
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

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

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #56007 to #56153 for \$422,353.37
 - Payroll Warrants #36895 to #36985 for \$205,467.87
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – Central Elementary Parents – March 3, 2006
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – SW Cooperative Preschool – March 17, 2006
- Aid Car Replacement /Out of State Travel – Fire Department
- Agreement – City of SW & Skagit 911 Council for Fire & EMS Radio Infrastructure
- Request of Waiver of ULID Penalties – Uli Barfuse
- Letter of Understanding – City of SW & National Biosolids Partnership for Environmental Management System

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through H. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Councilmember Lemley stated he was abstaining from warrant number 56069. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No comments received.

Special Presentation

Mayor Dillon did a special presentation recognizing the efforts of Bill and Eloise Stendal for their work on the Community Thanksgiving Dinner for the past 25 years.

Bill Stendal addressed the Council and audience members telling them the story of how the dinner first came about. Stendal gave credit to all the volunteers who without them it could not take place.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2005 Budget Amendment

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the budget amendments and noted that most of the necessary adjustments are because of grants and donations received. She stated that approximately \$250,000 was given to the City in grant monies that had not been budgeted for.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the Ecology grant and other funding available.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:11 P.M.

No public input received.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:11:30 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1533-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1490-04 and No. 1509-05, "An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005." Councilmember Meamber seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Interlocal Agreement – Skagit River Impact Partnership

Mayor Dillon reviewed the proposal for the Skagit River Impact Partnership. If the City chooses to be involved the Interlocal Agreement needs to be signed. Mayor Dillon noted that Engineer Blair has been filling a position on the steering committee.

Council discussion ensued to include the importance of the City being on both the steering committee and the executive committee and concern of being left out of plans.

Engineer Blair reviewed the purpose of the committee and his involvement on the committee and also the need to be represented.

Further Council discussion took place to include having an equal partnership on the committee, the need for Sedro-Woolley to be on board for government funding requests and the need for equal rights.

Councilmember Colgan moved to enter into the Skagit River Impact Partnership as long as the City of Sedro-Woolley is a part of the executive committee and the steering committee. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Jake Brakes – Changing from Criminal Charge to Infraction

Mayor Dillon reviewed the proposed ordinance changing the use of compressed air brakes to an infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

Police Chief Wood also reviewed the benefits of changing the ordinance.

Discussion was held to include number of violators on Hwy 9 and the effect on Canadian drivers.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1534-05 An Ordinance Amending the Penalty for Using Compressed Air Brakes, Making Violation of SWMC Chapter 10.69 An Infraction Rather Than a Misdemeanor, Punishable By a Penalty of Not More Than Three Hundred Dollars. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

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

Ordinance – 2006 Salaries & Wages

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed 2006 Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Storrs moved that the Salary increase for Councilmembers would only take effect after a Councilmember has been elected to his second term. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Councilmember Anderson commented that part of the reasoning for increasing rates was as an attraction for people to run.

Mayor Dillon restated the motion.

Councilmember Galbraith stated that it was his belief to pay for quality and increase the salaries in order to entice people to run for office.

Motion carried 6-1. (Councilmember Galbraith opposed).

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1535-05 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials, Union (Guild) and Non-Union Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2006 with the amendment passed previously. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

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).

Ordinance – Establishing the 2006 City Council & Planning Commission Schedules

Mayor Dillon introduced the proposed meeting schedule for 2006 for the City Council and Planning Commission.

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1536-05 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Establishing the 2006 City Council and Planning Commission Meeting Schedule. Councilmember Splane seconded.

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

Elect Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilmember Meamber moved to appoint Councilmember Lemley as Mayor Pro Tem for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon presented outgoing Councilmember Storrs with a plaque of appreciation for his service as a Councilmember from 2000 to 2005. Councilmember Storrs was thanked with a round of applause.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & REPORTS FROM OFFICER

Mayor Dillon – announced the annual City wide Safety Meeting to be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Community Center for all staff and Councilmembers. She also announced the closure of City Hall on December 23rd and December 26th and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Fire Chief Klinger – expressed concern of people crossing on Highway 20 and questioned the possibility of working with DOT to get a crosswalk for safety purposes.

Councilmember Lemley – wished a Happy Holidays to everyone.

Councilmember Storrs – thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Council.

Councilmember Meamber – commented on the Star on the tree and wondered if it could be fixed.

Mayor Dillon – thanked Allen Rozema and Patsy and Bert Nelson for their help at the Santa Breakfast. Mayor Dillon also commented on the excellent job on the floor of the Community Center which was polished by the City’s Custodian, Ray Fox.

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

Mayor Dillon adjourned the meeting with a Merry Christmas at 7:50 P.M.