
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 22, 2006 – 7:00P.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 (Late), Tony Splane, Pat Colgan, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Hayden, Engineer Blair, Lt. Tucker and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #56593 to #56710 for \$253,386.69
 - Payroll Warrants #37343 to #37431 for \$134,164.42
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – Valley Baptist Church – April 16, 2006
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Skagit Co. Parks & Rec. – March 28, 2006

Councilmember Splane moved to adopt the consent calendar Items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

Planner Rozema introduced Eric Potash as the new building inspector.

Public Comment

Dennis Klinger – 24051 Mosier Rd., addressed the Council regarding a collapsed drainage pipe in the vicinity of 707 F & S Grade Road.

Ginny Good – 24250 Alexander St., thanked the Council for their input on the relocation for the Farmer’s Market. Good stated that they have decided to use the location of Hammer Heritage Square and believe this will be a good location for the market and convenient for patrons.

Ned Currence – 28671 Utopia Rd., spoke on behalf of the Farmers Market, reiterated Good’s statements and thanked the City for their support. He stated he believes Hammer Heritage Square will be a great location for the Market.

Richard Nevitt – 6814 Lakeside St. SW, Olympia, WA, addressed the Council regarding a parcel of property on F & S Grade and Jones Road. He expressed his dissatisfaction with some of the staff members and believes he has been treated unfairly. He

volunteered to discuss the situation in further detail with the Mayor and Council in a more private setting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

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

Lt. Tucker reviewed the proposed ordinance which allows the police department to assist business owners at their request with patrons who are not complying with the new law. Tucker noted the health department will be responsible for monitoring that the businesses are in compliance with the law.

Discussion took place with examples of situations where the ordinance would be enforced, receptacles for remnants of cigarettes and enforcement.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance #1540-06 An Ordinance Adding a New Chapter to Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Title 8, Health and Safety, Providing for Codification of I-901 to Facilitate Enforcement in Municipal Court as an Infraction. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Meamber – Yes, Splane – No, Colgan – Yes, Lemley – Yes and Anderson – Yes. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilmember Splane opposed).

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Appointments to the Building Board of Appeals

Mayor Dillon and Planner Rozema reviewed the implementation of a Building Board of Appeals. Rozema stated that they are putting together a list of five members to draw a panel of three for the different appeals, depending on the type of appeal.

Councilmember Meamber expressed concern of not having the opportunity to meet the proposed members of the board prior to affirming the appointments.

Councilmember Anderson moved to affirm the above listed appointments to the City of Sedro-Woolley's Building Board of Appeals. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – noted there is an opening on the Planning Commission, the position has been advertised with no response, if anyone has interest or knows of someone who would

be interested please let her know. She also noted a draft letter to the Skagit River Impact Partnership for Council review. The Mayor also commended the Street and Parks crew for their extra work through all the wind storms.

Councilmember Meamber – also thanked the Street and Parks departments for their hard work with replacement of street signs that have been knocked down in the wind storms. Meamber also expressed concern of the condition and length of project time of F & S Grade Road. Meamber questioned the reasoning of not placing a temporary road surface and lack of progress.

Discussion ensued on the timing of projects, contractor responsibility for maintaining the road, City pressure to enforce maintenance and road closed signs.

Councilmember Colgan – read a letter he received regarding an alley way located in the 700 & 800 Block of Talcott and Nelson Streets. The alley is used for pick up of school children and children walking down the alley. The letter requested the alley be paved with placement of speed bumps in order for some speed control in the alley. Colgan stated the letter is signed by over 20 citizens and the principals of both nearby schools.

Engineer Blair noted that he had received a copy of the letter and he is looking into a solution of chip sealing the road with speed bumps.

Planner Rozema – noted the reorganization of the department is continuing which included some moving of staff, hiring of the building inspector, and commended the efforts of Joanne Lazon for maintaining some semblance to the department during the transition.

Attorney Hayden – noted a public announcement announcing the deadline for long-term planning issues to include code revisions, text revisions and map amendments. The deadline is March 17, 2006, this would include Council requests for these types of items as well.

Lt. Tucker – noted new officer testing is scheduled for March 5, 2006 and updated the Council on the status of Officer Benson who has about 1 month left of the academy.

Councilmember Meamber – congratulated the Sedro-Woolley High School wrestling team for their 5-peat of a state championship.

Robert Messer – 1017 Raby Dr., addressed the Council regarding the fence between his property and Cascade Pizza. Messer noted the fence has fallen down and requests it be replaced. He noted the original fence issue was addressed at a Council meeting approximately 8 years ago.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M. to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:31 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.