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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
June 11, 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 Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Frieberger, Planner Moore, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including June 2, 2008 Work Session)
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #63579 to #63718 for \$398,220.70
  - Payroll Warrants #42673 to #42779 for \$239,528.44
- Street Closure Request – Loggerodeo – June 27 to July 5, 2008
- Electronic Waste Recycling with WMMFA at Solid Waste Dept.
- Columbarium Purchase for Union Cemetery
- Guardian Security Contract
- Proposed Consultant Contract for Critical Areas Review – Lyndon C. Lee

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

Public Comment

No Public Comment

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

S-W Bark Park and Off-Leash Area

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance to allow for an off-leash area. He noted the ordinance does not specify a location of the Bark Park

Mayor Anderson stated for the record that he would like some direction from the Council as to a location. Council consensus on the location was in favor of Riverfront Park in the newly acquired Stiles property.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented some concerns which have been expressed by the Parks Department personnel as to Riverfront Park. Their concerns include potential flooding with damage to fencing and possible repairs that would be necessary to the park.

Discussion ensued regarding break-away fencing or fencing removal, limited staffing to do extra repairs, Fire Department fencing and removal policies and review options for location.

Councilmember Galbraith requested for the record that Council have the final say on the location for the Bark Park.

Mayor Anderson stated for the record that he wants to get the project moving.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1615-08 An Ordinance Amending the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to Create the Sedro-Woolley Bark Park and Allow for an Off-Leash Area with staff to identify potential sites and Council to give final approval. Councilmember Meamber seconded.

Councilmember Requa questioned if the caretakers at Riverfront Park had been approached regarding the Bark Park possibly being located at the park and what their responsibilities would include, if any.

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

#### Joint Council/PC Training

The Council was joined by Planning Commission members Brett Sandstrom, Dan Lefeber, Rick Judd and Pat Huggins for a presentation and training session on Land Use Decision-Making in Washington conducted by Mike Walter.

Mike Walter of Keating, Bucklin and McCormack, Inc. P.S., introduced himself to the Council. He noted his firm specializes in representing City's in a number of areas. He noted his area of expertise is in land use litigation. He presented an overview of municipal land use decision making and identified some of the risks and pitfalls. He also entertained and answered questions presented by the Council and Planning Commission members.

#### SR9 to I-5 Safety Corridor Report

A team of specialists made up of representatives of Skagit County, Skagit County Commissioners, Washington State Traffic Commission and Washington State DOT presented an overview of the 9 to 5 Traffic Safety Corridor Project. The emphasis on the projects focuses on enforcement, engineering, education and emergency medical service.

City Engineer Frieberger noted that in addition to this project by the County and State, the City and State are also looking at solutions to Highway 20 through the City limits, which has a higher than normal accident rate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Possible Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Conservation District Public Education & Involvement Project for NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Compliance

Engineer Frieberger reviewed a proposed interlocal agreement with Skagit Conservation District which is associated with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Permit. He noted the district has received a grant and has approached the City on cost sharing with some of their efforts, mostly in the area of education. Frieberger stated he was supportive of the concept due to the current staffing levels of the City which will make it difficult to meet some of the requirements of the City's permit. He also reviewed some areas of concern but recommended Council authorize the Mayor to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Conservation District.

Discussion ensued to include staffing and time involved, use of consultants and stormwater rates.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize Mayor Anderson to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Conservation District for the participation in the Ecology Stormwater Education Grant in the amount of up to \$6,800 subject to the Public Works Director's approval. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

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

Planner Moore – noted a copy of the City's Comprehensive Plan given to each Councilmember. He also thanked John Coleman, Associate Planner for his extended research for the books.

Engineer Frieberger – reviewed a request for a change order on the Phase II SR20 Sewer Project regarding groundwater conditions at the two lift stations and requested authorization to negotiate with the contractor on the change order. He noted that the project is under budget and any change order would be brought back to Council for final approval.

Council consensus was to allow Frieberger to move forward with negotiations with Strider Construction for the change order request.

Frieberger noted he is still waiting for intersection approval on the N. Skagit round-about.

City Supervisor/Attorney – noted the Mayor announced today that the City has officially disbanded their bio-diesel program due to the cost of bio-diesel. He also requested Council authorize manual warrant #63721 to Skagit County PUD No. 1 in the amount of \$2,505.00 for the Police Evidence/Storage building water line.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve warrant #63721 in the amount of \$2,505.00. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Berg reminded Council of the Council retreat scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2008 from 2 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Finance Director Nelson – noted a change of date for the State Auditor's visit. They will be arriving July 28<sup>th</sup> and plan to be here until August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Meamber – speaking on behalf of the American Legion thanked the City for having an employee at the Cemetery on Memorial Day. He noted it was a great help with the Memorial Day services.

Councilmember Splane – commended the decision to discontinue the use of bio-diesel and noted it to be a prudent decision in light of today's economy.

Engineer Frieberger gave credit to Solid Waste foreman Leo Jacobs in bringing the cost factors forward.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the maintenance of the Rite Aid property. He noted he has received complaints from neighbors regarding the length of the grass.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on a successful Blast from the Past despite the weather. Lemley also questioned the flag flying at half-staff.

It was noted the flag was flying at half-staff at direction from the governor's office due to Washington State service man losing his life in Afghanistan.

Lemley also noted a house in the 700 block of Sterling that appears to have numerous vehicles and tall grass in need of attention.

Councilmember London – noted a fun time at the Blast from the Past. He thanked the Street Department for their cleanup on Rita Street and questioned the grant received for a fuel tank with the bio-diesel program.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the City has not received any grant funds to date for this project and since the program has been disbanded there will be no need for grant funds.

The meeting adjourned to executive session for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of litigation with a possible decision at 10:08 P.M. with Councilmember Requa departing.

The meeting reconvened at 10:25 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0 Councilmember Requa previously departed).

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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