
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 11, 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 (Late), Rick Lemley and Mike Anderson. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Rozema, Attorney Berg, Engineer Blair, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

Mayor Dillon requested permission of the Council to place the topic of a Developers Agreement on the agenda under New Business.

Councilmember Meamber moved to place the Developers Agreement to New Business. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #58470 to #58579 for \$1,085,881.98
 - Payroll Warrants #38778 to #38879 for \$196,467.70 (Voided Warrants #38857, 38858, 38859, #38868, 38873)
- Professional Services Contract – Development Code Analysis
- Setting Public Hearing – 2007 Property Tax

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt the consent calendar Items A through D. Councilmembers Anderson and Colgan seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Julian Pavisi – 519 Sapp Rd., addressed the Council regarding Proposition 2 Fluoridation of water. Pavisi spoke against the proposition and provided printed information regarding the topic.

Councilmember Galbraith arrived (7:05 P.M.)

Councilmember Requa stated he had requested Janice Marlega of the Skagit County Public Works Department to come and give an update on several joint projects with the City. Requa noted this was as a result of discussion at a recent worksession.

Janice Marlega – Asst. County Engineer, Skagit County Public Works, 1509 St. Paul St., Bellingham provided the Councilmembers with a handout which updated the Council on the Fruitdale/McGargile Road Arterial Improvement project including a preliminary schedule and funding. She also discussed the interlocal agreements between the County and City regarding the Hodgin/SR20 to Cook Road project and the SR-9 Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements. She also presented an update on the project timeline.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Ordinance to Amend SWMC 10.96 Regarding Off-Road Vehicles

Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance and discussed measuring of lot size, enforcement issues, the current ordinance and the repeal of the current ordinance.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson read a letter into the record received from Al Doorn, 1215 Railroad Ave., expressing his opposition to allow Off-Road Vehicles within the City limits.

Julian Pavisi – 519 Sapp Rd., concurred with the letter written by Doorn and expressed his opposition to any change of the existing ordinance.

Jim Robinson – 313 N. Reed St., addressed the Council regarding his intention for allowing his grandchildren to be able to ride motor bikes in a safe manner. He noted the present ordinance only stops the law abiding citizens and there are bikes being ridden all over against the law. Robinson passed out copies of a survey given to his neighbors who signed that they had no problem with Robinson's proposal for allowing off-road vehicles with the neighborhood.

Council discussion ensued to include enforcement, time limits, obtaining a special or conditional use permit, conflict with noise ordinance and a potential licensing process.

Amber Manke – 227 N. Reed St., requested Council approve an ordinance to allow off-road vehicles to be ridden within the City limits.

Tyler Manke – 227 N. Reed St., requested the opportunity to ride within the City limits.

Julian Pavisi – commented that he respected what Mr. Robinson was trying to do for his grandchildren. He addressed noise decibels and encouraged the Council take a hard look at the decibels.

Jim Robinson – noted that the decibel figure he recommended was taken from the State Patrol noise level on the highway.

Courtney Robinson – 24390 Polte Rd., age 11, addressed the Council and stated she really liked to ride her vehicle at her grandparents.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 8:02 P.M.

More discussion ensued to include conditional use permit, worksession topic, potential issuance of a license and restrictions. The Council consensus was to discuss further at the next worksession with some sample ordinances available for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Developer's Agreement (added)

Engineer Blair reviewed a request for a developer's agreement for necessary intersection improvements at Hospital Drive and Highway 20. The agreement is to be a party to the developer agreement along with Washington State Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Meamber moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the developer agreement with United General Hospital and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Fire Chief Klinger – announced the upcoming Boots to Burn dance on October 28, 2006. Tickets are available.

Engineer Blair – presented an update on the sewer project. Blair noted that the current plan is to only do a single lift of paving on both Sterling and Township and the final will be done all at one time.

Attorney Berg – reported on the recent Washington State Association of Municipal Attorney's conference he attended. He noted it was a highly valuable conference and thanked Council for the opportunity to attend.

Planner Rozema – noted the Associate Planner will be on board beginning Monday, October 16, 2006.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – stated the State Auditors are in their third week of the audit and hope to be done soon. They have had some staffing problems which has extended the time. Nelson also noted that Councilmembers will be notified of the time for the exit interview.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of Bingham Park.

Engineer Blair noted that the paving will be done when Rinker can schedule the paving and they are trying to work it in with other paving schedules.

Councilmember Galbraith – thanked Councilmember Requa for his role in the presentation from the County by Janice Marlega. He stated that he is really excited to see progress on the Highway 9 sidewalk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Executive session ended at 8:55 P.m. followed by a budget worksession in which the Councilmembers rated their funding priorities.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.