
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 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, Louie Requa, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Attorney Hayden, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #56711 to #56848 for \$157,161.52
 - Payroll Warrants #37432 to #37521 for \$182,597.38
- Waiver of Fees – Memorial Park – SWHS Alumni Assoc. – May 6, 2006
- Request for Out of State Training – Police Department
- Donation of Emergency Response Vehicle to Skagit Co. Hostage Negotiations Team
- Employment Contract – Fire Chief
- Interlocal Agreement – Easement to Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County
- Hamilton Property Purchase

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept consent calendar Items A through H. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried. (Councilmember Requa abstained from Warrant #56803 – Skagit Surveyors & Engineers).

Proclamation – Women’s History Month

Mayor Dillon read a proclamation proclaiming the month of March as National Women’s History Month. In commemoration she remembered women from Sedro-Woolley who have served in the military. Mayor Dillon introduced Connie Peterson, Chief Petty Officer and Judith Neff, Navy Corpsman Third Class recognizing them for their services to Sedro-Woolley and their country.

Public Comment

Rob Janicki – 103 N. Township, addressed the Council regarding a transfer of development program. He noted the County has hired a consultant for this program and he encouraged the City become a part of this study. Janicki reviewed the basics of how

the program works and discussed some of the benefits of the program to the City with infrastructure.

Jack Spalding – 9598 Glenwood Acres, addressed the Council regarding the type of ticket issued for the use of compression brakes. Spalding noted he believed that muffled brakes should be allowed and that signage should be changed to restrict the use of unmuffled compression brakes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Contract – Semrau for Engineering & Surveying Services

Engineer Blair reviewed the proposed contract with Semrau Engineering & Surveying for work to include a preliminary design of F & S Grade Road, Jones Road, and Garden of Eden Road.

Council discussion ensued to include need and the review of additional services clause.

Debbie Allen – 433 Talcott, Sewer Department foreman, addressed the Council and noted they get many questions from developers as to how they can connect to the sewer. The preliminary design would be an attempt to address the area and show how the sewer line should flow. Allen noted that there has been some discussion of implementing a per foot price to be charged as development occurs.

Councilmember Requa expressed concern of doing preliminary design for roadway.

Attorney Hayden compared large developments and developers doing the plans for road improvements with two to four-lot short plats. The preliminary design will provide cohesiveness for development in an area with lots of small development so it is not patched together. Hayden noted it is a small investment with a big rate of return. The plan will be specialized for the specific area.

Councilmember Requa questioned the cost of the contract and additional services clause.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Semrau Engineering & Surveying for engineering and surveying services in the amount not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried 5-2 (Councilmembers Requa and Splane opposed).

Contract – Northwest Datum & Design, Inc. for Engineering & Surveying Services
Engineer Blair reviewed the contract for engineering & surveying services with Northwest Datum & Design for the area of Rita, W. Nelson, Borseth, Robinson and Batey Streets. Blair noted the area has been problematic due to right-of-way issues.

Councilmember Requa moved to table the topic to the next Council meeting.
Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Contract – Lee Johnson & Sons Contracting for On-Call Services

Mayor Dillon reviewed the contract for on-call services with Lee Johnson & Sons Contracting. Engineer Blair noted this contract would make it easier for the Sewer Department with emergency job situations.

Discussion on the contract limits, wording of the contract, availability of contractor and small works contract limits ensued.

Councilmember Anderson moved to enter into a contract with Lee Johnson and Sons Contracting for on call services in an amount not to exceed \$190,000. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – shared a certificate of support received from the Sedro-Woolley School District for continuing support of their career and technology education program. She also noted she will be signing the Skagit River Partnership agreement unless she hears differently from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Requa – expressed concern of the use of Hammer Heritage Square for the Farmer's Market. He noted he had received some negative comments from some of the business owners and thought there should have been some discussion prior to a decision of allowing the use of the Square.

Mayor Dillon noted that the committee came to her and she thought it to be a wonderful location. She hoped the business owners would expand on the draw of people to the park. She also noted the committee was intending to visit each business within the area to address any concerns they may have.

Council discussion ensued with most of the Council wanting to give the location a try.

Councilmember Lemley – noted he will not be in attendance at the March 22, 2006 meeting.

Councilmember Anderson – expressed concern of mobile canteens and businesses coming into town and requested the topic be placed for discussion at a future work

session. He also discussed turning the culvert at Janicki Field into a trail and noted he and Ray Houser would take the lead in the project if they could get some gravel. Anderson also stated he would like to proceed with the trail at Highway 20 and would arrange work parties if the City would get the materials.

Police Chief Wood – announced the receipt of a grant from the Washington State Traffic Commission for three radar guns. Wood stated that 70 people tested for public safety testing, there is one more testing date scheduled and from there the hiring process will start for the new police officer. Wood also announced that Officer Benson is scheduled to graduate from the Police Academy on the March 28th and then will begin his 3 month field training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:06 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of personnel with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.