
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 25, 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 (Late). Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Assoc. Planner Coleman and Lt. Tucker (Late).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including July 10, 2007 Work Session)
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #60918 to #61043 for \$594,822.37
 - Payroll Warrants #40594 to #40695 for \$164,345.98
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SWHS Alumni Association – July 12, 2008
- Resolution No. 751-07 – Cancelling outstanding, unclaimed warrants oncontract Amendment #2 with Esary Roofing & Siding for Community Center Roof

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember London arrived at 7:01 P.M.

Special Presentation – Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award by Department of Ecology

Due to transportation delays the presentation was moved to later in the meeting.

Public Comment

David Bricka – 9343 Claybrook Road, spoke regarding the Chamber of Commerce. He noted last Friday's outdoor movie is being rescheduled to August 31st due to the rain and spoke of the upcoming movie Eragon to be shown this coming Friday. Bricka extended an invitation to the Chamber sponsored "Sample of Sedro" to be held at Hammer Heritage Square on Thursday August 2nd.

Mayor Anderson noted that he had received a request from the Chamber for the closure of Metcalf Street from Eastern to Ferry from 3-8 P.M. for Thursday, August 2nd.

Councilmember Lemley moved to close the Metcalf Street from Eastern to Ferry on August 2nd, 2007 from 3-8 P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Update

Attorney Berg gave an update on the construction of City Hall. He noted the construction is proceeding as per plan and they are close to starting the framing of the second floor. He also reported on pending issues of the PSE pole at the entrance to the building, the generator situation and the modification proposal requests. Berg also addressed the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) budget with some discussion following. He stated that investigation is being done regarding built in work stations versus pre-manufactured desks as to price. Consideration of putting together a special council committee for review of items on the FF & E budget was given. Councilmember Requa, Colgan and Mayor Anderson will make up the special committee.

Special Presentation – Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award by Department of Ecology

Karen Burgess – Municipal Unit Supervisor at Northwest Regional Office recognized the wastewater treatment plant personnel for their outstanding performance during 2006. Burgess reviewed the criteria for the honor of the award and noted Sedro-Woolley has received this award 8 out of the past 11 years. She read a letter of commendation from Kevin Fitzpatrick, Water Quality Program Manager, Northwest Region.

Debbie Allen – Wastewater Treatment Plant foreman invited the staff to introduce themselves and describe their position. Introduced were Rob MacReady, Steve Huizinga, Carrie Crisp, Stu Earnst, Ralph Kennedy and Dave Schorno.

Rhodes Road – Roundabout versus Lighted Signal for Intersection of Rhodes & Hodgkin

Attorney Berg reviewed background information regarding the Rhodes Road alignment. He presented an analysis of a roundabout vs. a traditional lighted signal which includes efficiency, cost and right-of-way. Berg noted the City is committed to designing the intersection but construction would occur when development necessitates and would be primarily developer funded and built.

Discussion on additional right-of-way necessary for a roundabout was held.

Howard Koozer – addressed the Council regarding his property that would be affected. He noted that the additional right-of-way would not be a problem within the total scheme of developing.

Discussion ensued regarding potential development of the property, alternative comparisons and realignment of Hodgins.

Consensus was to hold further discussion at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Support for University of Washington Branch Campus at Northern State site

Attorney Berg presented background information regarding the State of Washington search for a potential site for a branch campus for the University of Washington within Snohomish, Skagit or Island Counties. Berg noted General Administration is making a formal proposal for consideration of the Northern State site and reviewed some of the benefits of the location and site. The proposed resolution would show Council support for the concept only.

Discussion ensued to include the potential of the learning opportunities for a sciences department in conjunction with plans of the Northern State Recreational Task Force and potential time frame.

Councilmember Requa moved to Adopt Resolution No. 757-07 A Resolution Indicating the City's Support for the Concept Presented by the North Cascades Gateway Center for the Location of a Branch Campus of the University of Washington within the City of Sedro-Woolley's UGA. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Parking Ordinance (1st Reading)

Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed parking ordinance which is a result of Council's prior discussion of parking problems surrounding Sedro-Woolley High School. Berg noted it also addressed a request from Janicki Industries regarding transporting of their superloads from their SR 20 facility to the Skagit Plant. He also reviewed the proposed permitting process for resident parking within the High School area.

Council discussion ensued and encompassed the next agenda item on the Sedro-Woolley School District request to use certain City rights-of-way, responsibility of signage, special events, after school and sports events, public notification and Jameson Street parking.

Resolution – Sedro-Woolley School District request to use certain City Rights-of-Way

Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed resolution which would allow the school to regulate portions of the City's right-of-way. Some discussion was incorporated with the previous item.

Council discussion ensued to include school districts plan for fencing and parking plan.

Ordinance – 2007 Budget Amendment #3

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed Budget Amendment #3 and proposed ordinance as outlined in the Council memo.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1580-07 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1560-06 Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Assoc. Planner Coleman – spoke on the August 7th worksession and announced the presentation scheduled for the UGA/Open Space Trails Plan. Coleman provided some background information regarding the upcoming presentation. He also noted the Planning staff is working on annexing City owned property in the UGA and that the annexation method will change once we become a code city.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – pointed out a letter from the Washington State Auditor regarding accepted accounting principles. She also reviewed the proposed 2008 budget schedule and process as well as some recommended changes in the process to include goal setting by the Council.

Attorney Berg – also spoke on the budget process and the recommended changes.

Council discussion followed regarding the budget process and goal setting.

Councilmember Requa – spoke of the Farmers Market and some issues they are having regarding the garbage and restrooms.

Councilmember Colgan – reported on his recent trip to the Anacortes Dog Park and would like to see something similar in Sedro-Woolley.

Discussion on potential dog park locations ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of real estate for approximately 15 minutes with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to amend the selling price of the Swedileus property to \$290,000.00. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Attorney Berg addressed the re-roofing of the Senior Center in conjunction with the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club. He reviewed bids that have been received with the low bid at \$35,000.

Discussion was held and the consensus was to bring back more information with itemized bids to the next meeting.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
