
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 28, 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, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith and Mike Anderson. Staff: City Attorney Hayden, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon gave high praise to the Police and Fire Departments for their work in the recent arson fires. She noted they all stepped up to the plate and worked around the clock to ensure the safety of the citizens. All in attendance gave them a round of applause.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #55410 to #55537 for \$251,741.50
 - Payroll Warrants #36432 to #36526 for \$129,251.36
- Request for Out of State Travel – Fire Department
- Garden of Eden Sewer Project –Additional Work (Warrant #55516)

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve consent calendar items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Police Chief Wood introduced Mark Wallace who has been promoted to the position of Sergeant within the Police Department. Sgt. Wallace has been with the Department for 11 years. A hearty welcome was given to him.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adoption of 2005 Comprehensive Sewer System Plan

Engineer Blair introduced Susan Boyd of Penhallegon Associates Consulting Engineers (PACE) who presented power point presentation on the Sewer Comprehensive Plan. She reviewed the project goals which were: (1) Identification of ultimate service area, (2) Population and flow estimates, (3) Determination of drainage basins, (4) Minimum design criteria, (5) Collection system analysis, (6) Review treatment plant characteristics and (7) Determine six-year and long range capital facilities plan. Boyd also discussed the

financial background for the projects and potential funding sources as determined by Katy Isaksen & Associates, consultant for the City.

Engineer Blair noted the Public Works Trust Fund Board has capped the loans at 7 million.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

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

Councilmember Meamber questioned the term “multi-purpose project packaging”. Boyd explained the meaning of the term.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1515-05 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Sewer System Plan, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Become Effective. Councilmembers Colgan and Splane seconded.

Engineer Blair noted the effective date of the plan is backdated to January 1, 2005.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Uniform House Numbering System

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed ordinance for Uniform House Numbering System which was at the request of Council.

Fire Chief Klinger showed the Council a sign available through Correctional Industries at a price of \$3.65 plus shipping.

Councilmember Storrs questioned the process for monitoring house signs and standardization of signs.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1516-05 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Prescribing the Use of Mandatory Uniform Numbered Street Signs for Properties for Which New Permits Are Issued Under SWMC Chapter 15.04. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Splane – Yes, and Meamber – Yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – reported on the painting of the interior of the Community Center which has been a joint City effort of the Solid Waste, Parks and City Hall staff. She also stated new carpeting will be installed shortly.

Councilmember Storrs – questioned the timing of the Budget Worksession.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson stated the Worksessions will be held October 4th, 5th and 6th at the Community Center.

Councilmember Colgan – commented on the street paving.

Councilmember Galbraith – again commented on the need for painting of the curbs along Ferry Street. He questioned how far up Highway 9 the grant for sidewalks will go.

Councilmember Anderson – requested the foliage be cut back in the vicinity of the DNR building.

Police Chief Wood – gave an update on the recent arson spree. He noted there were 13 cars, 2 carports and 2 residences that received damage or were a total loss. All staff were stretched very thin. Wood noted that they were very fortunate for the help from various areas with special thanks to the Mount Vernon Police Department, as well as the Mount Vernon Fire Department and their incident response team. Burlington Police and Sheriff's Office, Arson Task Force, ATF, FBI and the Department of Emergency Management all held key roles in the ordeal. Wood stated they are still looking at all leads and will remain diligent to resolve the situation. He also noted the support received from the Mayor who was at all the briefings and showed up early to answer phones before normal staff came in and the Street and Parks Departments help was greatly appreciated. Wood noted the support from the neighboring communities and agencies were all overwhelming and very much appreciated.

Fire Chief Klinger – echoed what Police Chief Wood stated and also gave high praise to the Volunteer Firemen who participated. Klinger noted the difficulty of having to go from one fire to the next. They were all very dedicated and have been doing extra patrols. He noted that the best defense is to clear up areas of items that can be used to start fires.

Engineer Blair – noted the W. Moore project is getting near complete. The Metcalf and Ferry Street paving will be starting soon. Blair also noted the creation of “door hangers” to be used in areas where projects are going on to inform the residents of the projects.

Planner Rozema – noted he is still assessing the department structure and is looking forward to implementing a tracking system to help streamline the project flow. He noted the great efforts of Joanne Lazaron in maintaining the flow during the transition.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – stated the State Auditors have completed their field work. There were no findings and they had completed the audit on the financial portion early because of the federal audit requirements. She noted that Councilmembers may have received a copy of the report. The compliance portion of the audit will follow at a later date. Nelson noted that they expressed pleasure over the improvements in the Municipal Court and the exit conference will be held October 10, 2005. Nelson also reported that City Hall software is being upgraded and staff is adapting well.

Police Chief Wood – announced the hiring of a replacement records clerk. David Welch, a retired teacher from Mary Purcell, will be starting soon as well as a new Police Officer, Josh Benson, who will start October 3rd.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
