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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
September 10, 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, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley (Late) and Dennis London. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiburger, Police Chief Wood and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #64370 to #64465 in the amount of \$195,162.34 (Voucher #64369 in the amount of \$2,881,227.67 approved as manual warrant at August 27, 2008 Council Meeting).
  - Payroll Warrants #43317 to #43427 in the amount of \$237,532.21 (voided #43368 through #43371).

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

Public Comment

Mayor Anderson made a statement regarding a recent quote published in the Skagit Valley Herald and his disappointment in the paper. He stated the quote was only part of what he said and it gave the wrong indication of his feelings for the City of Sedro-Woolley. He said he had raised his family here and truly cares about the City of Sedro-Woolley and the people who live in the City.

Chris Doorn – 1205 Railroad Ave, read a prepared statement indicating his opposition to the location of the proposed recycling facility in Sedro-Woolley. Doorn polled the Councilmember's on what their current stance on the issue is.

Councilmember's Splane, Lemley, London and Colgan stated their opinions.

Discussion ensued regarding choice of location, outside review and the October 2<sup>nd</sup> decision date.

Doorn spoke of past leaders in the community and believes this to be the time for the Council to step up and become the leaders of tomorrow by representing the citizens who elected them.

Donna Trulio –939 Wicker Road, addressed the Council and encouraged the Council to fight the battle for the people and the future of Sedro-Woolley.

Lynn Torset – 9419 Soren Road, thanked the Council and City departments for their support to the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Loggerodeo and other organizations.

Mayor Anderson thanked the Lions Club for all they do in the community and their recent paint job at the Bingham Park shelter.

Douglas Wilson – 802A Rita, thanked the Mayor for clarifying his statement in the Skagit Valley Herald. Wilson noted the absence of the Skagit Valley Herald at the meeting.

Kevin Osborne – 1509 11<sup>th</sup> St., addressed the Council regarding his site visits to the Ferndale facility on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Osborne spoke of the odor and traffic flow and expressed concern that the road, even if improved would not be able to handle the traffic.

Paul Chaplin – 315 Warner Street, stated the issue of a recycle facility location is of vital importance and requested decisions be in the open. He also questioned the ownership of the property and wondered who to sue for the loss of property values.

Al Doorn – 1215 Railroad Ave., reported on conversations with most of the Councilmember's regarding the recycle facility. He questioned their feelings now that the Judge has made a ruling.

Discussion ensued regarding the ruling of the Judge and Councilmember's knowledge of the ruling.

Mary McGoffin – 268 Burrows Ln. – explained the decision as it was handed down from Judge Castleberry. She stated the Judge decided to send the SEPA back to City for environmental review. At that time he could have decided where the review should start but had not thought it through to that detail. He requested all the Attorney's involved to set a time line. The Attorney's were unable to agree so the Judge will make the determination on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and decide at what point environmental review will begin. McGoffin stated that it is premature to press everybody.

Al Doorn again requested the Councilmember's state their feeling with discussion from Councilmember's Lemley, Colgan, London and Meamber.

Dennis O'Neil – 109 Talcott St., questioned if the proposal was submitted as a recycle facility and now the materials are changing how would the initial decision be relevant.

He also stated if the opportunity becomes available it is imperative to have a change in zoning.

Discussion ensued of the High School issue, zoning and Councilmember's responsibility to represent voters to identify properties that may need to be rezoned.

Steve O'Neil – 408 Metcalf, owner of The Roost, questioned the ability to rezone property if the owner doesn't want it.

Discussion took place of the rezone process, the passing of an ordinance that redefined how any sort of facility like Deluxe would be permitted in the future and the timeline of rezoning.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Police Evidence/Parks Department Buildings

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the completion of the Police Evidence Building and the Parks Building. Berg noted there will be no open house scheduled for the Police Evidence building but one will be scheduled for the Parks Building, to be announced at a later date. He requested Council action for Change Order 1 for each building (Parks Building in the amount of \$17,172.71 and Police Evidence Building \$2,622.70).

Discussion ensued regarding the door hardware.

Councilmember London moved to approve both Change Orders #1 for the Police Evidence Building and the Parks Building. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Councilmember Galbraith noted his frustration with change orders and a discussion on change orders followed.

Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Meamber – requested connection fees be placed on the next worksession agenda.

The request was remanded to the Utility Committee for discussion and further review.

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

Mayor Anderson – requested appeal fees for the Hearing Examiner be reviewed. He also discussed a request from a local business owner to close Metcalf Street from Woodworth to Ferry during the Oyster Run on September 28, 2008.

Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns, local officer's participation in State traffic enforcement for the run and Sunday opening for other local businesses.

Police Chief Wood – noted it had been a tough week for law enforcement with the recent tragedy and loss of Deputy Anne Jackson. He noted she was at the station a lot and the Officers are suffering her loss.

Engineer Freiberger – reported he has been requested by the City of Burlington’s Public Works Department to participate in consultant selection interviews for their levy inspection program on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. They also asked if one of our Councilmember’s might be willing to participate in the process. Freiberger also reported on the Metcalf St. Sewer project and announced the date for a public open house for the proposed roundabout project to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> which is the date of the next Council worksession. He then announced the upcoming quarterly safety meeting will be held at the new Parks Department building on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A presentation on electrical safety will be the focus.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted in the packet the response regarding the Council’s inquiry of paying businesses for lost revenue as a result of Public Works projects within a public right-of-way. Berg noted the opinion was an outside legal opinion.

Finance Director Nelson – reviewed the audit report and noted in the area of the financial statement there will be no findings, and no findings in the Federal single audit. She noted they did have a few recommendations and their focus was on the billing process. Nelson reported that the Auditors have determined that hotel/motel tax cannot be used for the flower baskets as it is considered beautification and not allowable.

Mayor Anderson – passed on a comment from Shane Walley, Parks Department foreman noting that the flower baskets are still going great and noting that the City of Burlington have already removed their flower baskets.

Councilmember Colgan – noted the need for paving in front of the High School Gym. Engineer Freiberger said the repaving is on the list for next year but they are keeping a watch on the road.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming Founders Day events planned for this coming weekend with the bank robbery reenactment on Saturday and a Car Show on Sunday at Riverfront Park, complete with a Wolfman Jack impersonator.

Councilmember London – announced the upcoming Wildcat Steelhead Club’s BBQ on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. for the topic of Personnel for approximately 30 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

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