
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 26, 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 Present: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Hayden, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #57112 to #57240 for \$228,631.85
- Payroll Warrants #37702 to #37793 for \$137,242.80
- Street Closure Request – Blast from the Past – June 2 & 3, 2006 (Revision)
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SWSD – Misc. Dates
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SW Head Start Center – June 2, 2006
- Contract – PropertyRoom.com for found and unclaimed property
- Memorandum of Understanding – LinX NW

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

Proclamation – Native Plant Appreciation Week – April 30th to May 6th, 2006

Mayor Dillon proclaimed April 30th through May 6th, 2006 as Native Plant Appreciation Week. She encouraged all citizens to enjoy and celebrate the floral diversity and take advantage of learning more about native plants by taking a nature plant walk or becoming involved in a restoration project.

Public Comment

Ruth Thomas – 25177 Triple Creek Ln., Mt. Vernon, addressed the Council on health and environmental issues in connection with fluoridation. Thomas cited several studies and reference sources in her comments and requested the Council reconsider their stance on fluoridation.

Erin Klinger – 1103 N. Township St., addressed the Council and urged them to continue to support fluoridation.

Orion Donovan-Smith – 334 Sapp Rd., spoke to the Council in opposition of fluoridation. He noted that many times an assumption is made regarding fluoridation and dental health and encouraged the Council to research the issue thoroughly on both sides.

Pat Hammond – 729 Sauk Mountain Dr., spoke in favor of fluoridation. She noted her affiliation with Neighbors In Need Food Bank and spoke of the numerous clients that she believes would benefit with fluoridation.

Terry Uridil – 602 State St., addressed the Council requesting the issue be put to the public for a vote. She spoke of health issues that would require her to filter any fluoridation from the water should it be put in. She also addressed the costs for filtering and requested to not be forced in participating without a say (vote).

In a savings of time, Mayor Dillon called for a raise of hands for and against the fluoride issue in order to provide a visual for the Council of those supporting their respective side of the issue.

Barry Massey – 436 Bennett St., addressed the Council on behalf of Spiro Alexopoulos, owner of Rhodes Restaurant regarding the preliminary lot development plan of Pat Rimmer. He expressed concern of the access to the highway and questioned the status of the road.

Mayor Dillon noted that at this time the piece in question is still a road and could be opened at any time.

Engineer Blair noted that Rimmer does have an approved building permit and is allowed to work on the particular building.

Attorney Hayden noted the Council awareness from discussions on the Skagit Plant that the road will be moved back to the original location which will then line up with the access road for the Skagit Plant and alleviate distance issues with the railroad overpass. Hayden noted there would be a public hearing in the future. The specific property in question is City owned property and the property owners on both sides have had verbal permission from the City to use the property for parking.

Massey stated the main concern is the access to the Highway for Rhodes Restaurant.

Mayor Dillon and Attorney Hayden noted there are no plans to cut off the restaurant access to the Highway. It was requested of Massey to stay and meet with staff on this topic after the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Extension of Interim Planning & Zoning Ordinances No. 1525-05 through 1529-05

Mayor Dillon introduced the extension of the Interim Planning & Zoning Ordinances. She noted the extension of the ordinances would allow time to finish the process to be reconsidered permanently along with the November Comp Plan changes.

Attorney Hayden reviewed the background information for each ordinance up for renewal.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:27 P.M.

No public input.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:28 P.M.

Council discussion ensued to include the north access to the Skagit Plant, impact fee area and reasons for not making Ordinances permanent at this time.

- Transportation Plan (Ordinance No. 1525-05)

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1542-06 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Renewing the Adoption of the Transportation Plan Section of the Comprehensive Plan to be Effective for a Period of Six Months, and Entering Findings of Fact with an Amendment on S-1 of the Transportation Plan to Include the North Entrance of the Skagit Plant. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

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

- Impact Fees (Ordinance No. 1526-05)

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1543-06, An Interim Ordinance Extending Ordinance No. 1526—05 for a Period of Six Months, Repealing SWMC Ch. 15.60, and Adopting a New Chapter SWMC Ch. 15.60, Providing for Assessment of Impact Fees for Planned Capital Facilities, Providing for Credits for Other Mitigation of Impacts, and Providing for Appeals from Fee Determinations. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

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

- City Hall and Cemetery Facilities (Ordinance No. 1527-05)

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1544-06 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Adopting a Municipal Facilities Section of the Comprehensive Plan, To Be Effective for a Period of Six Months, and Entering Findings of Fact. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

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

- Sewer Moratorium (Ordinance No. 1528-05)

Discussion ensued as to timing of projects, lifting of the moratorium in certain areas, annexations, project costs and project area.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1545-06 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Extending a Moratorium on Subdivisions in Certain Areas Served by the Township Street and Metcalf Street Sewer Mains for a Period of Six Months and Requiring New Applications to be Accompanied by Confirmation From the Public Works Director that Line Capacity is Available. Councilmember Anderson seconded.

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

- Police and Fire Facilities (Ordinance No. 1529-05)

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1546-06 An Interim Ordinance Adopting Amendments to the Capital Facilities, and Documenting Appropriate Mitigation Standards for Police Impacts. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

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

Adoption of Brickyard Creek Sub-Area Plan – To be continued

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:55 P.M.

Councilmember Anderson moved to continue the public hearing on the Brickyard Creek Sub-Area Plan to the May 10, 2006 meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance -- Koozer Annexation

Attorney Hayden reviewed the background information for the proposed ordinance. Hayden noted that the Council previously held a public hearing and approved the annexation by resolution. He noted the County has no objections to the annexation.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1547-06 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Annexing Real Property Contiguous to the Western Portion of the City, and Adopting a Proposed Land Use Zoning Regulation for the Real Property, and Subjecting the Property to Its Pro-Rata Share of City Indebtedness. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

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

Klinger Estates – Final Plat Approval

Councilmember Requa requested to be recused from voting as Skagit Surveyors & Engineers has been actively involved with this project. Requa removed himself from the Council bench.

Planner Rozema reviewed background information and application for final plat approval of a 94 lot planned residential development. Preliminary plat approval was granted on September 22, 2004 by City Resolution #704-04 known as “Klinger Estates Planned Residential Development and stated staff recommended approval.

Dave McLaughlin – Skagit Surveyors & Engineers, addressed the Council and offered to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilmember Colgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 724-06 A Resolution Granting Final Approval to the “Plat of Klinger Estates,” A 94-Lot Planned Residential Development and Authorizing the Mayor or Her Designee to Sign All Final Plat Approval Documents. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried. (Councilmember Requa recused).

Councilmember Requa rejoined the Council bench.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Light Relocation on Sapp Road

Councilmember Splane recused himself as he lives within the affected area and removed himself from the Council Bench.

Engineer Blair reviewed the request to relocate the Sapp Road streetlight approximately 90 feet southeast. He indicated that usually when placing lights, existing poles are used as a cost savings measure. Since the placement of the light, Blair stated that citizens have been requesting to move the light to the proposed location.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize PSE to move the street light from its current position to the position specified on the map at a cost of \$2,535.41. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried. (Councilmember Splane recused).

Councilmember Splane returned to the Council Bench.

Public Works Trust Fund Loan Agreement #PW-06-962-038

Mayor Dillon reviewed the Public Works Trust Fund loan and stated the agreement accepts and formalizes the City's commitment to the loan.

Councilmember Meamber thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers Requa and Splane for their work in Olympia which helped in receipt of the loan.

Councilmember Anderson thanked the Council for their patience in the process which is a better deal for the City than bonds.

Engineer Blair noted that the funding source is dwindling and the City was fortunate in obtaining the loan as it may not be available or funding will be cut in the near future.

Councilmember Requa thanked the staff for their effort in the paperwork necessary in connection with the loan.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the Public Works Agreement No. PW-06-962-038 in the amount of \$7,000,000. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Anderson – commented on the Dan Burden workshop. He also questioned who was living in the old fire quarters. Anderson also questioned the new equipment purchases and whether the old equipment is being traded in. He noted he would like to see the equipment be surplus and auctioned instead of being traded.

Councilmember Galbraith – commented on the work going on at the Golf Course and commended the staff and volunteers who are working hard to bring it back into shape.

Susie Williams – 1058 Wedmore St., addressed the Council and noted that she has been in touch with Wayne Ramsey from Sedro-Woolley High School. Ramsey has several classes that will be helping with the golf course maintenance 2-3 days per week. Williams also reviewed other commitments of volunteers.

Councilmember Anderson – passed on a suggestion from his wife of implementing a miniature golf course within the course.

Councilmember Colgan – stated he has received numerous calls regarding graffiti on garages. Colgan was instructed to contact the Code Enforcement officer.

Councilmember Splane – questioned the status of the funding for sidewalks up Highway 9. Engineer Blair reported that the City has \$223,000 towards that project and hopes to get the project going soon.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the pump capacity in the vicinity of Cook Road and whether it is adequate to accommodate the new housing.

Planner Rozema – announced that the new building inspector is working out well with positive feedback from the building community. He stated the inspection schedule is back to normal and things are going well. He also noted that Joann Lazon is doing a great job keeping up with the increased permit applications which is estimated to be up about 30%.

Attorney Hayden – reported the grant application for Brickyard Creek is due Monday and reviewed the areas for enhancement.

Fire Chief Klinger – requested to meet with the Police & Fire Committee briefly after the meeting.

Councilmember Requa – questioned the plans check situation in the Planning Department.

Planner Rozema noted that the plans are currently outsourced for plan review. The turn around time is currently 7-14 days for residential plans with other consultants available should things start backing up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 P.M for the purpose of personnel, litigation and land acquisition with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 9:31 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.