
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 26, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

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

Mayor Anderson welcomed everyone to the brand new City Hall Building and Council Chambers and expressed his excitement for being in the new building.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Louis Requa, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith and Dennis London. Staff: Finance Director Nelson, City Attorney/Supervisor Berg, Engineer Frieberger, Planner Moore, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #62910 to #63017 for \$674,021.91
 - Payroll Warrants #42167 to #42262 for \$163,766.93

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

Special Presentation – Bus Jungquist

Mayor Anderson gave a certificate of appreciation to long time businessman, Bus Jungquist, upon his retirement. Anderson noted his pleasure to be able to make the presentation as the first in the New City Hall. The certificate is awarded to Jungquist for his steadfast and lifelong support of the Sedro-Woolley community and significant contributions to the vitality of the downtown business district.

Jungquist was welcomed with a large round of applause and briefly spoke of his time on the City Council and the encouragement he received from one of his mentor's, Bill Johnson. Jungquist also spoke of the "uniqueness" of Sedro-Woolley, the volunteer efforts of the citizens and the warmth of the community upon his retirement. He wished the City and citizens the best for the future.

Public Comment

Mike Janicki – 810 Talcott St., addressed the Council regarding the appeal filed by his mother regarding the Deluxe Recycling proposal. Janicki stated he was before the Council to speak in his capacity as a School Board representative. He noted the High School is within the district that he represents and has received over 29 comments via e-

mail or phone calls from citizens within his area and felt it his responsibility to express concerns on their behalf. He noted there were three areas of concern: 1) Health concerns, home values and the characteristics of a small town; 2) if facility is built, who to call regarding odors or health concerns; and 3) procedures for the code enforcement process. Janicki also expressed his personal concerns with a lack of proper ordinances on file for enforcement capabilities without involvement of the Northwest Air Pollution Authority, the trash truck route, temporary odors and response time for temporary odor complaints, the effects of the odors on students with health problems (i.e. asthma) and an indirect affect to the School District with complaints. Janicki stated he supported a review of the SEPA process appeal with considerations for standards to be set for noise, hours of operation and monitoring of the smell level. He also believes incoming trucks should be required to be permitted and inspected for leakage of garbage and the storage of trash be monitored. He encouraged the Council to look at the proposal microscopically for the public and students to feel safe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Update

Chuck Mell, Skagit County I.T. Specialist gave a pictorial presentation set to music on the building of the New City Hall from start to finish.

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed a proposed resolution declaring certain property surplus. Berg noted these were left over items from the move with very little or no value as well as outdated computer and phone equipment.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Resolution No. 766-08 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing It's Disposition. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Bid Award – McGarigle CIPP Sewer Project

Engineer Frieberger reviewed the bid process and results for the McGarigle CIPP Sewer Project. He noted the apparent low bid was approximately 3% higher than the engineer's estimate but after some research it is due to the escalating oil prices with the materials being heavily oil dependent. Staff recommends that Council award the bid to the apparent low bidder. Frieberger noted the funding is within the budget.

Councilmember Requa moved to award the McGarigle CIPP Sewer Project to Michels Corporation of Salem, OR in the amount of \$842,720.76, subject to authorization to award by the Washington State Department of General Administration. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Possible Agreement for Construction Services – McGarigle CIPP Sewer Project

Engineer Frieberger reviewed the background information for an agreement for construction services for the McGarigle CIPP Sewer Project to Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering. He noted Reichhardt & Ebe was the design engineer for the project and is very familiar with the project. He also noted that staff currently does not have the resources to provide construction engineering support beyond contract administration and oversight.

Councilmember Requa moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc. to provide construction engineering services for the McGarigle CIPP Sewer Project in the amount of \$47,501.88, subject to approval by the Washington State Department of General Administration. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Metcalfe Nursery Lease – Request for Extension and Swedelius Nursery Lease – Renewal

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed a request for an extension of the lease for property known as the Lemley property being leased by Metcalfe Nursery. Berg reviewed background information regarding the lease, the need for the extension and their efforts for plant removal in order to vacate the property.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize the Mayor to exercise the lease extension and donation agreement to the nursery. Seconded by Councilmember London.

Councilmember Requa questioned the amount of rent the City collects for this property and the any payment of the fees for consulting services.

Attorney/Supervisor Berg indicated the rental fee was approximately \$150 and there has not been any discussion regarding fees for consulting. It is anticipated the consulting would be on a gratuitous basis.

Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – announced the promotion of Dan McIlrath to Sergeant upon the retirement of Sergeant Doug Salyer. He also stated the recruit officer is doing well at the academy and has approximately 7 weeks left before graduation. He said they are enjoying the new building and are working on getting all the bugs worked out. He also reported that the department is working in conjunction with the Liquor Board on the increased activity in the downtown bars and will continue to work together in order to mitigate some of the past problems.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported their new vehicle is scheduled to be ready at the end of the month. Klinger also introduced Firefighter Andy VanderVeen who was in the audience and noted he will be at the next meeting to be sworn in along with Firefighter David DeVries. Chief Klinger also happily announced his son Josh is now home from Iraq. Welcome Home Josh!

Engineer Frieberger – pointed out his report in the Council packet and announced the upcoming bid for the Metcalf Street Sewer Project. He also stated the SR20/F&S Grade Road Upgrade is ready to progress to the next stage which is design of the intersection report for review by WSDOT. Frieberger reported that the SR20 Sewer Project is going well. The contractor is running about 2 weeks behind their schedule but is still well ahead of the contracted schedule with completion anticipated the 1st or 2nd week in May.

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg – reported on the progress of the SR20/F&S Grade Road Project noting originally the proposal was for two round-a-bouts but after initial design and traffic studies it has been concluded that the planned round-a-bouts do not aid traffic mobility but reduces the level of service. The project is moving forward with a larger round-a-bout at the Skagit Plant and more mountable curbing. He noted regarding the F&S component the ultimate solution to the F&S Grade Road may be to find another route for F&S traffic to get onto SR20. Other options are currently being explored but the project appears to still be on track.

Berg also reported on the Police Evidence building which is currently ahead of schedule and noted the New City Hall building is working well with some minor bugs to be worked out. The Old City Hall building sale will close on Friday. Berg reported it has taken the efforts of ALL the City departments to implement the move to the New City Hall and the clean up of the Old City Hall and thanked all staff for their cooperation and efforts with the move. He noted some of the surplus items were transported to storage in a dumpster for the convenience of transporting.

Finance Director Nelson – reported staff is really starting to enjoy the new building and the transition has been smooth. She also reported on the progress of the refunding of the sewer bonds and announced there will be no worksession packet for the upcoming worksession.

Councilmember Meamber – expressed his thanks for the New City Hall. He noted it will be a great home for citizens and thanked former Mayor and current County Commissioner Dillon for her vision.

Councilmember Splane – stated he had numerous comments from citizens regarding the planting strip in the parking area in front of City Hall.

Berg noted there will be some stepping stones yet to come to alleviate some of the problem. The problem was due to the building being built to the grade of the Public Safety Building. Berg also noted the parking spaces will be restriped and handicapped

parking is available on the Munro Street side. Ornamental lighting is also still in the future.

Councilmember Requa – expressed his excitement on the new building and thanked the vision of Then Mayor and current County Commissioner Dillon and Former Councilmember Tom Storrs.

Councilmember Colgan – concurred with the other Councilor’s regarding the new building. He also thanked Bob Parks for his efforts in the graffiti control.

Councilmember Galbraith – thanked the community and the efforts for the new building. He noted he was extremely excited and one of his goals in being a Councilmember was to campaign for a New City Hall. He also indicated he is interested in seeing the sewer projects go forward and is excited about the emphasis of the recreation aspect being incorporated in the Parks Department. Galbraith also announced the upcoming Spud Walley Appreciation Day and entertained the Councilmembers with a coaching story.

Councilmember London – commented on the great acoustics of the Council chambers and the beautiful new building. He also told a story of Bus Jungquist during his grocery store days.

Mayor Anderson thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and acknowledged former Councilmembers in the audience: Bus Jungquist, Ed Blanton, Mike Janicki, Tom Storrs and Sharon Dillon.

Sharon Dilllon – stated she is speechless on the new building. She noted this was a vision she had for twelve years and the most amazing thing about it was sitting in the audience and actually being able to hear every word that was said. She thanked the Council for moving forward with the vision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. for the purpose of personnel and real estate for approximately 20 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:29 P.M.

Councilmember Splane moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.