
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 10, 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: Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Engineer Blair and Police Chief Wood.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #55083 to #55181 for \$232,314.46 (Voided Warrant #55086)
 - Payroll Warrants #36129 to #36223 for \$176,764.37
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SW Best SELF – August 10, 2005
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Library Services 2005
- Street Closure Request & Waiver of Fees – Founders Day – Sept 10th & 11th, 2005
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – SWSD – May 10, 2006

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

Public Comment

Marvin Speer – 420 Sterling St., addressed the Council and presented a handout for the Councilmembers consideration regarding Operation House ID Northwest.

Bill Knuth – 24230 Alexander St., addressed the Councilmembers regarding a recent accident of a young boy. Knuth reviewed his view of the handling of the incident.

Police Chief Wood – answered several issues regarding the situation and the handling of the incident.

Tim Smith – 408 Marcella Ln., addressed the Council regarding pedestrian traffic along Highway 20 and the limited number of crosswalks between Cook Road and Township Street. Smith also addressed the accessibility in the area of the trestle.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Funding New City Hall

Mayor Dillon presented a power point presentation on various ways to fund the City Hall addition to the Public Safety Building. The funding ideas included:

- 1) Councilmatic bonds or low interest loans with payments being absorbed into the current funding in the General Fund. (this would mean cuts in other departments).
- 2) Choose to impose a 6% utility tax on cell phones.
- 3) Voter approved bonds – would require a public vote.
- 4) Grants
- 5) REET Funds
- 6) Selling of development rights for the park property.
- 7) Combinations of two or more of the above options.

Attorney Hayden gave an explanation of the selling of development rights for the park property. He noted the process would take approximately 2 years.

Mayor Dillon noted that the idea of selling of development rights for the park property would be a way to ensure that the remaining area remains as a park.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:25 P.M.

No public comment was received.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:26 P.M.

Council discussion ensued to include funding, dedication of cell phone tax, building costs, transfer of development rights to preserve the ball field and prioritizing city needs.

The consensus of the Council is to further explore implementation of a cell phone tax and low interest bonds.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Upper Skagit Indian Tribe Contract for Recycling

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed amendment with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe contract to include recycling.

Leo Jacobs – Solid Waste Forman addressed the Council regarding the program for collection of garbage and recycling to the tribe. He noted the requested amendment is to the start date for providing recycling services.

Councilmember Storrs moved to enter into an amendment agreement with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe and the City of Sedro-Woolley for residential and commercial garbage pick up and commercial collection of recyclables for the Helmick Road Reservation. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – reported on the graduation of Jason Harris from the police academy. Wood also announced the transfer of Records Clerk Joanne Lazon to the Permitting Clerk position within the City and stated applications are currently being accepted for her replacement.

Engineer Blair – announced the addition of Joanne Lazon to the Building, Planning & Engineering staff. Blair also announced the tentative approval of the Public Works Trust Fund Loan. He noted the City project scored 90 points out of a possible 100 points. Blair reported the Moore Street project will be starting soon and possible partial lifting of the moratorium upon project completion.

Councilmember Storrs – gave praise to the Parks Department for the flowers. Storrs also commented on the graffiti on the Sports & More building.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the status of video protection for Hammer Heritage Square.

Engineer Blair reviewed the methods for protection of the mural and the square, as well as the time frame for implementation.

Levi Pulkkinen – reporter for the Skagit Valley Herald introduced Jennifer Carter who will be covering the happenings in Sedro-Woolley for the paper.

Lin Tucker – 9774 Collins Road, addressed the public concerns on the handling of the recent accident brought forth under public comment. Tucker noted there is an ongoing investigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:57 P.M. for the purpose of personnel with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:51 P.M.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
