
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 14, 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 (Late), Tony Splane, Louis Requa, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith and Rick Lemley. Staff Present: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Hayden, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood, Asst. Fire Chief Olson.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim vouchers #57472 to #57608 for \$120,412.63
 - Payroll Warrants #37983 to #38080 for \$198,022.90
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SWSD—May 9, 2007
- Agreement – Data Base Records Destruction
- Agreement – NCGC Denny Building by Sedro-Woolley Fire Department

Councilmember Lemley moved to accept consent calendar Items A through E. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jim Engberg – 10147 Ridge Pl., Sedro-Woolley, addressed the Council regarding his UGA amendment petition to the County and asked if Council would like copies of correspondence that he has received which has comments from both the County and the City.

Attorney Hayden stated the City's position has been to not take a position on individual applications, but would only advocate for the City's 5 acre request. Staff has concurred with this position.

Phillip Murray – 223 State St., addressed Council on the Old Timers in Sedro-Woolley. He noted that he has lived next to it for about 7 years and when it was a tavern there were not the number of problems that there have been since it became a bar. He reviewed some of the activities that take place and asked if there is anything that can be done to control the nuisance. Murray also addressed the fuel surcharge that has been placed on the garbage bills.

Hank Geary – 221 State St. added to Murray’s statements and complained about the cigarette butts being left on the ground as well as other things that affect his business from the activities of the patrons of the Old Timers.

Max Alaways – addressed the Council regarding the impounding of a vehicle which he owned. Alaways requested the Councilmembers make comment on his situation.

Councilmember Meamber arrived and joined the Council bench.

Presentation – Police Chief Doug Wood

Police Chief Wood introduced Josh Benson who is the newest Police Officer within the department to the Council. Wood noted that Officer Benson is just completing his field training. Mayor Dillon then administered the Oath of Office to Officer Benson.

Police Chief Wood presented the Citizen’s Certificate Commendation award to David James Mullen II for his assistance and role in the recent apprehension of a dangerous subject.

Police Chief Wood also presented Sergeant Mark Wallis with a Certificate of Commendation for protection of the life and liberty of an 8 year old female in a recent kidnapping case. Wood commended Sergeant Wallis for his perseverance and attention to detail in the situation.

Sergeant Wallis thanked everyone for the commendation and noted these types of situations were the reward that all officers join the force for.

Mayor Dillon thanked Sergeant Wallis for being a part of the City of Sedro-Woolley’s family.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Engineer Blair reviewed the proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. He noted there have not been any changes since the last meeting.

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve Resolution No. 726-06 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington 2007-2012. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Dillon requested to briefly change the order of the agenda items to accommodate the consultant from Otak with travel time back to the Seattle area.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract – Otak – Stormwater Program Initiation Project

Engineer Blair introduced the proposed contract with Otak for the implementation of work for the NPDES Phase II requirements. Blair noted the City received a \$75,000 grant to bring us into compliance with the Department of Ecology. Blair pointed out Joe Simmler, a consultant from Otak who was in the audience to answer any questions the Council may have.

Discussion ensued regarding additional activities, feasibility study, rate study to include comparables and future grants.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to enter into a contract with Otak for professional services to do stormwater management plan not to exceed \$125,000 including the \$75,000 DOE grant. Seconded by Councilmembers Colgan and Lemley. Motion carried.

Preliminary Plat Approval – Arbor Glen

Planner Rozema presented background information for the preliminary plat of Arbor Glen which is a proposed 22-lot subdivision on approximately 2.4 acres on the corner of Trail and Cook Roads. Rozema noted the application included a variance request from the bulk zoning requirements to reduce the side-yard setback from 8 ft. to 5 ft. for two-story structures. The land is zoned R-15 which allows up to 15 units per acre. Rozema noted City staff has reviewed the plat and determined the proposed plat meets the requirements of SWMC Chapters 15, 16 and 17 and further determined granting the requested variance with conditions would not pose a detriment to the neighbors or public in general.. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on May 23, 2006. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the preliminary plat of Arbor Glen including the requested variance subject to conditions.

Council questioned the advantage of the variance and the type of homes anticipated.

Zac Barthea – 9633 Market Pl., Lake Stevens, WA, addressed the Council and spoke on the Arbor Glen project. He noted the price range of the homes are anticipated to be at or above the \$200,000 range. He stated he has built primarily single-family homes since 1979. The property has a multi-family designation but he prefers to stay with single-family homes. He noted the size of the homes will be between 1800 sq. ft. to 2200 sq. ft. with garages underneath. Barthea referenced a project that they are currently doing in Lake Stevens.

Councilmember Requa questioned the public hearing process. Planner Rozema noted that the open public hearing was held at the Planning Commission level. The hearing tonight is a closed record hearing and only those that spoke at the Planning Commission

hearing can speak however no new evidence can be introduced but the Council could remand the decision back to the Planning Commission to gather additional evidence.

Jim Engberg – made comments as to what he commented on at the Planning Commission level.

Council questioned open space, access, precedence setting, minimum lot size, revisiting lot sizes, visitor parking and sidewalk requirements.

Councilmember Galbraith requested the topic of lot sizes within the R-15 zone to be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled work session (August).

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Resolution No. 727-06 A Resolution Granting Preliminary Approval for the “Plat of Arbor Glen,” A 22-Lot Subdivision and Authorizing the Mayor and Her Designees(s) to Sign all Preliminary Plat Approval Documents. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried 5-1 (Councilmember Splane opposed).

Ordinance – City Golf Course Fees and Regulations

Mayor Dillon stated the proposed ordinance formally sets green fees for the Golf Course. She noted the fees are \$10 per person, per day Monday through Friday and \$12 Saturday and Sunday.

Councilmember Lemley questioned if there were any plans for the clubhouse. Mayor Dillon stated the deterring factor of the City running the clubhouse was the asking rental price.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1549-06 An Ordinance Establishing Green Fees and Authorizing the Mayor or Mayor’s Designee to Make Additional Rules and Regulations for Use of A City Golf Course, and Amending Sedro-Woolley City Code Chapter 12.36. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

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

Ordinance – Salary (Amending Ordinance No. 1535-05)

Mayor Dillon reviewed the proposed Salary Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1535-05 to reflect the changes as agreed within the AFSCME contract. It also proposes that non-union staff receive the same percentage of raise that the union employees are receiving. AFSCME employees pay will be retroactive to January 1, 2006 while non-union employees rate increase will be effective June 1, 2006.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1550-06 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1535-05 Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected

Officials, Union (Guild) and Non-Union Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2006. Councilmember Splane seconded.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – announced that Lt. Tucker is graduating from Leadership Skagit tonight which is a local leadership program. Wood stated the program has been extremely beneficial. He also announced the carnival will be arriving in town next Monday.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – stated they did testing on new candidate volunteers and have brought on 4 new volunteers. Three will be attending the academy and one is transferring from Burlington. Olson also stated they are preparing for the upcoming Loggerodeo and Fire Fighter Competition and reviewed the departments upcoming training schedule.

Planner Rozema – noted the building inspector is working out well and the department is really busy. He noted Klinger Estates is coming on line and the first round of permits will be issued this week.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – spoke of her recent vacation and their stays in other municipal RV Parks at an average price of \$25 per night which she noted makes our \$10 per night for Riverfront RV Park a real bargain.

Councilmember Meamber – announced the upcoming Outdoor Movies being sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Committee during the month of July.

Councilmember Requa – noted that the cigarette butts are becoming a problem within all of the downtown area and questioned suggestions to alleviate the problem.

Some discussion was held regarding the littering problem, the issues with the Old Timers, signage or lack thereof and enforcement.

Councilmember Meamber – addressed the space between the barracks building and the block wall at the Museum. Meamber on behalf of the American Legion Post 43 thanked the Mayor for her role in the Memorial Day services.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on the recent Blast from the Past and stated everything went well and the committee is considering expanding the event through Sunday.

Joanne Lazon – reviewed the upcoming activities for Loggerodeo and hi-lighted the Hal Ketchum concert. She also answered Councilmembers questions to include obtaining tickets for the Hall Ketchum concert and the parade entry fee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:25 P.M. for approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of discussion of personnel, litigation and land acquisition with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:26 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.