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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
June 25, 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, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiburger, Planner Moore, Sergeant Dougher and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #63719 to #63819 for \$217,927.57 (Voided Warrant #63720)
  - Payroll Warrants #42780 to #42886 for \$175,102.96
- Request for Use of Riverfront Park for *A Midsummer Nights Dream* by Shakespeare Northwest on July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>
- Employment Contract Amendment – Fire Chief – 2008 – 2011
- Award of Bid – Police Vehicles – North Cascade Ford

Councilmember Lemley moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (5-0).

## Public Comments

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., addressed Council regarding discussions on the location of a Bark Park. He expressed his disappointment with the proposed location of the bark park being turned back around to Bingham Park from Riverfront Park again noting the parking and congestion issues with the Bingham Park location.

Glenn Allen – 316 Talcott St., thanked the City for the crack sealing and other projects being done to get the town into shape for the upcoming Loggerodeo celebration.

Rick Judd – 1310 Fruitdale Road, speaking on behalf of friends and neighbors in the Fruitdale Road area as to the discrepancy of the speed limits within the area. He noted various speed limits within the vicinity and requested the speed be limited to 25 mph.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) 2009 – 2014 Adoption by Resolution  
Engineer Freiberger reviewed the annual 6-year TIP and spoke of the process and the funding benefits. He discussed the City's procedure of including arterial projects which do not have to be included. Freiberger did however include them this year in order to maintain consistency. He noted the addition of the Jameson/SR20 to the list and requested Council adopt the proposed TIP.

Discussion took place regarding the titling of Item #16 being labeled Rhodes Road and should read Hodgins St. Freiberger noted he would see the correction is made.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:12 P.M.

No comment received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:13 P.M.

Questions arose regarding the listing of Third Street repairs.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Resolution No. 768-08 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington 2009 – 2014. Seconded by Councilmember Requa. Motion carried (5-0).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Sedro-Woolley Bark Park (possible locations)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information regarding the Bark Park proposal and listed the locations that were considered. He spoke of the commitment

of Rotary funding for the park with very limited resources being provided by the City. He noted after review of all city-owned locations, including Riverfront Park, it is believed by City staff that Bingham Park to be the best location.

Councilmember Meamber expressed concern that there are a couple of Councilmember's are missing who in the past have expressed concerns. Meamber felt in all fairness the topic should be tabled.

Councilmember Meamber moved to table the topic to the July 9, 2008 Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (5-0).

Glenn Allen – stated that he believes Riverfront Park to be the best location. He noted the more convenient the location the more use the park will have. He also stated he believed the fencing issue to be a mute point and should not be considered against the project.

Rick Judd – commented that there has been too much of Bingham Park taken already with the new road and Parks Building.

Mayor Anderson noted the proposed location is not inside the park but just outside within right of way that the City currently mows and maintains.

Beth Rathvon – Clear Lake and volunteer for SPOT. She noted the two busy highways on either side of Bingham Park should a dog inadvertently get out. She also suggested in design of the park that all gates be doubled and encouraged a small dog area and a large dog area. Rathvon noted consideration should be taken for drainage. She spoke of a dog park located at Helmick Road and leash restrictions.

Councilmember Requa presented some history on the dog park at Helmick Road on land belonging to Skagit County. He noted that the current County plan does not include a dog park and in order to have a dog park, the County comprehensive plan would have to be changed. Requa also noted in the review of potential sites for the bark park no consideration has been give to City-owned land near the Cemetery which is currently used by Youth Football and Little League. Requa suggested that site be looked at as he believes there will be ample time because the Rotary Board has postponed the funding to the Bark Park due to issues with completion of the Senior Center project.

Councilmember Splane relayed comments he received on dog parks becoming odorous after a short time because people do not pick up after their dogs.

Mayor Anderson called for the vote to the motion on the floor. Motion carried (5-0).

#### Recap – Council & Staff Retreat (June 12, 2008)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg requested the recap of the Council and Staff retreat be delayed to the next Council meeting when all Councilmember's are present. He noted this will enable all Councilmember's to be present to review and comment on the 5-year

business plan which was a result of the retreat. Berg then discussed comments made by citizens in the Public Comment period of the Council meetings regarding Economic Development and whether or not cities should be involved. He cited RCW 35.21.703 which states “It shall be in the public purpose for all cities to engage in Economic Development programs. In addition cities may contract with non-profit corporations in furtherance of this and other acts relating to Economic Development”. He noted this clearly shows that it should be the City’s mission to be engaged in Economic Development.

Several Councilmember’s expressed favorable comments on the retreat.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Preliminary Long Plat Approval for Cascadia Estates (LP04-07)

Councilmember Requa requested himself due to a conflict of interest as the applicant is a client of Skagit Surveyors & Engineers. Councilmember Requa left the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Planner Moore reviewed the preliminary Long Plat for Cascadia Estates LP-4-07 located near the intersection at Cook and Trail Roads. He noted the proposal will be a combination of single and multi family residential units. The project has been reviewed by staff and the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner has recommended approval with the conditions placed by staff. Moore also noted that the Council had previously conducted a closed record appeal to allow a reduced parking apron.

Councilmember Meamber noted the lack of the requirement of a signal light at Cook and Trail Road. He expressed concern due to the heavy traffic in the area and noted signal lights should be taken more seriously.

Engineer Freiburger noted that initial review of traffic reports did not warrant a traffic signal; however should Council desire a second review could be requested.

Member pointed out that the School District had requested consideration of the traffic signal.

Discussion ensued regarding funding of a signal light, responsibility of payment and possible mitigation.

Councilmember London moved to approve the preliminary plat of Cascadia Estates subject to conditions contained in the Hearing Examiner’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Member questioned future review of the project. It was noted that it will come back before Council at time of final approval. Berg noted that if Council wants consideration for an additional traffic analysis it would need to be stated within the motion.

Councilmember London discussed the closed record appeal and requested the record show that the 10 ft. apron is consistent with City code and the Council did not alter the apron size. It was a Design Review committee recommendation.

Berg clarified that the Council's action modified the Design Review decision consistent with the code.

Motion carried (4-0).

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

Councilmember London – thanked Attorney Berg for his work on a productive retreat. He also questioned the speed limit on Highway 20 which changes at Rhodes Road in comparison with the speed limit on Cook Road. London believes it to be a safety issue.

Freiberger noted he will be meeting with DOT tomorrow and discuss the request at that time.

Councilmember Lemley – congratulated Courier Times reports Codi Hamblin on her recent engagement announcement. Lemley also thanked City staff for their work in preparation of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sergeant Dougher – noted the Department is gearing up for the Loggerodeo events. She also stated they are keeping a visual presence in the downtown area on Friday and Saturday nights trying to curb some of the activity.

Fire Chief Klinger – noted his crews are set for the 4<sup>th</sup> and they continue getting things ready.

Engineer Freiberger – reported he had negotiated a change request with Strider Construction regarding the dewatering issue on the project. Freiberger noted the even with the change order the project is still under budget.

Councilmember London moved to authorize the Public Works Director to execute a change order in the amount of \$27,251.00 Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (4-0).

Freiberger also reported on the bid process for the SR20 sewer project. The pre-construction conference was held with a good turn out. He stated he will be recommending lifting the moratorium in the near future and has also received verbal approval on the Rimmer intersection which needs to be bid and awarded in 2008. He noted design approval has also been received for the F&S Grade Road project. .

The City is receiving the benefit of some pro bono work by Reichhardt & Ebe as a training effort for their younger staff. A request for statement of qualifications have been

published for Road Designers for a road design on Jameson from Batey to Highway 9. Consideration is being given for a chip and slurry seal project on Jameson from Third St. to the East. A request for Statement of qualifications for an update to the Stormwater management Plan will be going out next week.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted the bids for the SR9/Township Trenchless Sewer project will be opened a week from today. Berg noted information items placed at Councilmember stations to include a memo from Will Honea which details the County’s proposed settlement with Deluxe. Discussion ensued regarding the Solid Waste Governance Board.

Berg also reported he has signed contracts utilizing the new contract authorization policy. The contracts that have been signed include contracts with Ogden/Murphy Attorney Law Firm for legal advice on public works issues, Guardian Security for installation at the new Police Evidence facility, Economy Fencing for fencing at the new Parks building and a task order was signed to expand a slurry coat project while the contractor was in town. Berg noted the latter was a perfect example of the benefits of the policy.

Finance Director Nelson – welcomed Cheryl Brue as recorder for the meeting. She noted a new process is being tried with transcription of the minutes during the meeting to try to see if the process is more effective and efficient. Nelson also noted a copy of the Seattle NW Securities newsletters which lists some of their star clients which includes Sedro-Woolley.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of litigation at 8:10 P.M. for approximately 10 minutes with no action anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:29 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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