
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
June 27, 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, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planner Moore, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Attorney Berg noted that Franny White, Skagit Valley Herald reporter is covering the School District meeting tonight instead of the Council meeting. Berg also noted the addition to the Consent Calendar of a Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SW Soropotimist – Various Dates

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #60656 to #60802 for \$239,612.37
 - Payroll Warrants #40392 to #40491 for \$155,267.76
- Waiver of Fees – Community Center – SW Schools Foundation – October 6, 2007
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SW Rotary Club – August 30, 2007
- Request for Out of State Travel – Sewer Department
- Award of Bid – Quick Attack Vehicle – Fire Dept.
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SW Soroptomist – Various Dates (*added*)

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar with and adding Item 3G – Soroptomist Waiver of Fee Request. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

Rob MacReady – Wastewater Treatment Plant Collections Specialist addressed the Council and introduced himself as the new Local 176 SW AFSCME President which is the union that represents the Public Works and City Hall Clerical Employees. He noted he and the union are looking forward a good labor/management relationship with the Council and City staff.

David Bricka – 9343 Claybrook Rd., representing the Chamber of Commerce invited everyone to participate in the upcoming Loggerodeo Celebration. He also hi-lighted the

upcoming production of “Oklahoma” to be held at the Civic Auditorium at Sedro-Woolley High School and the Outdoor Movies during the month of July.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Update

Attorney Berg noted the City Hall project is back on track. He stated he and Mayor Anderson will be meeting with representatives from Cascade Natural Gas to work on a resolve of the damages due to the delay. Berg commented that the plans and specs for City Hall do not include a generator to serve the facility and the addition would be a significant change order. He noted the current generator is not sized to accommodate the current Emergency Operating Center (EOC) and reviewed some options for moving the current generator to accommodate the Senior Center and purchasing an appropriate size generator for City Hall.

Discussion was held regarding generator size, location & cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Metcalf Street Sewer Improvements – Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering

Attorney Berg reviewed the request for authorization for an agreement with Reichhart & Ebe to develop a budget, plans, specifications and engineer’s estimates for the Metcalf Street (from Northern to State) trench less sewer improvements.

Councilmember London moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering for the planning, specifications and engineer’s estimates for the Metcalf Street sewer improvement project. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried. (6-0).

Request for Easement from Kelly Bailey

Attorney Berg reviewed a request from Kelly Bailey for an easement from the City for 360 sq. foot in order to meet County adopted setbacks for a building design that he intends to build in the UGA.

Council discussion of the Interlocal agreement with Skagit County regarding UGA standards was held.

Councilmember Meamber moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an easement in favor of Mr. Bailey in a form approved by the City Attorney in exchange for \$500.00. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried. (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

City Engineer Position

Attorney Berg reviewed the recommendation of the special Council committee (Councilmembers Requa, Meamber and London) to address the Public Works/City Engineer position. Berg reviewed two job descriptions: Director of Public Works/City Engineer and Engineering Plans Examiner & Inspector. He noted the Engineering Plans Examiner & Inspector would be a new position and the salary ranges listed are in line with the market but inconsistent with the City's past practices. He also addressed additional issues to include costs, budget amendment, salary ordinance amendment, permit fees and classification/compensation equity.

Council discussion ensued to include timing for advertising of position, preparation for growth, qualified personnel and residency requirement.

Councilmember London moved to authorize the Mayor to fill the two proposed positions as outlined in the committee recommendations. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried. (6-0)

Councilmember London moved to adopt Ordinance #1578-07 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 2.66 Regarding Residency Requirements. Seconded by Councilmember Requa.

Discussion ensued to include Councilmembers belief of residency requirements with Councilmembers Galbraith and Meamber adamant of maintaining the residency requirement.

Motion carried. (5-1) (Councilmember Galbraith opposed).

Police Chief Wood – noted they are getting ready for the upcoming Loggerodeo and updated on Council regarding the Code Enforcement Officer Position.

Fire Chief Klinger – invited everyone to the Firefighters Challenge which will be held Saturday at the High School and to the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Volunteer Firefighters to be held on Sunday.

Attorney Berg – reported that he has received his full certification by FEMA for NIMS.

Debbie Allen – Wastewater Treatment Plant Forman, invited everyone to the Cured In Pipe Placement (CIPP) demonstration.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – noted that progress is being made on the stormwater process in connection with billing.

Councilmember Requa – thanked staff on their quick response to the Longtime Lane odor problem which is currently being rectified.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the status of the stop work on the Polte Road project and whether it will be replaced to its original condition.

Discussion ensued with Council direction to fill in the holes.

Councilmember London – thanked Councilmember’s Meamber and Requa, Mayor Anderson and Attorney Berg for their assistance on the special committee for the Public Works/City Engineer position. London also noted the clean up mowing of the E&E parking lot field.

Mayor Anderson – thanked the members of the special committee for their efforts and noted other committee’s successes and believes the committee method to be working well. He also reminded Councilmembers of the July 10th worksession with Parks being the topic and the regular Council meeting on July 11th. Both to be held at the Community Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Anderson adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 P.M. for the purpose of personnel and Real Estate for approximately 30 minutes with possible action following.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember London. Motion carried. (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.