
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 9, 2007 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Louis Requa, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, City Attorney/Supervisor Berg, Planner Moore, Engineer Blair, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Anderson announced the addition of a Street Closure Request – Blast from the Past to the consent calendar.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including May 1, 2007 Work Session)
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #60242 to #60391 for \$478,543.79 (Voided Warrants #60244 to #60256)
- Payroll Warrants #40094 to #40190 for \$210,151.69
- Waiver of Fees – SW Community Center – SW Chamber of Commerce
- Surplus of Truck #502 – 1990 Rear Load Packer
- Street Closure Request – Blast from the Past (*added*)

Councilmember Lemley spoke on the street closure request for Blast from the Past. He explained the sections of Metcalf Street to be closed.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the consent calendar including Item E. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

K.B. Johnson – 889 Carriage Court, commented on the great job of the paving on Township Street. He noted that at the intersection of Township and Ferry Streets the curbing has been crushed recently by a large truck and recommended that large trucks be restricted to the highway and designated routes.

Sally Carlson – 335 Bennett Street, addressed Council regarding issues she is having with the High School regarding on-street parking with staff and students. She also discussed issues with the garbage dumpsters which she requested be locked on a nightly basis. She also requested four-way stops on all the street around the school noting 3rd and Nelson and 4th and Bennett are missing.

Daniele Christenson – 1120 Third Street, addressed the Council regarding inconsiderate parking from the students. She also spoke of garbage strewn in their yard and the use of their garbage can on garbage days by the students. She stated she has addressed the issue with the School District to no avail and requested help in the matter from the City.

Jennifer Holm – 1217 4th Street, spoke of issues with parking not with the students but the staff. She stated she has been blocked in several times and has had to go to the High School to request the cars be moved so she could go to work. She requested a sign be installed to indicate “residential parking only” and that changes be made to the City Ordinance to allow for towing at the owners expense.

Jim Loop – 414 Bennett Street, addressed the Council and concurred with the other statements regarding the parking issues around the High School. He noted there is little consideration for the residents.

David Bricka – 9343 Claybrook Road, addressed Council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and invited everyone to the upcoming Blast from the Past to be held on June 1st & 2nd. Bricka noted the excitement in using Hammer Heritage Square for part of the event and the inclusion of a Passport Faire to be held in conjunction with the event. Bricka also noted the upcoming Small Business of the Year event and encouraged all Councilmembers to attend.

Ginny Good – 24250 Alexander St., presented Council with the 2007 Farmers Market poster. She announced the market will be open beginning May 30, 2007 and they will be notifying business owners of the opening as they hand out the posters.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Reenactment of Interim Zoning Control Ordinance

Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance allowing renewal of the current sewer moratorium. He noted the ordinance needs to be renewed every six months.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:23 P.M.

No public comment presented.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

Councilmember Requa questioned the wording of several sections of the ordinance with Council discussion following which included the project timeline.

Councilmember London moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1574-07 An Interim Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Amending and Extending a Moratorium on Subdivision 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 with the changes from Section I: Purpose, served by Metcalf Street Sewer Main. Section 2: Map to be identified as the Map on Ordinance 1559-06 and Section 9, Item G that the City has a plan for making the necessary repairs and has borrowed 7.5 million dollars to make repairs and are in the process of borrowing an additional 6 million. Councilmember Member seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Adoption of the “Optional Municipal Code”, RCW 35A

Attorney Berg noted previous worksessions which included a lengthy study of the Optional Municipal Code. Berg reviewed the differences of a Second Class City vs. Code City and reviewed the process for becoming a noncharter code city.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

No public comment received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt the proposed Resolution of Intent #741-07. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Update

Attorney Berg presented an update on the City Hall project. He noted the project is currently stalled due to a conflict with a natural gas line and the drainage lines. He also noted a possible interior change on the Building, Planning and Engineering side of the building in order to fit with the department’s goal of increased efficiency and to become more customer friendly.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Pretreatment Ordinance (*1st Reading*)

Debbie Allen – 433 Talcott Street, Wastewater Treatment Plant Forman, reviewed the proposed Pretreatment Ordinance. The ordinance would enable the City to begin inspections on grease traps, oil/water separators and dental amalgam traps in an attempt to prevent the introduction of pollutants to the Wastewater system.

Allen noted this was the first reading and the topic would come back before Council at their next meeting for a formal vote.

Professional Services Agreement – Katy Isaksen & Associates

Engineer Blair reviewed the request for entering into a professional services agreement with Katy Isaksen & Associates for a review of the sewer rate structure as well as to work with the consultant Otak who is currently doing the stormwater utility review. Isaksen would act in an advisory role in developing the stormwater utility rate structure and financing plan.

Council discussion ensued to include previous cost and the need for a second consultant's involvement with the stormwater utility rate structure and financing plan.

Councilmember Meamber to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the attached agreement with Katy Isaksen & Associates not to exceed \$4500.00 for sewer utility system only. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Colgan – requested Attorney Berg to look into residential parking within the vicinity of the High School.

Attorney Berg noted an upcoming joint City/School District meeting and would add the topic to the agenda for discussion. He also suggested it be reviewed by one of the Council committees. It was referred to the Police/Fire Committee.

Councilmember Colgan – also questioned the request for locking of the dumpsters.

Councilmember Requa – questioned the status of the flower baskets for downtown.

Mayor Anderson noted the baskets will be going up within the next week. The Parks determined the weather was still too cold and wanted to wait another week in order to give the baskets a longer display life.

Councilmember Meamber – reminded interested Councilmembers of the upcoming meeting with Planner Moore regarding discussion of the proposed sign ordinance.

Attorney Berg – reviewed a request for a presentation at the next Council meeting from Deluxe Recycling for a proposed recycling facility to be located in Sedro-Woolley.

Engineer Blair – requested Council set a public hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Colgan moved to hold a public hearing on the Six Year TIP at the May 23, 2007 Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Requa. Motion carried (7-0).

Fire Chief Klinger – noted the specifications for the replacement quick attack vehicle have been completed and has been handed to the City Supervisor for final review. He

noted he would then be requesting a meeting with the Police/Fire Committee prior to sending out the request for bid.

Police Chief Wood – reported on the recent assessment center that was held for the position of Sergeant. He noted there were three individuals and all passed and the next step is the interview process. Wood also reported on the opening of the Code Enforcement Officer position due to the upcoming retirement of Officer Park. He noted the position was posted internally with no response and therefore will be advertised in the local newspaper. Wood also discussed the parking issues at the High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of real estate and personnel with no decision anticipated at 8:08 P.M. for approximately 30 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember London. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.