
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 9, 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 #53596 to #53700 for \$150,398.63
 - Payroll Warrants #35006 to #35096 for \$175,625.28 (Voided Warrant #35095)
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SW Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. – October 2005 – 2010
- Agreement and Use Fee – Fire Training Facility
- Out of State Training – Police Department
- Agreement – Local Agency Participation with WDOT

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

Presentation – Skagit County Flood Study

Mayor Dillon introduced Lorna Ellstead, Project Manager for the Skagit River Feasibility Study, Skagit County Public Works Department who along with Torrey Nelson, Engineer Technician presented an update on the feasibility study. They presented a power point presentation on the goals and progress of the Skagit River Feasibility Study. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Ellstead noted the Feasibility Study is considered a work in progress and with additional information to be presented as progress is made.

Public Comment

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Supporting Adoption of Proposed Skagit County UGA Ordinance

Planner Lahr reviewed the proposed resolution which supports the adoption of the Skagit County UGA Ordinance. Lahr stated the Planning Commission passed a resolution at their February 1, 2005 meeting supporting the ordinance and recommended Council support the proposed ordinance. Lahr noted that the adoption of the ordinance would create three UGA zoning designations; Urban Reserve Residential (URR), Urban Reserve Commercial/Industrial (URC/I) and Urban Reserve Public/Open Space (URP/OS).

Attorney Hayden presented the history of actions that have brought about the proposed ordinance. He noted the goal of the City was to obtain the maximum allowable road improvements to be built by developers. The ordinance shifts the decision making ability from the County to the City at the five acre lot size.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Resolution No. 712-05 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Supporting the Adoption of the Proposed Skagit County Ordinance to Adopt Permanent Development Regulations for the Unincorporated Portion of the Sedro-Woolley Urban Growth Area. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – announced a worksession to discuss sewer rates and connections to be held on Tuesday February 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Dillon also requested feedback from Council on the proposed job description given to them for the Police Chief position.

Councilmember Storrs – stated he was grateful for the filling of potholes outside.

Councilmember Colgan – reported on a Utility committee meeting that was held. He requested Planner Lahr to report on their discussion.

Planner Lahr – discussed the need for vacant commercial and industrial land having adequate infrastructure in order to attract business and industrial businesses to Sedro-Woolley. She noted other entities such as the Port of Skagit County and Burlington put an investment up front in their infrastructure which helps attract businesses to their area.

Lahr stated a good portion of industrial land is available for development is on Highway 20 between Food Pavilion and United General Hospital. She stated they are confronted with questions on access and sewer along Highway 20 when meeting with potential businesses.

Engineer Blair noted that the Hospital is aggressively pursuing building a new Medical office complex and spoke of the hospital's interest in partnering with the City on the sewer line.

Discussion ensued regarding fees for public entities and zoning. Further discussion will be held at the upcoming worksession.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned financing and funding of sewer projects.

It was noted that with a combination of funding sources the full 10 million could be funded.

Councilmember Meamber – requested Fire Chief Klinger come up with a response regarding the banning of County-wide outdoor burning.

Mayor Dillon – requested a quick meeting with the Police/Fire Committee immediately after the Council meeting.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the confined space rescue training that has started. He noted they will also be training the sewer treatment plant.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.