
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 26, 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, Attorney/Supervisor Berg, Planner Moore, Police Chief Wood and Asst. Fire Chief Olson.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including September 4 & 12, 2007 Work Session)
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #61433 to #61549 for \$225,186.58
 - Payroll Warrants #41000 to #41100 for \$161,601.37
- Waiver of Fees – Riverfront Park – SWSD – 2007/2008 School Year
- Street Closure Request – Leo’s Pizza – October 20th, 2007

Councilmember Meamber moved to accept the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Special Award

Asst. Fire Chief Olson presented Doris Dissin, Kevin Doyle and Marty Purves, employees of Janicki Industries with certificates of excellence for their performance in administering first aid to a fellow employee. Olson noted everyone from the first responders to the Emergency Room personnel commented on the excellent wound wrapping.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson also presented a certificate of excellence to Michael Anderson, a young boy, who woke up and notified his parents of a fire in their residence. Because of his quick thinking everyone in the house was able to get out safely.

Public Comment

Beverly Ringhouse – 417 Thresher Ave, requested the City to annex the remainder of her home into the City. She showed a map to Council which places part of her home in the City and part within the County.

Mayor Anderson noted that he will have staff research her request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Update

Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed the progress of City Hall and reviewed the pending MPR's. After reviewing the MPR's he requested Council action.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Discussion ensued regarding current number of change orders and costs. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve MPR 21 in the amount of \$6,643.13. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember London moved to move ahead on design from Puget Sound Energy in the amount of \$14,330.00. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Galbraith moved to allow an MPR for emergency use generator up to \$25,000.00. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

Councilmember London questioned what was included. Berg noted that the generator is existing and the MPR only includes wiring and labor.

Motion carried (7-0).

F&S Grade Road/Highway 20 Update

Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed a revised concept for a two-round-a-bout at F&S Grade Road and Highway 20. Berg noted the materials give a project budget, timeline and concept. He then reviewed the history of the project and objections by WSDOT and property owner Nysether and reviewed the objectives of the proposed project: 1) to make the F&S/Hwy 20 intersection safer; 2) to provide access to the Skagit Plant; 3) provide access to the Rimmer industrial property. Berg also reviewed 3 options for the project which included the possible return of the grant funds received.

Lengthy Council discussion ensued regarding all options and round-a-bouts.

Councilmember Requa moved to adopt Resolution No. 757-07 A Resolution Indicating the City Support for the Concept of Two (2) Round-A-Bouts to Serve Intersection F&S Grade Road and Highway 20 and to Provide Access to Skagit Industrial Property and Rimmer Industrial Park. Councilmember Colgan seconded. More discussion ensued. Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Splane opposed).

McGargile/Fruitdale Improvement Project Update

Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed the proposed McGargile/Fruitdale Road project and exhibits of road sections for consideration by Council in order to minimize right-of-way impacts.

Discussion ensued to include purpose of planter strips, 60' design, property owner's use of right-of-way, utilities and Fruitdale Road impact.

Councilmember's consensus is to proceed with Exhibit D.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance Amendment for R-15 Zoning (1st Reading)

Item is a first reading only, no action required at this time.

Councilmember Requa recused himself from this topic due to his company's involvement. Requa did request in the future that all items be staff recommended.

Planner Moore reviewed the procedures for zoning ordinance updates. Formal updates are added to a list and once a year they are compiled and proceed with the updates noted over the course of the year. There is also individual zoning ordinance updates of which a fee is affixed to the request and comes from a proponent. He noted the one Councilmember Requa is referring to came as a written request from Skagit Surveyors and Engineers on company letterhead. Interest was expressed in pursuing it sooner than later as a legislative issue. It was processed as a proponent driven ordinance update request naming Skagit Surveyors and Engineers as the proponent.

Councilmember Requa left the Council bench.

Planner Moore reviewed the request to change the side setbacks to interior lot lines of multi-family developments in the R-15 zoning district. Moore explained the request is to allow a multi-family building to have a condominium style ownership where instead of owning just the interior spaces they also own a bit of the front and back yards.

Council discussion ensued to include parking, covenants or home owners association and neighboring jurisdiction experience.

Councilmember Requa returned to the Council bench.

Budget Amendment – Parks

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson reviewed the budget amendment requests for Public Lands, Park Impact Fees and Sewer Cumulative Reserve funds.

Councilmember London moved to approve Ordinance No. 1584-07 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 Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Museum Roof Repair

Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed current issues with the leaking museum roof. He noted it is the City's responsibility for repair and reviewed four options for repair. Berg noted there are no funds allocated or any funding plan for the repair and requested direction from Council.

Discussion ensued regarding funding through an interfund loan, repayment options and the establishment of a repair fund for roofs.

Councilmember Colgan moved to take up to \$46,000 as an interfund loan from the Sewer Cumulative fund to be paid back at the sale of City Hall. Seconded by Councilmember Requa. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – noted they are moving people around within their building due to the progress of construction into their area. He stated there is a lot of noise to deal with but everyone is keeping positive. He also reported on recent abatement letters being sent by the Code Enforcement Officer with good success.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – announced the next 1st Aid class to be held November 13, 2007. He also spoke of the department's focus on smoke detectors for fire prevention which has been made possible because of a grant received. Olson then publicly recognized the fire crew for their efforts on the recent fire on Westview Dr.

Attorney/Supervisor Berg – stated there has been a request by a local church for the City crew to sweep their parking lot. He noted he explained to the pastor we are unable to provide the service without a fee. Berg questioned the Council as to whether there is interest in establishing a fee for the City to provide street sweeping services to private property.

Discussion ensued to include competing against private business, income generation and the inconvenience to employee scheduling. The Council consensus was the priority should be City property.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – reported on the exit conference with the State Auditor's. She proudly reported there were no findings but there are a few recommendations that Staff will be implementing. She also reported on the recent stormwater billing and the correction of several "glitches". Nelson commended the work of billing clerk Reta

Stephenson. She also stated all department 2008 budget requests are in and the information will be compiled for review.

Councilmember Galbraith – commented on a motorcycle police camping in the vicinity of Janicki Field and generating some speed control measures.

Councilmember London – acknowledged Nathan Salseina regarding his help with resolving an issue at the Community Center during the Wildcat Steelhead Club dinner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of personnel for approximately 15 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:22 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.