
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 11, 2007 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
- Claim Vouchers #60803 to #60917 for \$239,054.17
- Payroll Warrants #40492 to #40593 for \$209,218.30 (Voided Warrant #40575)
- Professional Services Agreement – GIS On-Call Services

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

Stuart Metcalf – 501 Marshall St., addressed the Council regarding the City's purchase of property at 400 Alexander and expressed concern of the use of the property for the expansion of the sewer system. He discussed his interest in the same property and his plans to develop the property into homes and addressed the financial impact to the City.

Mayor Anderson spoke of the City's need to think ahead and purchase property at today's costs because the land will cost more in the future. He noted the property is contiguous to existing city property and makes sense to purchase for future growth.

Shelley Carroll – 415 Warner St., addressed her disappointment on the proposed recycling center. She spoke of the process and noted the importance of lodging their complaints to be heard. Carroll also spoke of the benefit of trying to attract more high tech industries.

Monica Chaplain – 2007 Graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School, addressed the Council regarding the recycling center. She spoke in opposition of the project and noted the bad image it would give to the High School.

Julian Pavisi – 519 Sapp Road, addressed people driving through the stop signs at Reed and Sapp Road. He noted there is a “stop line” at Longtime Lane and suggested they also be placed at the other points of the intersection. Pavisi also addressed fireworks and the need for action to be taken.

Paul – 315 Warner St., spoke to Council regarding the proposed recycling center and the potential loss of property values of the homes in the vicinity of the center.

Tom Dales – 411 Jameson St., concurred with other comments regarding the proposed recycling center. He encouraged soliciting high tech industry into the area.

Anita Schaner – 307 Bennett St., noted the year round use of the High School and expressed concern of becoming known as the “High School by the Dump” and concern of potential rodent problem because of the facility.

Sally Carlson – 335 Bennett St., spoke regarding her opposition to the proposed recycling facility and the hushed nature of the project.

Attorney Berg addressed the comments regarding the hushed allegations of the project. He stated there is currently no permit pending or permit application submitted or any process begun. He stated when and if the permit does come in it will be processed in accordance with the City code in an open public fashion. He reviewed the process for a building permit and reported all that has been done at this point is a pre-application meeting.

Mayor Anderson commented on the openness of the project which included a power point presentation to the Council at a public meeting. Anderson noted they haven’t purchase the property and might not come to Sedro-Woolley. He stated the city is trying to be business friendly and are trying to be more proactive. The resolution passed by the Council only stated they liked the concept. There were no specifics included in the resolution and they still have to follow the formal process of the application once it’s applied for.

David Bricka – 9343 Claybrook Rd., thanked the City and City Staff for their hard work during the recent Loggerodeo festival. He also spoke on a recent field trip to Ferndale to tour the recycling facility and encouraged others to do the same. He spoke of learning the facts to make an informed decision and judgment and of the observations of the travel team on their tour with no signs of odor or rodents. Bricka offered to head up another tour to the facility should anyone be interested. He also presented a special memento to Councilmember Galbraith from the SWHS Class of 1977 who recently held a class reunion at the Community Center.

Larry McCarter – representing Deluxe Disposal and Recycling spoke regarding the hushed nature of the project and noted the reason nothing has been done is because they are still researching how they fit in Sedro-Woolley. He stated he welcomes the public comments and presented a history of how his company came to being. He also stated if

they submit an application there will be an open hearing and will welcome public comments. McCarter also addressed an unidentified audience members question regarding living near the site location, roads and maintenance.

Katherine Chaplain – 315 Warner St., she pointed out the Ferndale facility is not in a historical neighborhood nor near a High School. She questioned the interaction of the proposed business with the Loggerodeo festival and questioned whether there would be a better location and the need for more facts.

Stuart Metcalf – 501 Marshall, indicated that our community is not Ferndale and should not be compared to Ferndale. He encouraged looking to another industrial area.

Anita Schaner – 307 Bennett St., again to the podium, questioned the notification area and encouraged sending notification to all City residents.

Attorney Berg noted the code mandates the 500 foot notification area but there would also be signs posted on the site and notice in the newspaper.

Discussion ensued regarding notification, public awareness, application and the SEPA process.

Glenn Allen – 316 Talcott St., spoke of the “NIMBY” (not in my back yard) syndrome.

Sally Carlson – 334 Bennett St., questioned Mr. McCarter regarding whether they have actually purchased the property. She also addressed the property being condemned and recommended the City rezone the property into something more acceptable to the residential neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Update

Attorney Berg presented a progress report on the construction of the new City Hall. He noted progress is going well and the generator issue is still being looked into. He said that staff will be taking a tour of the building on Friday. Berg also reviewed the outstanding issue with Cascade Natural Gas and reported that Cascade Natural Gas has agreed to pay the amount for the change order in connection with the line relocation.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the status of the street lights.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Granting Preliminary Approval for the “Plat of Sapp Place” LP-1-07

Planner Moore reviewed the proposed project for Sapp Place. He stated it is a 7-lot subdivision on approximately 1.81 acres on Sapp Road. He noted there have not been any variances, conditional use permits or administrative zoning waivers requested in connection with the project. The Planning Commission held an open record hearing on June 19, 2007 and recommended approval of the preliminary plat subject to conditions.

Council discussion ensued regarding what conditions were placed, language may/may be, and the NPDS permit.

John Coleman, Associate Planner addressed some of the Council questions regarding specific wording and the final findings of fact from the Planning Commission and the NPDS permit.

Councilmember Requa moved to approve Resolution No. 748-07 A Resolution Granting Preliminary Approval for the “Plat of Sapp Place” a 7-Lot Subdivision and Authorizing the Mayor and His Designee(s) to Sign all Preliminary Plat Approval Documents. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Resolution – Granting Preliminary Approval for the “Plat of Jones Estates” #05-SD-2

Due to a conflict of interest, Councilmember Requa recused himself from this agenda item and left the Council bench.

Planner Moore reviewed the Plat of Jones Estates which is a proposed 63-lot subdivision on approximately 17.87 acres north of Jones Road and East of Birch Lane. Moore noted the plat is proposed to utilize low impact development techniques. He stated the plat does not include any requests for zoning variances, conditional use permits or administrative zoning waivers. The Planning Commission held an open record hearing on June 19, 2007 and recommended approval of the preliminary plat subject to conditions.

Associate Planner Coleman addressed questions regarding the MDNS and the NPDS permit requirements.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve Resolution No. 749-07 A Resolution Granting Preliminary Approval for the “Plat of Jones Estates,”. Seconded by Councilmember London. Motion carried (6-0) (Councilmember Requa recused).

Councilmember Requa rejoined the Council bench.

Resolution – City Insurance Notice of Withdrawal

Attorney Berg reviewed a previous discussion regarding the current agreement with CIAW (The City's current insurance company) and the requirement to provide one year's notice of termination. He noted this notice is legal notice to leave the pool September 1, 2008. This will give the City time to compare plans and make a final decision regarding its insurance coverage.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Resolution No. 750-07 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Authorizing the City Supervisor to Send a Notice of withdrawal of Membership to CIAW. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

Interlocal – FD #8 Joint Purchasing

Fire Chief Klinger reviewed the request for a Joint Purchasing Interlocal Agreement with Fire District No. 8. He noted it would allow District 8 to use our recent process for awarding the Fast Attack Vehicle for their own purchase.

Councilmember London moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Fire District No. 8. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember London – noted a pothole in front of his house that is in need of filling.

Councilmember Galbraith – stated he would like to proceed with the placement of a stop line on either side of Sapp Road and also said he would like to see a ban placed on all fireworks within the City.

Discussion ensued on the types of fireworks allowed, posting of the ordinance, enforcement, hours of discharge and cooperation with the Tribal stands.

Councilmember Splane – addressed the move to bio-diesel and the responsibility of maintenance and care of the vehicles and storage tanks.

Councilmember London – expressed concern regarding statements of the state mandated deadline for implementation of bio-diesel.

Attorney Berg noted the fleet committee is working on policy and procedures regarding bio-diesel vehicles.

Police Chief Wood – announced the hiring of Michelle Minor as the new Code Enforcement Officer who will start on Monday. He noted Bob Park will help with her training for the next couple of months. Wood also announced the academy date for Mike

Ellis. He will begin the academy August 14, 2007. Wood also spoke on fireworks within the City on and around the 4th of July.

Stuart Metcalf – 501 Marshall St., spoke on the illegal dumping of cars and trailers and stated he is looking forward to a more streamlined system for removal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. for the purpose of personnel for about 15 minutes with a possible decision afterwards.

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 P.M.

Councilmember Splane moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.