
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 14, 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 Sharon Dillon, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tom Storrs, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Engineer Blair and Police Chief Wood.

Mayor Dillon welcomed Allen Rozema as the new City Planner.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #55288 to #55409 for \$139,163.14
 - Payroll Warrants #36338 to #36431 for \$174,339.11
- Waiver of Fees –SW Community Center – SW Chamber of Commerce – October 18, 2005
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – SW Little League Baseball – September 13, 2005
- Contract – Insurance Services 2005/2006
- Contract – Asphalt Paving at WWTP
- Gary Hanson – Duplex Building Permits on Hyatt Place

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through G.

Councilmember Galbraith requested Item G be tabled to a worksession for further discussion.

Councilmember Storrs amended the motion to approve the consent calendar Items A through F, moving Item G to a worksession. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mayor Dillon announced the implementation of a public comment sheet available at the entrance for those who do not wish to speak in public but have a concern they would like addressed.

Police Chief Wood presented a plaque to Joanne Lazonon who worked for the Police Department for 16 years as a dispatcher and records clerk. Lazonon has recently taken another position within the City. On behalf of the Police Department, Chief Wood thanked her for her dedication to the Police Department and to the City of Sedro-Woolley.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Cell Phone Tax

Attorney Hayden reviewed the proposed ordinance for a tax on cell phones at the same rate as land lines. He noted the ordinance specifies the income go into a dedicated fund to be used for building, maintenance, repair, acquisition and fixtures. He said the ordinance is flexible enough that the funds could be used to remodel the current City Hall, purchase land or to build a new City Hall.

Mayor Dillon noted that Councilmember Splane requested that it be made clear that the funds would go to a dedicated fund and are not to be placed into the general fund for general operations of the City.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7: 08 P.M.

Kelly Cargile – questioned whether the physical address or mailing address would be used.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson stated that the cell phone company would most likely use the billing address to determine whether the owner of the cell phone resides within the City limits.

Cargile noted she lives in Day Creek but has a Sedro-Woolley post office box and questioned whether she would be included in the tax.

Attorney Hayden reviewed a similar problem with land lines that was corrected by clarifying through mapping.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1514-05 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington Adopting the Utility Tax on Cellular Telephone Services Within Sedro-Woolley and Procedures for the Implementation Thereof. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Galbraith – No, Colgan – Yes, Storrs – Yes and Meamber – No. Motion carried 4-2 (Councilmembers Galbraith and Meamber opposed).

Councilmember Anderson questioned the Councilmembers who voted no as to how they believed City Hall should be funded.

Councilmember Galbraith responded to send a bond to the vote of the public.

Councilmember Anderson noted it was easy to vote no, and stated that he also doesn't like to raise taxes.

Councilmember Lemley noted the Cell phone tax seemed like a way to spread the taxes out over more residents than just property owners. He stated the building will be around for a long time and the majority of cell phone users are in the 20-something bracket and they will benefit from the facility for more years than most.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement – Gateway Binding Site Plan/Sauk Mtn. View Impact and Sewer Connection Fees

Attorney Hayden reviewed the purpose of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Sedro-Woolley, LLC. Hayden noted that the agreement would place into writing items that have already been approved or amendments to items that Council has already approved or some of the items within the agreement require Council approval. Attorney Hayden reviewed the technical aspects of the Memorandum of Agreement which included Sauk Mountain View Estates North Park Impact Fee Credits and Gateway LLC Sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Traffic Improvements.

Councilmember Meamber commended staff for their work and foresight in the agreement. He commented on the amount of work that went into the agreement and the benefit to the City of the work completed at the developer's expense.

Rob Janicki – 103 N. Township St., clarified the costs of the pump station being closer to \$250,000. Janicki also addressed the history of the Rhodes Road and sewer pump station projects.

Discussion on the loss of the park area due to the power lines and a potential park within a future development in the area.

Councilmember Meamber moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement reducing the Park Impact Fee Credits for Sauk Mountain View North PRD of Dukes Hill LLC to \$76,600, and limit the area of use of the credits. Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Rob Janicki – addressed the wording in Recommended Action No. 2 with the word “reducing” which he believes should read “authorizing”.

Attorney Hayden noted the correct wording should in fact be “authorizing”.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Agreement authorizing the Transportation Impact Fee Credits, Sewer Connection Fee Credits and Latecomer’s Agreement for Gateway Binding Site Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

Klinger/F&S Grade Road Sewer Connection

Councilmember Storrs moved to authorize the Sewer Department to install a dry line in the vicinity of Klinger St. and F&S Grade Road not to exceed the amount of \$150,000. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

Councilmember Anderson questioned the possibility of latecomer’s fees. Attorney Hayden suggested the latecomer’s fee be discussed at the next worksession.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Storrs – noted the downtown looks good. He also questioned the status of the Public Works Trust Fund Loan.

Discussion was held regarding the decreased capping limit for the Public Works Trust Fund loans and time frame of authorization.

Councilmember Galbraith – requested the curbing in the downtown area be painted.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on the recent Founder’s Day activities held in town. He noted it was a great event with a lot of people in attendance, especially on Sunday for the events at Riverfront Park.

Police Chief Wood – reported on the Records Clerk position. He noted it is a Civil Service position and had received over 156 applicants, 103 applicants tested for the position with Oral Boards to take place Thursday. Wood reported on the status of the police officer candidate and the upcoming Sergeant assessment center. The goal is to have all open positions filled by the first part of October.

Engineer Blair – reported on recent communications with WSDOT regarding the Tesarik Field lease. He noted the City will work with the Little League and legislators in trying to work through issues. Blair also reported on working on a strategy for getting some of the SR20 Trail built. The City will be receiving approximately \$197,000 in grant money

for sidewalks along Highway 9, which requires a match from the City, along with a match from the School District.

Councilmember Meamber – complimented the work of the Public Works department for their work on the streets.

Planner Rozema – noted he is coming along with his transition into the new position.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – announced the State Auditor’s are doing the 2004 audit. She noted from the entrance interview they will be reviewing the areas of the Court, Police, and Permitting and Impact Fee Revenues. Nelson also reviewed the need for a Federal single audit which was found to be required due to the pass through loan for CF Fresh.

Mayor Dillon – announced the upcoming budget worksessions in October.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
