
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 9, 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: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiberger, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including July 1, 2008 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #63820 to #63954 for \$572,837.86
 - Payroll Warrants #42887 to #42992 for \$238,602.24
- Professional Services Agreement for Right-of-Way Support Services – Universal Field Services
- Professional Services Agreement for SR-9/Township Sewer Project – Reichhardt & Ebe

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

Public Comment

David Santana – 710 Ball Street, expressed concern regarding fireworks and the need to guard his home from the potential fire hazard they present. He questioned if anything could be done to curb the use within the residential areas.

Dennis O’Neil – 109 Talcott St., also concurred with previous comments. He also addressed the litter that the fireworks leave behind and believed that because of the more formal fireworks shows in the area there is no need to allow personal use of fireworks.

Councilmember Requa commented on a conversation with a fireworks wholesaler who suggested requesting the fireworks stands to not sell certain products. It was his opinion that this might help curb any problems.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sedro-Woolley Bark Park

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg passed out some maps showing a couple of locations that have been looked at for potential sites for the Bark Park. One at Riverfront Park and a site at the Cemetery property. Berg reviewed the benefits of both sites and requested Council give direction as to the preferred location.

Councilmember Meamber spoke in favor of Riverfront Park.

Councilmember Meamber moved to move the Bark Park to Riverfront Park (FEMA property). Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Discussion was held to include a request for more consideration of the Cemetery property; benefits listed for the each property, cost of site preparation for both sites, Little League use of the Cemetery location, consideration of Little League's future expansion plans at Riverfront Park and shared access at Riverfront.

Mayor Anderson provided his list of pros and con's on both properties.

Councilmember Requa – discussed having a master plan for the 12 acres at Riverfront Park with consideration for any future expansion of Little League fields.

Councilmember Splane stated he believes the City is wasting their funding on this project and there are better uses for the funds.

Berg stated that Rotary has committed \$5,000 for the fencing and labor for installation of the fence and the City funding is \$5,000 which is very minimal.

Dennis O'Neil – again to the podium spoke of complimenting functions at the park which makes for a stronger park system. He expressed concern on the role of the current caretaker and additional duties which might be too much for them to handle.

Kathy O'Hanlan – 710 Ball St., objected to discussions of possibly having to move the park in the future.

Councilmember Requa clarified his statement and noted his comment was to do some planning for the future with having a master plan and build in Little League fields within the plan.

Beth Rathvon – Clear Lake, addressed Council regarding the planning of the Bark Park to be sure to include areas for both large and small dogs and double gating for safety. She spoke of a volunteer organization on Whidbey Island who helps maintain their park and suggested that perhaps something could be done similar.

Councilmember Meamber called for the question. Mayor Anderson restated the motion. Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Splane opposed).

Councilmember Meamber read into the record an e-mail received from Mary Bingham Robinson regarding the use of Bingham Park for a Bark Park. The e-mail indicated that she did not believe the Bark Park fit the intention of the Bingham family's donation of the land. She also expressed her opinion in favor of the Riverfront Park location.

Recap – Council & Staff Retreat on June 12, 2008

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed three objectives in recapping the outcome of the Council and Staff retreat which was held on June 12, 2008. He noted the three objectives are; 1) Reviewing the results and possible adopting the Council vision and City mission statement; 2) Identify a process of developing a business plan; and 3) gain Council direction for the Mayor to develop a Mayor's committee which would be made up of community members and businessmen and women that would work on developing a draft business plan to submit to Council for formal approval.

Berg read the **vision** statement which was developed at the retreat and states "Sedro-Woolley is a friendly City that is characterized by City government and citizens working together to achieve a prosperous, vibrant and safe community". The **mission** of the city to help achieve the vision is to "Provide services and opportunities which create a community in which people choose to live, work and play". He also identified six areas which will help to achieve the vision and mission of the City. Those areas include:

- Developing a community and business partnership
- Addressing image and public relations
- Infrastructure investments
- Productivity and innovation in the services the City delivers
- Promoting Economic Development
- Innovative recreational development

Berg noted the above points would be the tasks that would be budgeted to and managed to as we run the City.

Councilmember Requa addressed past practices of having sessions such as was held with no implementation and results. Requa noted he is all for approving the plan but is more in favor of implementing and proceeding.

Discussion was held on the critical element of tying the actions to the budget, whether the vision and mission statements are a basic outline or considered complete, being subject to change as vision progresses and possibly approving as preliminary until after the Mayor's committee has reviewed.

Councilmember London moved to approve the vision statement and our mission as a City statement and authorize the mayor to put a working committee together. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Utility Relocation Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented information and background regarding the proposed ordinance to address utility relocation. He provided examples of where the ordinance would be beneficial and noted the ordinance would create a clear process in relocation of utilities in the City's rights-of-way.

Discussion ensued to include whether the Ordinance covers utilities already in place and review and regulations on right of way for new developments.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1616-08 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington Adding a New Chapter 7.02 to the Municipal Code Requiring Utilities Occupying the City Rights of Way to Relocate Facilities at Their Expense When Such Relocation is Required by Any Public Works Project or When the Public Health and Safety Require. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

Further discussion questioning the City Supervisor authorization vs. Public Works Director, internal checks and balance to be sure what is being requested is reasonable and fair and right of way dedication with utilities ending up in an additional 10 foot dedication on short plats.

Motion carried (7-0).

Township Sanitary Sewer Project

Engineer Freiburger addressed a memo regarding a proposed resolution regarding award of the contract for the SR-9 Township Trenchless Sanitary Sewer Project. He reviewed the bid tabulations located at each Councilmember seat and a redraft of the resolution to award the bid to Trenchless Construction. Freiburger noted that six bids were received with the low bid being 18% higher than engineer's estimate, however the funds are within the budget. He reviewed the bid process and bid alternates and recommended awarding the base bid plus Bid Alternative 2. Freiburger discussed options for the old sewer line which might be able to be used for storm line in the future.

Councilmember Meamber moved to award the SR-9 Township Trenchless Sanitary Sewer Project to Trenchless Construction Services, LLC of Arlington, WA Alternate 2 in an amount of \$3,388,674.71 including sales tax. Resolution No. 769-08 A Resolution of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Awarding the Bid and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Manage the Township Sewer Improvement Project and Delegating

Authority to Approve Change Orders. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Finance Director Nelson – pointed out a copy of a current voting precinct map at the Councilor’s seats for their files.

Engineer Freiburger – noted he has received a lot of interest on the request for qualification for consultants for the Township/SR-9 road project. He also noted Wilder Construction has mobilized for the Metcalf Street sewer project and anticipates mobilization within the next month for the McGargile CIPP sewer project.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported a very uneventful 4th of July.

Police Chief Wood – also noted the 4th went well. He thanked the Street Department for their work with the barricades as well as other City workers during the many events. Wood stated everything went smoothly. He also noted he appreciated the comments from the citizens regarding their concern on the fireworks but felt overall the general public did very well with containing the fireworks as outlined in the Ordinance.

Councilmember London – complimented the City employees that helped with the 4th of July activities.

Councilmember Lemley – complimented Jeanne McLennan, J.B. Bryson and the Loggerodeo committee for a great celebration.

Councilmember Galbraith – expressed a thank you to Street Department for resurfacing of roads in the area of Alderwood Lane and Marie Place.

Councilmember Colgan – commented that the streets are looking good and reminded everyone of the upcoming Outdoor movies which begin this week.

Councilmember Requa – presented a report on the Public Safety committee meeting and the committee recommendation to authorize the Mayor to request statement of qualifications for architectural services to hire an architect for the design of Fire Station 2 to be located off of Fruitdale Road. Requa noted that the property had been donated by the developer for this purpose.

Councilmember Requa moved to authorize staff to request qualifications and hire an architect to come up with a preliminary design for Station 2, paid for through Fire impact fees, not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Discussion ensued to include the purpose of the concept design for consideration of funding and the three components necessary in consideration; 1) the need for Station 2 especially with the upcoming lifting of the sewer moratorium, 2) the need for a ladder

truck in connection with economic development and 3) the replacement of a pumper truck.

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Requa – complimented the Solid Waste Department along with other departments for their clean up of the streets after the parade and Loggerodeo events.

Berg commented on the authorization of overtime in order to help maintain the City's appearance with the celebration.

Councilmember Meamber – complimented City staff on the flowers and the entry to the City. He also noted a great job was being done by all departments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. for approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of litigation with no decision expected.

Councilmember Requa recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the Council meeting at 8:20 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.