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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 26, 2005 – 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 #53431 to #53484 for \$146,858.07 & #53485 to #53595 for \$93,737.70
- Payroll Warrants #34917 to #35005 for \$124,160.27
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SW Cooperative Preschool – March 19, 2005
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – Valley Baptist Church – March 27, 2005
- Miscellaneous Annual Contracts/Agreements
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – The Forum – February 24, 2005

Councilmember Anderson commented on the miscellaneous contract/agreements. He noted they totaled \$27,376.00 and believes they should be reviewed more closely next year.

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

Public Comment

Denny Baumgarner – 934 Willard Court, addressed the Councilmembers and presented a history of Willard Court and the question of whether the road is a private road. Baumgarner noted the ownership of the road at the County Assessor's office shows the City of Sedro-Woolley and requested the City maintain the road in the same manner that has been done for the past 30 years.

Some discussion was held with Attorney Hayden providing some history of the lots, annexation and past Council action of Willard Court.

It was the concensus of the Council to honor the decision of the previous council which agreed to fix and maintain the road providing the property owners sign an agreement

stipulating that they will not subdivide their lots unless they bring the road up to City standards.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Utility Tax Ordinance

Attorney Hayden discussed the proposed ordinance and requested Council clarification regarding the Utility Tax Ordinance in reference to tax on recyclable collection.

Discussion was held regarding the removal of the current tax on recycling and necessary program changes to remove the charge from the billing system.

Councilmember Anderson noted with his vote he was not intending to cut any existing tax, he was opposed to the addition of any tax.

Councilmembers were in agreement with Councilmember Anderson's statement to maintain the same tax we have on domestic residential recycling, not to make a change but not to add a new recycling tax for commercial, but all domestics will be treated the same regardless of who does the billing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Willow Way Preliminary Plat Application No. 2576

Planner Lahr reviewed background for Preliminary Plat Application No. 2576, known as Willow Way. The applicant, Ron Kennedy wishes to subdivide 1.20 acres into five (5) residential lots located at 850 Cook Road. Lahr noted the applicant proposed to develop three lots into potential duplex lots and two lots for single family residential lots for a total of up to eight (8) residential units. The application also includes variance requests to reduce the front setback for Lot 1 from 20 feet to 10 feet, to reduce the lot width at building line for duplexes from 80 feet to 70 feet, and to allow an existing porch to encroach 3.5 feet into the required 5 foot side yard setback.

Lahr stated the Planning Commission held an open record public hearing on January 4, 2005 and recommends that City Council approve the preliminary plat application as well as two variance requests. She noted staff also recommends approval of Willow Way Preliminary Plat Application No. 2576.

Dave McLaughlin – Skagit Surveyors & Engineers, representing the applicant, reviewed the process taken for the preliminary plat in working with other utilities to be able to proceed with the plat development. McLaughlin thanked staff for their efforts in working

with the developer to resolve these issues on such a tight schedule. He reviewed the project and the requested variances in order to develop the property to its potential.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution #711-05 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley, WA, Granting Preliminary Plat Approval to Willow Way, Preliminary Plat Application No. 2576 Including Variance No. 2578. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

#### Other

Denny Baumgarner – 934 Willard Court, addressed the Council again regarding Willard Court. He questioned the road standards and the need to bring the road up to standards prior to any building permits being issued. He expressed concern of timing with the road repair.

#### Grant Funding

Councilmember Meamber moved to release the grant money for the Highway 20 Trail and spend the matching money on the west side of Sedro-Woolley along the railroad tracks to better facilitate the use of public funds. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Dillon – requested a Councilmember volunteer to act as her replacement for SKAT and SCOG meetings scheduled for February 16, 2005, as she will be out of town at the AWC Legislative Seminar.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – announced the February 1, 2005 Council Worksession will be held at the Public Safety Building Training Room. She also reported on the bond refunding and announced that the City has a bond rating of an A.

Attorney Hayden – noted the West Talcott residents have all been sent a proposed agreement noting that the City retained utility easements through the area of the street that was abandoned. Hayden noted he had not heard from anyone in that area.

Planner Lahr – announced the Census of the annexed area will start the week of February 1, 2005. Census training will be held Friday, January 28, 2005.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the Region 3 Training Officers Conference.

Police Chief Wood – reported that they received their first call within the annexation area and things went well. Wood also reported on a meeting with Janicki Industries to address their needs.

Councilmember Meamber – gave his apologies to Attorney Hayden with his reaction to the discussion of the recycling tax ordinance and congratulated Lacy Lahr for being the new Mayor of Concrete.

Councilmember Storrs – noted potholes in the area of Central Ave.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the status of the study on the water at Northern State in relationship to the sewer collection system.

Engineer Blair reported on a meeting held with the people doing the work. They will be redoing the work and more data will be collected.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned if information on the proposed entrance and exit to SR9 went out to Alderwood Lane residents.

Mayor Dillon stated that a letter had gone out however a drawing was not included because the plan has not been finalized.

Discussion of the necessary studies and other possible projects that would affect the decision ensued.

Councilmember Lemley – thanked the Street crew for fixing the street.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.