
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 22, 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, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson.
Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Hayden, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #55886 to #56006 for \$504,628.16
- Payroll Warrants #36802 to #36894 for \$130,853.32
- Interlocal Agreement – Shared Small Works and Architects and Engineers Rosters
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – SW Cooperative Preschool – December 10, 2005
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – Santa Breakfast – December 10, 2005
- Setting Public Hearing – 2005 Budget Amendment
- Contract – Lisser & Associates for On-Call Professional Services
- Contract Amendment – F & S Grade Road
- Inter-Agency Agreement with King County
- Lee Johnson & Sons Contracting Work on F&S Grade Sewer Extension at Jones
- Use Agreement – North Cascade Gateway Center Property for Fire Practice

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

Public Comment

No public comment received.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rate Increase – Solid Waste

Engineer Blair presented background information regarding the request for a rate increase to the Solid Waste rates. He noted the increase was graduated based on the size of the garbage container as well as a fuel surcharge due to increased fuel costs.

Leo Jacobs – Solid Waste foreman, 315 Sterling Street, addressed the Council regarding the request for an increase in rates. Jacobs reviewed the graduated increase for residential customers and an increase in recycling rates due to the success of the co-mingled recycling. Jacobs addressed the fuel surcharge noting that the ordinance is written to be able to remove the surcharge upon Council decision.

Council discussion ensued with Councilmember Anderson questioning the reasoning for a residential rate increase but not a commercial rate increase. Also discussed was if the rate increase included the new contract with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.

Jacobs responded that in the survey of rates that was conducted, the City's residential rates were lagging other jurisdictions but the commercial was at a premium. The increase of the number of residential customers also plays a role. The increase of rates will be charged to the Tribe and the fuel surcharge is intended to be added to commercial and residential customers.

Jacobs addressed the overall increase in costs for business such as petroleum based products, totes, containers and overall maintenance of vehicles.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:13 P.M.

No public input received.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:13.30 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1530-05 An Ordinance Amending SWMC Chapter 8.04 As to Charges For Refuse and Garbage Collection and Recycling Fees, Establishing Monthly Charges for Commercial Mixed Paper and Cardboard Collection Fees, and Adding a Fuel Surcharge Fee. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – Yes (with reservation due to no basis of when the surcharge comes off), Storrs – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Property Tax Levy

Mayor Dillon reviewed the setting of the property tax levy which is done on an annual basis. She referred to the Council memo and encouraged Council pass the 1% increase but to designate the funds to a specific fund.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the proposed ordinance which includes Voter Approved Bond Tax Revenues and General Property Tax Revenues.

Council discussion took place.

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

No public input received.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:24.30 P.M.

Discussion took place on restrictions and benefits for designating a fund.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1531-05 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Approving the Property Tax Levy and taking the 1% increase to be dedicated to the Capital Improvement for Parks. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Anderson—Yes, Lemley – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Colgan – No, Storrs – Yes, Splane – No and Meamber – Yes. Motion carried 5-2 (Councilmember Colgan and Splane opposed).

Ordinance – 2006 Budget

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed 2006 Balanced Budget to Council for their approval.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson thanked the Councilmembers for their time and work at all the budget worksessions and noted all the funds are balanced.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:29 P.M.

No public input received.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:29.33 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1532-05 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – Yes, Storrs – Yes, Colgan – Yes, Galbraith – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – No. Motion carried. 6-1 (Councilmember Anderson opposed).

Councilmember Anderson complimented the staff, Mayor and fellow Councilmembers for the work on the budget. He stated he is glad it includes another Police Officer in the budget but clarified that his reason for voting against the budget was due to the pay increases of the Councilmembers.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Contract – Wood & Brush Disposal

Solid Waste foreman, Leo Jacobs addressed the Council regarding the proposed contract with Washington Land Recycling LLC for a yard waste grinding contract. The contract would be to chip and dispose of the wood waste at the City's land recycling site on an as needed basis. Jacobs reviewed the bid process stating he contacted four companies to give bids and Washington Land Recycling LLC was the only one to respond with a formal proposal.

Councilmember Lemley moved to execute a contract with Washington Land Recycling LLC for the grinding and removal of brush and wood waste. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – announced the upcoming Thanksgiving Dinner. She also spoke on this being Bill Stendal's last year as the chair of the Community Dinner. Stendal has given of his time for the past 25 years and will be greatly missed.

Councilmember Anderson – complimented the City staff noting he left his jacket at the last meeting and it was in his place tonight.

Councilmember Lemley – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned who to contact for donating a tree for the City's Christmas Tree. Galbraith was directed to speak with the Public Lands Department.

Councilmember Storrs – noted the upcoming Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2005. Plans were made on having the Councilmembers ride in the parade.

Councilmember Splane – passed on a compliment received from a citizen of the quick response to a call of an impaired person in the vicinity of Trail Road.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the City's position or response regarding the non-smoking ban recently passed.

Police Chief Wood – thanked the Council for their support in the hiring of a new police officer. They are eagerly anticipating the extra help. Wood updated Council on staffing, announcing Mark Wallis' promotion to the position of Sargent and will begin night at the first of the year. Tom Lazon has been promoted to the position of Detective and will start December 1, 2005 and Josh Benson, who is the newest police officer is currently enrolled in the Police Academy.

Fire Chief Klinger – thanked Council for their action on the contract to remove the wood pile. Klinger noted there has been concern from neighboring residents regarding the debris.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – announced an upcoming class to be held in January for elected officials. She encouraged Councilmembers to attend.

Mayor Dillon wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Splane moved to adjourn. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.