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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Work Session of the City Council  
December 4, 2007 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Louis Requa, Pat Colgan (Late), Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Clerk/Treasurer Nelson, City Attorney/Supervisor Berg, Debbie Allen (Sewer), Planner Moore and Public Works/Engineer Freiburger.

### **Landscaping Ordinance**

- City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reported the 3-0-3 vote at the last Council meeting failed as there must be four yes votes to pass.
- Planner Moore reviewed the proposed ordinance and answered Council questions.

Councilmember London moved to approve Ordinance #1593-07 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 17.50.300 Regarding Landscaping. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (6-0-1, Councilmember Requa abstained).

### **City Hall Update**

- City Attorney/Supervisor Berg discussed suggested ideas to blend the existing Public Safety Building to the new City Hall with landscaping rather than the prior discussed brickwork/metal work. The general consensus was to use landscaping to achieve this purpose.
- Berg presented the architect's drawing for the new evidence/records/storage building as discussed at the last Council meeting and answered questions.

### **Sewer Rates**

- City Attorney/Supervisor Berg presented a comparison of sewer rates and connection fees from Mount Vernon, Anacortes, Burlington and LaConner. He also reviewed Katy Isakson's report on projected costs for operations, capital projects, revenues, connections and their effect on future rates and general facility charges. (BNRR has approved an open trench construction for the Township line). Discussion ensued to include alternate solutions, cutting costs, funding the clarifier via grants, ULID, raising rates and raising connection fees.

- A review of the history of the comp plan, changes to the plan, rates and connection fees took place. It was requested to have Katy Isakson come and speak in greater detail at another worksession.
- Discussion of step rate increases vs. annual cost of living increases and which CPI to use ensued.

### **Council Comments**

- Tabled to a future meeting.

### **Calendar – Summer Council Retreat**

- Councilmembers were requested to bring their calendars to the next Council meeting in order to set a date.

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

The worksession adjourned at 9:12 P.M.