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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
February 8, 2006 – 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, Louis Requa, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Hayden and Police Chief Wood.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #56467 to #56592 for \$238,592.85
  - Payroll Warrants #37254 to #37342 for \$186,581.34
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center SWHS Senior Breakfast – June 7, 2006
- Out of State Travel – Police Department
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- Street Closure Request – Loggerodeo – July 1-4, 2006
- Contract – District Court Probation

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept the consent calendar Items A through G. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried. (Councilmember Requa abstained from Claim Voucher #56555 – Skagit Surveyors & Engineers).

Public Comment

Leonard Halverson – 11558 Sterling Road, addressed the Council on the worksession held on flood control. Halverson passed out benchmark certificates obtained which shows levels of the 1995 flood. He presented information on a feasibility which was to include Sedro-Woolley and several factors that if accomplished will help Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember Requa questioned Halverson as to what his opinion is of having Sedro-Woolley be a member of the executive committee.

Halverson discussed the importance of Sedro-Woolley having a role on the executive committee in order to protect the interest of Sedro-Woolley and the upriver communities.

Ginny Good – 24250 Alexander, addressed the Council on behalf of the Farmer's Market. She noted that the Market has recently lost their lease and are trying to find a new location and welcomed any ideas the Council may have for potential locations.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Adoption of I-901 as a City Ordinance for Enforcement Purposes

At the request of Attorney Hayden this item was continued to the February 22, 2006 meeting due to some internet transferring errors within the ordinance.

### Interest Calculations for Sewer and Garbage Billing

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the request to amend the default date for sewer and solid waste utility accounts. She noted the change will bring the delinquency date and interest charges uniform for both sewer and garbage.

Council discussion ensued to include lien procedures, notification, rate of interest and foreclosure process.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance #1538-06 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 13.13.050 to Provide For a Uniform Default Date for Both Sanitary Sewer and Solid Waste Utility Accounts. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

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

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance #1539-06 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 8.04.075 To Provide For a Uniform Default Date for Both Sanitary Sewer and Solid Waste Utility Accounts. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

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

### PNW Lighting & Electrical Services Inc. Proposal

Mayor Dillon reviewed information on the study of the lighting and electrical survey conducted by Pacific Northwest Lighting & Electrical Services Inc. It is recommended that the City proceed with the Cemetery, Senior Center, Sludge Building & Garbage Department Building, Community Center, WWTP, Riverfront Park & Caretakers Trailer.

The Parks Department, City Hall, Court and Public Safety Building are recommended for consideration at a future time.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to enter into a lease with Pacific Northwest Lighting and Electrical Services to change out lighting in the Cemetery, Senior Center, Sludge Building & Garbage Department Building, Community Center, WWTP, Riverfront Park & Caretakers Trailer buildings. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Planner Rozema – announced the position of Building Inspector has been filled and the new inspector will start on February 21, 2006. Rozema noted the inspector will have a couple of weeks of on-the-job-training before being sent out on his own. He also stated the department has been working on rebuilding the 2005 land use records and the new permitting software went on-line last week.

Councilmember Anderson – questioned when the topic of the Skagit River Impact Partnership will be discussed.

Councilmembers Anderson and Galbraith expressed their concern of lack of representation on the executive committee.

Discussion ensued to include the process of the committee, effect of modeling, the population of Sedro-Woolley vs. Burlington, funding and benefit costs, being a starting point and then working to get everyone to the table, reasons for limiting numbers to the executive committee, presenting the request to the steering committee and the boundaries of Dike District 12.

Engineer Blair recommended the City join in the Partnership because it does give some representation and knowledge of what is going on that we would not have if we don't join. He noted it would be a starting point and we could then work to get representation on the Executive Committee.

Council direction was to wait to see what answer is given on the request for Sedro-Woolley join the committee.

Mayor Dillon – questioned the Council on creating city domain e-mail addresses for Councilmembers. Most Councilmember were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:58 P.M for the purpose of discussion of personnel with no decision expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:46 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.