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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
March 22, 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 and Mike Anderson. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Attorney Hayden, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Councilmember Requa requested that Item F – Community Center Usage by Sedro-Woolley Rotary (2006 – 2011) be moved to New Business and Item G – Supplement Agreements No. 3 and No. 4 for David Evans & Associates for F & S Grade/SR 20 Intersection be moved to Unfinished Business.

Councilmember Anderson requested Item E Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Bacus Maintenance Assoc. – June 10, 2006 be moved to New Business.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #56849 to #56966 for \$334,849.27
  - Payroll Warrants #37522 to #37611 for \$136,724.28
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SWSD – April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Street Closure Request – North Cascade Ford – Ferry St. – April 30, 2006
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Bacus Maintenance Assoc. – June 10, 2006 (*Moved to New Business at the request of Councilmember Anderson*)
- Community Center Usage by Sedro-Woolley Rotary (2006-2011) (*Moved to New business at the request of Councilmember Requa*)
- Supplement Agreements No. 3 and No. 4 for David Evans & Associates for F & S Grade/SR 20 Intersection (*Moved to Unfinished Business at the request of Councilmember Requa*)

Councilmember Splane moved to approve consent calendar Items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Phil Mihelich – a Clear Lake resident addressed the Council regarding Highway 9 from State Street south towards Clear Lake. He spoke of the posted speed limit being 50

m.p.h. and noted the speed is too high for the area. Mihelich requested the City work with DOT for implementation of a no passing lane until you get past the wetlands and reducing the speed to 35 m.p.h. which would be moving the current 50 m.p.h. sign 3/10 of a mile up the road.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Contract – Northwest Datum & Design, Inc. for Engineering and Surveying Services

Engineer Blair reviewed the request for the Mayor to sign a contract with Northwest Datum & Design. He encouraged Council to move forward with the request in order to clear up right of way issues in the area of Rita, W. Nelson, Borseth, Robinson and Batey Streets.

Councilmember Requa moved to table Item No. 5 to a May or June Worksession. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried.

### Supplement Agreements No. 3 and No. 4 for David Evans & Associates for F&S Grade/SR 20 Intersection *(moved from consent calendar at the request of Councilmember Requa)*

Councilmember Requa moved to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute Supplemental Agreements No. 3 and No. 4 with David Evans & Associates, in the amount not to exceed \$86,813.33, subject to the following changes to Exhibits B-1 (A) & (B) scope of work planned phasing schedule: The first PS & E package will provide for a right-in/right-out entry on the north side of the Skagit Manufacturing Plant. The second PS & E package will improve the SR 20/F&S Grade Road Intersection, Moore Street, and build the detention pond to its ultimate configuration, and also build a signal at F & S Grade road and widen SR-20 with a flatter horizontal curve around the Skagit Manufacturing Plan corner. Also David Evans & Associates shall consult and work with the developer and developer's consultant currently proposing a binding site plan with a proposed approach to SR20 and insure that said approach and the approach into the Skagit Manufacturing Plan are aligned with each other for future possible signalization. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

An executive session was requested by Engineer Blair on this topic due to land acquisition.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Skagit PUD Fluoridation in City Water

Mayor Dillon introduced the topic of Fluoridation in City Water.

Christine Johnson – McLean Dr, Sedro-Woolley, addressed the Council on community water fluoridation. She noted she is a practicing dentist in Sedro-Woolley as well as a life long resident. She spoke on the benefits of fluoridation.

Councilmember Galbraith questioned the recommendation which is to put the issue to a public vote.

Julia Hokensen – a representative of Washington Dental Service Foundation reviewed the capital costs to fluoridate the Judy reservoir. She noted that Washington Dental Service Foundation, a non-profit foundation has a mission to improve oral health would like to provide a grant to Skagit County for the capital costs. The operation and maintenance costs are only .06 per person per month. She noted it was the most cost efficient way to provide oral health for Skagit citizens and encouraged the Council's support.

Jim Smith – McLean Dr, Sedro-Woolley, discussed the effects that he has seen in his 40 years of dentistry. He noted that preventive dentistry started in 1967 with the onset of fluoride and dental insurance. Smith claimed prior to that it was common to treat every tooth in a child's mouth and today, that is a rare occurrence. Smith credited fluoride as being the main reason for the change. He also addressed the benefits of fluoride to adult oral health.

Council discussion ensued to include supporting a ballot vote, concern of a county wide vote with not everyone on PUD water, views of other cities, fluoridation in the Anacortes water system and a fair and equitable vote.

Councilmember Requa moved to recommend to the County Commissioner to go ahead with the fluoridation of PUD water. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried.

### Ordinance – Establishing Rates at Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery (Amending 1495-04)

Councilmember Meamber questioned the need of a public hearing.

Councilmember Meamber moved to move the Ordinance – Establishing Rates at the Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery to a public hearing on April 12, 2006. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried.

### Resolution – CERB Grant for Fruitdale – McGargile Road Project

Engineer Blair reviewed a proposed grant with Skagit County for a CERB-JDF grant to help complete the Fruitdale/McGargile Road project.

Attorney Hayden reviewed the agreement with the County which holds a ½ interest in the project.

A discussion ensued to include right of way issues on Fruitdale Rd, timing of the project, utilization of impact fees, dedicated funds towards McGargile Road, notification to property owners along Fruitdale and the progression of project.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Resolution No. 723-06 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board Job Development Fund (CERB JDF) Program for Funding the Costs of the Construction of Public Economic Development Infrastructure. Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Councilmember Galbraith and Meamber expressed concern of the need of property owner awareness and notification.

#### Golf Course Lease (*Discussion Only*)

Mayor Dillon introduced the topic of the City entering into a lease agreement for the golf course. The topic was for discussion only to explore what interest there may be among Councilmembers to proceed with the idea.

Nathan Salseina and Shane Walley of the Public Lands Department addressed the Council with the proposed plan. Salseina reported the discussion with the property owners of the possibility of the lease came about through a request from the Public Lands department to borrow a top dressing machine. Salseina noted he had previously been employed at the course prior to becoming employed by the City which was under a previous ownership at that time. The current owner has an interest in maintaining the course.

Councilmember Meamber questioned payment of the taxes.

It was noted the property owner would be responsible for the property taxes. The City would be responsible for taxes on the income from green fees, sales of items through any pro-shop, snack area or other areas as required by state laws.

Attorney Hayden noted that the topic is for a general discussion of interest in proceeding with more details.

Shane Walley, Parks Forman addressed the City taking over the course and maintaining it. He stated he believes it could pay for itself and encouraged the Council to take hold of the opportunity.

Discussion was held on additional staffing and equipment needs, attraction to the town, cost for bringing the course back to playing condition, zoning, past profit and loss history

of the course, liability risk to the City and having an agreement with property owner for any significant improvements to the property.

Susie Williams – 1058 Wedmore Pl., spoke in favor of the proposition of the City taking over the golf course. She presented numerous signatures of support for maintaining the course and stated that there are many interested volunteers who would be willing to help at work parties to bring the course back to par, help with fundraising or anything else that might be necessary to make the project succeed.

More information will be gathered and be discussed at a worksession in the near future.

Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Bacus Maintenance Assoc. – June 10, 2006  
*(moved from consent calendar at the request of Councilmember Anderson)*

Councilmember Anderson expressed concern of out of area organizations using the Community Center for free. Councilmember Splane concurred.

Discussion ensued to include the use fee and a need for guidelines for waiver of fees.

Councilmember Meamber moved to allow the Bacus Ln. Road Maintenance Association a waiver of fees for the Community Center for their June 10, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried 5-1 (Councilmember Anderson opposed).

Community Center Usage by Sedro-Woolley Rotary (2006-2011) *(moved from consent calendar at the request of Councilmember Requa)*

Requa disclosed that he is a member of the Rotary club and didn't feel comfortable speaking to the topic without Council approval. No objections were presented.

Requa pointed out several items of benefit to the City that the Rotary club would provide in exchange for use of the Community Center which includes the purchase of 12 round folding tables at a value of \$12,000 but would require some on-site storage. The Rotary facilities committee is also exploring the possibility of helping with upgrading of the kitchen facilities.

Mayor Dillon also disclosed that she is a member of Rotary.

Councilmember Colgan moved to grant the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club free use of the Community Center for the years 2006-2011 for their Thursday meetings. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (Councilmember Requa abstained).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS & REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the vacant position on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Dillon noted they had received an application from an interested party and a recommendation will be brought to Council at the next meeting .

Councilmember Requa – referred to a handout given to Councilmembers on a upcoming seminar on “Effective Council Meetings” stating he would be interested in attending and encouraged other Councilmembers to join him.

Councilmember Colgan – noted the Street Department is doing a great job.

Fire Chief Klinger – announced on April 8<sup>th</sup> , the American Legion and the Marine Corp League will be holding a ceremony to dispose of old and tattered flags. The Fire Department will be assisting in this ceremony. The American Legion will be publicizing the event closer to the date.

Police Chief Wood – announced the upcoming graduation of Police Officer Josh Benson. Wood noted he will be going down for the ceremonies and invited interested parties to attend.

Councilmember Meamber – noted the condition of the railroad tracks on State Street near the Iron Skillet and requested something be done for maintenance.

Engineer Blair noted that the tracks are the responsibility of Burlington Northern but he will see that a service report is filed for the repair through the appropriate channels.

Councilmember Requa – announced the upcoming meeting on the Recreation and Event Center being proposed at Skagit Valley College for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sedro-Woolley Community Center. Requa encouraged everyone to attend and support the event center.

Rick Judd – 1310 Fruitdale Road, member of the Planning Commission addressed the Council and spoke in support of the City moving forward with the lease of the golf course. He noted the effort of the Planning Commission to get more parks within the Sedro-Woolley.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:20 P.M for the purpose of land acquisition with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15P.M.

Councilmember Anderson moved to table the David Evans discussion to the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.