
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 23, 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, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: City Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Berg, Engineer Blair, Fire Chief Klinger, Police Lt. Tucker.

Mayor Dillon noted an amended agenda with the addition of Item F – STOP Grant Payment.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #58084 to #58193 for \$233,889.87 (Except #58134 for \$19,906.08 – see Item 3D)(Voided Warrant #58085).
 - Payroll Warrants #38479 to #38578 for \$147,648.85
- Contract – Bingham Park/Munro Street (Asphalt)
- Contract Amendment – F & S Grade Road (Warrant #58134 for \$19,906.08)
- Bids – Community Center Projects
- STOP Grant Payment (*add*)

Councilmember Meamber questioned the decommissioning of a well for F & S Grade Road with some discussion.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to accept the consent calendars Items A through F. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Ginger Pennington – 1524 Lindsay Loop, Mt. Vernon, addressed the Council on a proposed community center for veterans. She noted that they have been looking at locating it at the Northern State Hospital and reviewed some of the plans for the center. She stated that they are just getting started, requested future council support and answered several questions.

Julian Pavesi – 519 Sapp Rd., addressed the Council regarding a fencing project that has been previously addressed. He expressed concern of safety and believes the fence

violates the City's vision clearance triangles. He presented pictures of the area of concern and cited areas of the City Code which he believes are in violation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bio-Diesel Pilot Project

Mayor Dillon introduced the Bio-diesel Pilot Project information noting that the topic had been presented at an earlier worksession.

Debbie Allen – Sewer Department Foreman addressed the Council and reviewed the plan for a pilot project utilizing 3 vehicles from the Public Works departments for a 6-month period. She noted the pilot plan would include the Street Department which would burn bio-diesel in a back-hoe, Sewer Department in a Vac Truck and the Solid Waste Department in one of their garbage trucks. Allen then introduced Joshua Clemens of Whole Energy Fuels.

Joshua Clemens – 409 ½ 14th St., Bellingham, representing Whole Energy Fuels addressed the Council. He noted they are a local provider for bio-diesel and presented background information on bio-diesel. He stated it is a renewable fuel and can be used on any diesel burning engine and is made from oil bearing plants or recycled vegetable oils. Clemens reviewed the benefits of using bio-diesel.

Council discussion ensued to include price, power, weather, affect on vehicle warranties, current cost for diesel, environmental benefits of bio-diesel, older vehicles and readying vehicles for bio-diesel use.

Councilmember Lemley moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a six-month project using bio-diesel in three of the Public Works Department vehicles. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried 5-1 (Councilmember Splane opposed).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Dillon – noted a copy of a letter at each Council seat that she will be sending to Skagit County regarding the topic of sharing of sales tax.

Councilmember Anderson – questioned the status of the Cell Phone Tax revenues, letters regarding cigarette butts and the Landmark fence issue.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson noted the funds are coming in close to the projections. Attorney Berg noted the letter has not gone out but will soon. Planner Rozema stated the letter

regarding the fence was an FYI letter to inform the Council. He also noted that in order for Landmark to build the fence, the person who wrote the letter will have to remove her fence because it is encroaching on Landmark property. Rozema stated he has contacted Landmark and requested they contact the letter writer to resolve the problem.

Discussion ensued regarding commitments made for approval of the project regarding fencing. Attorney Berg noted that there is current discussions going on with the property owners and their attorney on this issue.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming Chamber of Commerce event scheduled for tomorrow evening “Taste of Sedro-Woolley” after hour’s event at Hammer Heritage Square with several of the local restaurants providing food sampling of their menus.

Councilmember Colgan – noted the Street Departments paving and road repairs and commended them for a good job.

Councilmember Meamber – concurred with Councilmember Colgan.

Police Lt. Tucker – announced the delivery of two new vehicles. He also stated that he, the two sergeants and the fire arms instructor will be trained next week to become “tazer” certified. Tucker also updated the Council on the recent officer involved accident and repairs to the vehicles. He also noted there is an effort to patrol the downtown area for alcohol over service violations.

Fire Chief Klinger – announced the availability of tickets for the burn foundation dance in October as well as the upcoming 9/11 spaghetti feed sponsored by the volunteers and local Eagles Club with the proceeds going to the Lacey Klinger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Engineer Blair – noted the progress of the Township Street sewer project.

Mayor Dillon – stated that she lives in the area of the project and commended the construction company for their safety efforts.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – announced some staffing changes. She noted that Julie Rosario has transferred to the Public Works Department. As a result of the change payroll will now be prepared by Rob Tiffany of Tiffany Financial Services, who also prepares the City of Burlington’s payroll. Ariel Wesson a volunteer firefighter and former employee has returned to fill in on a temporary basis and the office hours have been changed to 8 am to 5 pm as a result of the transfer.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the Hospital’s sewer connection.

Councilmember Lemley – commented on the quality of the paving on some of the street by the City and questioned if the work was preliminary or a completed job.

Engineer Blair noted the work was preliminary and still has more to be completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. for the purpose of personnel, land use and litigation with no decision anticipated. The session is expected to last approximately 55 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 9:09 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.