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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
November 21, 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: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Attorney Berg, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Dillon announced Item D – Interlocal Agreement – Skagit River Impact Partnership paperwork should be changed from the agreement to an addendum. She also requested permission to move Item G – Setting Council & Planning Commission Schedules – 2007 to New Business – Item 8. Mayor Dillon noted under Item C – Street Closure Request there was also a request for a Waiver of Fees for the Community Center for the Annual Santa Breakfast included in the letter.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #58816 to #58918 for \$547,302.82 (Voided Warrants #58819 & #58889)
  - Payroll Warrants #39072 to #39164 for \$144,707.83

- Street Closure Request – Metcalf Street – Christmas Parade – December 2, 2006/\* Waiver of Fees – Community Center – Santa Breakfast – December 9, 2006 (\* *added*)
- Interlocal Agreement – Skagit River Impact Partnership – addendum
- Interlocal Agreement – City of Sedro-Woolley & Skagit County to Perform Work
- Interlocal Agreement – City of Sedro-Woolley & Skagit County for SR-9 (North Township) Sidewalks Administration of Design and Construction
- Setting Council & Planning Commission Schedules – 2007 (*Moved to New Business*)

Councilmember Splane moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through F with the two changes mentioned, adding of the waiver of fees for the Community Center and the changing of the Skagit River Impact Partnership from the full agreement to the addendum. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### Ordinance – Reenactment of Interim Zoning Control Ordinance

Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance for the reenactment of Interim Zoning Control Ordinance with a reduced geographical area.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing at 7:06 P.M.

No public input received.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Councilmember Requa moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1559-06 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Amending and Extending a Moratorium on Subdivisions in Certain Areas Serviced 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 Meamber seconded.

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

### Ordinance – 2007 Budget

Mayor Dillon reviewed the proposed ordinance for the 2007 budget. She noted the budget is balanced with no additions of full-time personnel.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson added that each fund is balanced and thanked the Councilmembers for their time that they put into the budget process.

Mayor Dillon reviewed the budget process for the audience members. She then opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

No public input.

Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing at 7:10:30 P.M.

Councilmember Splane questioned the proposed Fleet management program. Mayor Dillon noted the fleet management has been reorganized within the budget parameters that were given by Council and will not be in the full-fledge process as originally presented.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1560-06 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007. 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.

Mayor Dillon thanked Clerk/Treasurer Nelson who worked hard to put the budget together and Cheryl Brue for assembling the preliminary budget books.

Councilmember Meamber thanked the Department Heads for their role in the budgeting process and addressed his approval of the process with which the budget is reviewed and prepared to include the worksessions and meetings with the Department Heads.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Ordinance – SWMC 2.66 – Residency Requirements

Attorney Berg reviewed a draft ordinance amending SWMC 2.66 which currently requires certain City employees reside within the City's UGA. Berg pointed out that the past practice of the Council has been to authorize, on a case-by-case basis, exceptions to this requirement. He stated the practice is inconsistent with the existing ordinance and the proposed ordinance would allow the Council to authorize exemptions on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember Galbraith expressed his dissent to any change in the ordinance and expressed his opinion that City employees should live and support the city they work in.

Council discussion ensued to include exceptions and residency preference.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to place the residency requirement to the February worksession. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried 6-1 (Councilmember Requa opposed).

Council and Planning Commission Schedule for 2007 (*Moved from Consent Calendar*)

Mayor Dillon reviewed the proposed schedule for the upcoming year which is published for citizen notification.

Attorney Berg reviewed the January worksession in order to conduct interviews for potential Councilmember candidates. Berg suggested as a housekeeping matter to amend the meeting ordinance to include the worksessions and reviewed two draft ordinances.

Discussion ensued to include potential conflict of dates, publishing requirements, adoption of an ordinance and calendar and the January worksession date.

Councilmember Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1561-06 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 2.04 Regarding City Council Meetings, Setting the Meetings for the Second and Fourth Wednesday and the First Tuesday of Each Month. Councilmember Meamber seconded.

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

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt the 2007 Council and Planning Commission meetings as proposed except for removing cancelled from the January 2, 2007 worksession date. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Police Chief Wood – informed the Council that Officer Dave Pierce has joined the Coast Guard Reserves. He has just completed his two weeks training and will be back on duty. He also announced the December 19, 2006 graduation dated for Officer Musgrove from the Police Academy.

Engineer Blair – requested to meet with the public lands and utilities committees prior to executive session.

Councilmember Meamber – requested to have the committee listing printed on the back of the agendas.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – noted the bond rating for the sewer bonds in the back of the Council packets. She stated the City received a good rating and Council should be pleased with the rating received. Nelson announced the meeting publication for the special meeting at the Mount Vernon Council Chambers for the flood discussion and also requested the number of Councilmembers who are planning on attending the exit conference with the State Auditors.

Councilmember Anderson – apologized for not being able to participate in the Christmas parade with the other Councilmembers. He also questioned the procedure for citizens to apply for the upcoming vacancy on the Council.

Mayor Dillon noted that interested parties should submit a letter of interest indicating their background no later than December 15, 2006. Interviews will be scheduled for the January 2, 2007 worksession.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the progress on Township Street.

Engineer Blair – noted work is still in progress and they are trying to maintain the road as weather permits.

Councilmember Galbraith – commented on traffic congestion with the new building in the vicinity of Cascade Middle School from the construction workers. He also addressed the Township/Highway 9 sidewalk progress.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the claim process for a damaged tire which was the result of a pothole.

Councilmember Requa – questioned the purple pipe being installed along Township Street.

Engineer Blair noted that the purple pipe will be for reclaimed water to come from the wastewater treatment plant to be used for irrigation in three possible locations (Riverfront Park, Cemetery and the Golf Course).

Councilmember Colgan – announced several locations for Thanksgiving Dinner since there will be no community dinner held in Sedro-Woolley this year.

Councilmember Meamber – announced a Christmas Dinner to be held at the Mount Vernon Moose Lodge.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Dillon adjourned to executive session for the purpose of land acquisition, litigation or personnel at 7:57 P.M. The session will last approximately 1 hour with no decision expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:54 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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