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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 9, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – Community Center

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

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, City Attorney/Supervisor Berg, Engineer Freiburger, Planner Moore, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #62196 to #62361 for \$681,228.63
  - Payroll Warrants #41593 to #41688 for \$153,727.15
- On-Call Professional Services Agreement – Garrison Engineering
- Contract – Skagit County District Court Probation for 2008
- Misc. Annual Contracts/Agreements
- Agreement – Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing for 2008/2009

Attorney Berg noted a change to Item C – On-Call Professional Services Agreement – Garrison Engineering which increases the total contract amount to \$3,500.00. The purpose is the addition of a second project being included.

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

Special Presentation – Retirement of Code Enforcement Officer Bob Park & Police Reserve Officer Dean Klinger

Police Chief Wood gave a special presentation to Dean Klinger for his services to the City in the capacity of Reserve Police Officer for the past 10 ½ years. Klinger was presented with a plaque and received a round of applause from all in attendance.

Police Chief Wood also presented a plaque to Bob Park for his roll as both Code Enforcement Officer and Reserve Police Officer. Wood commended Park for his 38 years in police service and noted that upon retirement Park will be heading up the City's graffiti abatement team. A round of applause was also received for Officer Park.

Public Comment

Mark Esvold – 3302 Oaks Ave., Anacortes – addressed the Council regarding McIntyre Hall. He spoke of the history of the performing arts center and the creation of a public

facilities district and rules and regulations. Esvold reviewed future plans for McIntyre Hall which include enhancements to the ticket booth, storage and conference center. He noted the enhancements will be done with additional bonding. Esvold noted Mike Crawford and John Janicki are the Sedro-Woolley people on the committee. He then answered questions from the Council.

David Bricka – 9343 Claybrook Rd., addressed the Council regarding the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce. Bricka noted he is looking forward to a wonderful year and thanked the City for all their past and present support. Bricka also spoke on McIntyre Hall and what a fabulous facility it is.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### City Hall Update

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed the progress of the City Hall. He noted the end is in sight with substantial completion expected to be mid-February. Berg spoke of a delay in the paving due to the movement of the power pole and weather, but should be completed prior to move in date which is scheduled for March 14-16<sup>th</sup> with offices open for business March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Berg reviewed pending issues with the PSE pole and generators. He also went over the FF & E budget and reviewed the bid for high density storage which is proposed for the City Hall filing. The filing storage would hold up to 2 years of records. Berg requested Council authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement for the storage.

Councilmember Meamber moved to accept and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with SpaceSaver Northwest for mobile shelving in the amount of \$26,558.76. Seconded by Councilmember Requa. Motion carried (7-0).

Berg also reviewed progress on the telecommunications and the MPR log.

### F&S Grade Road/Highway 20 Update

Engineer Freiburger reviewed background information regarding the supplemental agreement to the David Evans & Associates, Inc. Consultant Agreement.

Councilmember Requa moved to authorize Mayor Anderson to execute Supplemental Agreement #5 with David Evans & Associates, Inc. of Bellevue, WA for design phase services for the SR20/F&S Grade Road/Skagit Industrial Park Intersection Improvements Project in the amount of \$238,326 for a revised agreement total of \$544,150. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Councilmember Splane stated he has not received any positive feedback from citizens regarding the placement of round-a-bouts and believes it will create more problems on the highway.

Engineer Frieberger addressed the comments and noted the original plan was for a signalized intersections but the option was not feasible without the cooperation of the Industrial Park owner. He also noted the traffic studies have been conducted and there is justification for the use of round-a-bouts and WSDOT has authorized their use. Frieberger noted it is also acceptable to the owners and the agreement includes a full traffic study to verify the results of the preliminary study.

Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Splane opposed).

#### Resolution – University of Washington

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed the requested changes to the Resolution indicating the city's support for a branch campus of one of the State's universities to serve northwest Washington including Skagit County.

Councilmember London moved to adopt Resolution 762-08 A Resolution Indicating the City's Support for a Branch Campus of One of the State's Universities to Serve Northwest Washington Including Skagit County. Seconded by Councilmember Member. Discussion ensued. Motion carried (7-0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Ordinance – Proposed Amendment to SWMC 16.12.050 – Short Plats

Planner Moore reviewed the proposed amendment to SWMC 16.12.050 – Short Plats which would assign an expiration date to the short plat approval. Moore noted the purpose of the expiration date is to encourage people to complete their project in a timely manner. He also noted there is a clause which allows for extensions under special circumstances.

Discussion ensued regarding extensions.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to pass Ordinance No. 1598-08 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 16.12.050 Regarding Short Plats. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

#### Authorization to proceed with abatement action at 1211 Batey Road

Councilmember Colgan moved to table Item 10 – Authorization to proceed with abatement action at 1211 Batey Road. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (7-0).

#### Ordinance – Condemning Certain Real Property

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed background information regarding the acquisition of right-of-way formerly belonging to and vacated by Skagit County in order

to extend Jameson Street west from Batey to SR9. He noted the property has recently changed hands and believes the new owners will be willing to work with the City to implement the plans for the road to provide arterial access for the 60 acre industrial site without going through the condemnation process.

Discussion ensued regarding future plans to tie in Rhodes Road and listing on the 6Yr. TIP.

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 1599-08 An Ordinance of the city of Sedro-Woolley, WA, 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 Purpose of Constructing a Public Roadway. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

### Interlocal – Solid Waste

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed background information regarding the proposed implementation of a county-wide solid waste system. He noted the proposal is a result of Commissioner Dillon's promise to propose a new way of managing the solid waste system. Berg reviewed key elements of the agreement.

Council discussion ensued to include right of veto, privatization, opt out clause, budgetary authority and voting by population vs. tonnage.

The Mayor and City Attorney will put together a response of the Council's concerns as discussed regarding the proposed Solid Waste Agreement and report back to the Council at a later date.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Councilmember London – thanked the Fire Department for the 2008 calendar. He also questioned the timing of filling potholes.

Engineer Freiburger noted a list is being developed and potholes will be filled soon.

Councilmember Colgan – presented a pictorial supplement from the Skagit Valley Herald from 2005 which shows old pictures and thought it would be a great reference picture for the New City Hall.

Councilmember Requa – apologized for missing the City holiday events due to illness.

Councilmember Meamber – gave kudos's to the City for all their work with the holiday decorations.

Clerk/Treasurer Nelson – spoke on a recent letter received from the Skagit County Auditor regarding voter registration costs. She presented background information regarding the registration process and the cost of voter registration and noted due to the change in what constitutes the cost of voter registration the City's 2007 bill is approximately \$10,000. She stated the four larger cities (Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Anacortes) are protesting this billing and recommending a phasing in of the costs due to the hardship on City budgets because of the change. Nelson stated the protest was to no avail and the bill will need to be paid.

Attorney/Supervisor Berg – announced the upcoming McGargile Open House to be held at Evergreen Elementary on February 6, 2008. He also pointed out information placed in the Council packet regarding fuel consumption and costs from 2000 – Current and for information purposes, a copy of Resolution #546 which details the rules of conduct for City Council meetings as given to Council.

Engineer Freiburger – highlighted items on the project update list. He noted the City was not successful in receiving funding for the 2008 Stormwater Management Implementation Grant. Freiburger also noted the second Public Works Trust Fund Loan is being finalized. He also reported the old vactor truck has broken down and the decision to replace it has been made. Repairs have also been made to the truck in order for resale.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported that the City was unsuccessful in the effort through FEMA for a Ladder Truck Grant. Klinger also reviewed the 2007 report for the number and types of calls the department responded to throughout the year.

Police Chief Wood – provided Council with a copy of the pamphlet for the Graffiti Abatement Program. He noted the program is close to be activated under the direction of Bob Park. Wood also reported of the recent bank robbery and noted the suspect is believed to have been apprehended.

Mayor Anderson – requested to be notified of any graffiti that is seen around town for the Graffiti Abatement program.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.