agreement with Washington State University (WSU) for professional services not to exceed \$4,200.00. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried 6-1. (Councilmember Anderson opposed).

Ordinance – Board of Adjustment

Mayor Dillon and Attorney Hayden reviewed background information eliminating the Board of Adjustments. Their duties have been merged with the Planning Commission through an interim ordinance. Passage of this ordinance would permanently abolish the Board of Adjustments.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1482-04, An Ordinance Abolishing the Board of Adjustment and Assigning the Duties of the Board of Adjustment to the Planning Commission. 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.

Temporary Hearing Examiner

Planner Lahr reviewed the Planning Commission's concern over the schedule for updating the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations in the next year, as required by the Growth Management Act. She stated that the Planning Commission

voted to request the City Council reinstate the Hearing Examiner for a temporary period of 10 months from October 2004 to July 2005.

Council discussion took place to include the exploration of the reinstatement of the Board of Adjustments, cost and effect on the budget, number of meetings and the role of a hearing examiner.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1483-04 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Appointing a Hearing Examiner to Hear Land Use Actions in Lieu of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments, to be Effective for a Period of Ten Months, Setting a Date for a Public Hearing and Declaring an Emergency. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Pat Huggins – 1011 Alderwood Ln., Planning Commission member addressed the Council to request the support of a hearing examiner in order for the Planning Commission to concentrate on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Dan Lefeber – 521 Talcott, Planning Commission member addressed the Council on the request for a hearing examiner. He noted that he voted in favor of the request for a hearing examiner but was reluctant in doing so. He believes it to be in the best interest of the City to have a hearing examiner that was from Sedro-Woolley.

Kevin Loy – 128 Garden of Eden Rd., Planning Commission member addressed the Council on the process of the update, length of time of the update and the commitment of the members.

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

Councilmember Anderson clarified his vote. He noted he is not against the Planning Commission but believes the actions to be a cycle and they need to be making the decision in order to make better recommendations for the updates. Councilmember Splane concurred.

#### Memorial Park Waiver and Return of Fee

Mayor Dillon reviewed the request of the Skagit Rock and Gem Club for a waiver of fees for 2005 and a refund for fees paid for 2004. They are also requesting a permanent waiver of fees.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to waive the fees for the Skagit Rock & Gem Club for the year 2005 and return the \$50.00 fee that was paid for the 2004 waiver. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Klinger – reminded everyone of the upcoming Boots to Burn Dance. Tickets will be available at the next Council meeting. Klinger noted that Job Corps will be doing the final pour on their building site.

Engineer Blair – noted there are five sewer projects going on throughout town. Two being emergency projects.

Police Chief Cooper – reported on the Law & Justice meeting he and the Mayor attended. He also reported on the research being done for a new or expansion of the Skagit County Jail.

Councilmember Meamber – addressed several issues regarding complaints of vehicles parking on N. Murdock, requested a review of the ladder truck assessment for new industrial structures and addressed a septic tank failure within the west part of town.

Councilmember Storrs – inquired about possible adjustments on sewer bills for businesses with irrigation systems. Several options were discussed.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned the status of the Ellis project on Hwy 9. Galbraith noted the lack of activity on the project.

Councilmember Anderson – noted he was contacted regarding vendor trucks at Handi Mart on State and Haines streets.

Mayor Dillon noted that she is in the process of drafting a letter regarding the situation.

The meeting adjourned for a five minute break.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting convened to Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. for the discussion of personnel with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8: 50 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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