
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Work Session of the City Council
July 10, 2007 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Rick Lemley, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith and Dennis London.

Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, Planner Moore, Shane Walley (Public Lands), Nathan Salseina (Public Lands), Police Chief Wood.

- Parks/Facilities User Agreements
 - **Community Center** – discussion was held on the history of misuse of the Community Center and having a proposed facility monitor as a solution. Also discussed were other Cities' policies, identification of the monitor identified by a uniform or jacket and alcohol limitations (not at this time).
 - **Amphitheater** –discussion was held regarding parking fees, coordination with shelter rentals, police/security, who can use, maximum attendance (500-600), close at dusk, no alcohol, traffic, noise limit, insurance requirement, fees, FEMA requirements, flooding issues, SEPA review process, plays, school events, free events vs. ticketed events, clean up after events, removal of blackberries would open up wooded area to inappropriate behavior, size of events. Topic referred back to Public Lands Committee (Councilmembers Lemley, Meamber and Requa).
 - **Hammer Heritage Square** – discussion on who can use, fees and the Farmer's Market (usage has been good). The topic was referred back to Public Lands Committee (Councilmembers Lemley, Meamber and Requa).

- Recreational Programs
 - **Parks & Rec Program Proposal** – discussed the City moving towards providing recreation within the Parks structure. Discussion held on sports fields at Riverfront, Northern State Complex and golf course leagues.
 - **Bingham Park** – discussion on the use of the old food bank building for a recreation building, use of impact fees for Parks headquarters (\$60,000), plans designed by Mark Christ, current building appears to be worth remodeling, concerns of putting that much into building and the concern of possible asbestos and mercury.
 - Citizens expressed concerns of losing the park for building and the use of the park as a dog park. They noted the circular roadway was poor planning and also discussed the need for flush toilets, growing neighborhoods and the need for more green space.

- Councilmember Meamber's survey showed to keep as a park and not turn it into a dog park. The Parks department needs a better office.
- Senior Center
 - Discussed the Rotary Club building a new entry and discovery of the roof being in poor condition. Roof needs replacing because it won't feather together. Use impact fees to complete rest of the new roof – Rotary will pay to roof their new section.
- Executive Session (8:45 P.M. – 9:10 P.M.)
 - **Purchase of Land Adjoining Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)**
 Councilmember London moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1579-07 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Authorizing and Providing for the Acquisition of Certain Real Property by Eminent Domain; Providing for the Payment Thereof Out of a Tax Supported General Fund; Authorizing the City Attorney to Prepare and File a Petition for Condemnation in the Superior Court of Washington in and for the County of Skagit and to Prosecute the Same for the Acquisition of Such Property for the Proposed of Public Facilities. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1 (Councilmember Lemley abstained).
 - **Sale of House and Out Buildings on Regional Stormwater Site**
 Councilmember Colgan moved to accept the purchase and sale agreement with David Top for the house and two (2) acres at 23805 River Road for \$295,000. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Splane moved to adjourn. Seconded by All. Motion carried.

The worksession adjourned at 9:12 P.M.