
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 23, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

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: Finance Director Nelson, City Attorney/Supervisor Berg, Engineer Frieberger, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Mayor Anderson noted Item D – Planning Commissioner Appointment is being removed from the consent calendar per the request of the appointee.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #63156 to #63302 for \$352,208.73 (Voided Warrant #63158)
 - Payroll Warrants #42365 to #42466 for \$174,166.68
- Request for Out of State Travel – Fire Department
- Planning Commissioner Appointment – Mary McGoffin (*removed from consent calendar at the request of the appointee*)
- Task Order V to the On-Call Professional Services Agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc.
- Subscriber Agreement Renewal – Public Safety Testing, Inc.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through F, minus D. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

No public comment

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Sewer Rate & Fee Ordinance

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:04 P.M.

No public comment received.

Councilmember London moved to close the public hearing at 7:05 P.M. Councilmember Requa seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember London moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1609-08 raising the base sewer rates \$2.75/ERU/Month to \$48.50/ERU/Month, and subsequent year rate increase recommendations to be verified and adopted annually, and raising the Sewer Connection Fee from \$7,266 to \$8,926. Councilmember Lemley seconded.

Council discussion ensued to include subsequent year's vote of increases and best options available.

Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Refinancing of Sewer Revenue Bonds

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the results of the Standard & Poors rating to an A+ stating it is excellent for a city of our size. Nelson introduced Justin Mon Wai of Seattle Northwest Securities and David Thompson of KL/Gates.

Justin Mon Wai of Seattle Northwest Securities addressed Council regarding the Standard & Poors rating structure and commended Finance Director Nelson for her efforts with the rating call and gathering the necessary documentation for the bond refinancing. Mon Wai noted the savings to the citizens will be \$35,000 per year.

David Thompson of KL/Gates reviewed the proposed ordinance for the Sewer Revenue Refunding and answered questions from Council.

Councilmember Requa moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1610-08 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Authorizing the Issuance of Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds in the Principal Amount of \$3,620,000, for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Sewer Revenue Bonds; Fixing the Terms and Covenants of the Bonds; and Authorizing the Sale of the Bonds. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

A short break was taken to complete the signing of the Ordinance. The meeting reopened at 7:25 P.M.

City Hall Update

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed the written report of the City Hall Update. He noted the building was accepted as finally complete with some items remaining outstanding on a warranty basis. Berg noted a final change order should be coming soon as the project is basically complete.

Resolution – Solid Waste Interlocal

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg commended the Council on their interest in the Solid Waste Interlocal and reviewed the proposed resolution to memorialize some of the issues that were addressed by Council and also identifies the City's representative to the Solid Waste Governance Board (SWGB).

Councilmember Galbraith noted he voted against the agreement and restated his concerns being the veto power, not taking the City's concerns to heart and the unknown charges regarding clean-up of dumps and will cast a "No" vote on the resolution.

Councilmember Requa requested clarification regarding the adoption and amendment of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. Berg reviewed the options provided by law under both the previous and the new Interlocal agreement. Some discussion was held regarding the role of SWAC.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Resolution No. 767-08 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement Addressing Solid Waste Governance and the Adoption and Amendment of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Councilmember Requa noted his intent to vote against the motion due to his reasons stated at the last meeting.

Motion carried (4-3, Councilmembers Splane, Requa and Galbraith opposed).

Council Retreat

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg apologized for dropping the ball on the scheduled Council retreat date. He spoke of the importance of holding the retreat and would like to identify a new date. Discussion ensued on potential dates with June 12, 2008 being the selected date.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance – Terms of Office

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg reviewed the Council-at-Large position and term under the code city requirements.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1611-08 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 1.12.090 to Increase the Term of Office for the Council-At-Large Position from two to four years. Seconded by Councilmember Requa. Motion carried (7-0).

Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg noted the County is proposing that the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP) be amended as attached and it will be presented to the SWGB on its first meeting scheduled for April 20, 2008. No action is necessary at this time and the item will be on the agenda for the May 14th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Finance Director Nelson – commented on what the ratings board looks at and that the Public Works Trust Fund is not included in the debt calculations. She noted that their comments were favorable of Council in handling sewer rate and connection fee increases well by looking at the integrity of the system and making the necessary changes to keep the system financially stable.

City Attorney/Supervisor Berg – pointed out a letter from the City of Anacortes within the Council packets addressing issues of the County/City revenue sharing as a result of the late billing for the 2007 Election costs.

Engineer Frieberger – addressed his written report to include drawing status of the Township/SR9/Polte to Sapp Road sewer project and a new schedule for the North Skagit Round-A-Bout project. He also pointed out and spoke on an informational article titled “How to Survive the Great Public Bid Crisis” but expressed his curiosity as to where the article appeared from.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on an upcoming Multi-Casualty Incident drill to be held May 5, 2008 at the High School in the evening. He also noted he will have the new fire vehicle at the May 6th Council worksession.

Councilmember London – (inaudible comments) London also announced the upcoming Kids Fishing Derby on May 3rd sponsored by the Wildcat Steelhead Club.

Councilmember Lemley – (inaudible comments)

Councilmember Galbraith – stated he has concerns and has been contacted regarding cars speeding on Township.

Police Chief Wood noted they have increased their patrol in that area.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned if the City had designated Truck routes within the City.

Police Chief Wood indicated there is a designated truck route.

Councilmember Requa – addressed the article referenced by Engineer Frieberger. Discussion followed. He also addressed two resolutions included in the Council packet from the Democratic Party regarding Solid Waste.

Attorney Berg noted the information was placed in Council packets like any other correspondence the City receives. There was not intent made by placing the correspondence in the packets.

Councilmember Splane – complimented Engineer Frieberger on his work with the Sewer rates.

Frieberger noted the pricing was a team effort and gave credit to Finance Director Nelson and Consultant Katy Isaksen who were also involved with the pricing structure recommendations.

Councilmember Meamber – complimented the Police Department on the patrols in the downtown area on the weekends.

Mayor Anderson – noted the Parks Department has indicated the flower baskets will be up by May 31st. He also announced the upcoming School District Community Recognition Ceremony and an upcoming benefit dinner for community member Marshall Lemieux.

Discussion was held regarding the name placards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:20 P.M. for the purpose of Real Estate and Personnel with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
