
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 14, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiburger, Planner Moore, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including January 6, 2009 Work Session)
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #65235 to #65455 in the amount of \$945,058.48
 - Payroll Warrants #44062 to #44167 in the amount of \$175,104.34
 - Payroll Warrants #44168 to #44274 in the amount of \$260,930.32
- Declaration of Civil Emergency – January 7, 2009
- Appointment of Mick Boroughs to Library Board
- Appointment of Tom Gardner to Planning Commission
- Approval of Contract with PSE – INTOLIGHT for lights on SR20
- Ordinance #1631-09 – Repealing SWMC 3.18 (Small Works Roster)
- Supplemental Agreement #8 David Evans & Assoc., Inc. – Skagit Project

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the consent calendar, as is. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

Paul Chaplin – 315 Warner St., addressed Council regarding the recent resignation of Councilmember Louis Requa of Ward 3.

Steve O’Neil – owner of The Roost, 408-B Metcalf Street, extended a thank you to the Public Works Department with the recent snow storm and their efforts for snow removal.

Mayor Anderson thanked O’Neil for his efforts at his business to keep the walkways clear.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 788-09 – Preliminary Long Plat Approval for Eden’s Acres (LP-6-08)

Planner Moore reviewed background information regarding the preliminary plat for Eden’s Acres. The project is located on Debbie Lane in the vicinity of Garden of Eden Road. The request is to divide 4 parcels into 7 single family lots. Moore noted an administrative waiver was granted for an existing home located in the plat and discussed plans and mitigation for an offsite wetland. The Hearing Examiner recommendation was to approve the plat with conditions as outlined in the staff report.

Councilmember Meamber disclosed that he was in attendance at some of the Planning Commission meetings where this topic was discussed and with no objections he will vote on the issue.

Councilmember London questioned the access to Lot 4 and parking with discussion following regarding the status of the road and emergency and utility access.

Dave McLaughlin – applicant, addressed the Council regarding the access for Lot 4 with parking as required by the code of 2 parking spaces per residence. He also discussed the width of Debbie Lane and noted that the development has provided an additional 11 parking spaces that is not required by code. Discussion was held on the size of the hammer head for emergency access, drainage of property with underground detention and various flood scenarios with water runoff.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the preliminary plat of Eden’s Acres subject to the conditions contained in the Hearing Examiner’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions and recommendation. (Resolution No. 788-09). Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (6-0).

Vacancy on City Council – Ward 3

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the resignation of Councilmember Louis Requa leaving a vacancy of Ward 3. He noted the position is scheduled for reelection at the end of 2009. The appointee would serve until the November 2009 general election is certified. Berg reviewed a proposal to fill the vacancy by accepting applications from interested parties with interviews to be conducted at the next Council meeting, and the meeting time modified to begin at 6:00 P.M.

The consensus of the Councilmembers was to proceed as proposed.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem – 2009

Mayor Anderson opened the discussion for nominations of Mayor Pro-Tem. He noted the current Mayor Pro-Tem is Ted Meamber.

Councilmember Meamber moved to appoint Councilmember Colgan for Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Councilmember London.

Councilmember Splane moved to appoint Councilmember London.

Discussion ensued questioning Councilmember Meamber's interest in continuing as Mayor Pro-Tem, process and other interested Councilmembers.

Councilmember London declined the nomination noting that he appreciated the nomination from his fellow Councilmembers.

Councilmember Meamber noted he also appreciated the nomination from his fellow Councilmembers but chooses not to be considered.

Motion carried (6-0).

Supervisor Berg thanked Councilmember Meamber for his term as Mayor Pro-Tem and the ease of working with him during times of the Mayor's absence.

Bingham Park

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a recent Council committee meeting regarding the future of the building located on the property recently acquired by the City on Washington Street. He noted the committee looked at the possibility of relocating the building into Bingham Park for use as a possible youth center with the capability of rental of the building for events such as reunions, receptions and meetings.. Also considered by the committee was a complete demolition of the building. The committee recommendation is to proceed with relocating the building within Bingham Park.

Nathan Salseina – Parks/Facilities Lead reviewed rough cost estimates for the relocation of the building.

Discussion ensued regarding placement of the building within Bingham Park and funding which would come from REET funds which have specific requirements for use. Discussion was held regarding proper uses and future plans for REET funds.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to select and set up design for the building at Bingham Park. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – noted the department has been very busy with major crimes but they have survived the snow and flood events with minor problems. He announced the upcoming graduation of Recruit Matt Vollans to be held within the next month. Wood also noted that Officer Musgrove has left for his military duty and Paul Budrow of the Upper Skagit Police Department is helping out on Thursday and Friday nights.

Fire Chief Klinger – reviewed the 2008 year end report and the 2009 training calendar. He noted that there were no emergency calls for assistance during the recent flood event but if anyone knows of someone who needs help have them contact the Fire Department and they will get them in contact with the Red Cross. Chief Klinger discussed some recent difficulties with the 911 call center during the month of December.

Planner Moore – pointed out an informational hand out on an upcoming short course in Planning to be held in Stanwood. Moore noted the course is open to the public.

Engineer Freiburger – reviewed his written report to include the Metcalf project, and Township Sewer project which is scheduled to be completed in mid-February. Freiburger requested a short executive session for discussion of a potential claim. He also discussed the 3rd Street CIPP project and the upcoming bid opening for F & S Grade Road which will take place next Thursday with significant interest. Also moving ahead is the design for the Fruitdale/McGargile project. He announced the City was unsuccessful with obtaining grant funding for schools and addressed the possibility of Federal economic stimulus projects. Freiburger then discussed the recent urban flooding noting staff has been mapping locations for future updating of the stormwater management plan in order to look at capacity issues. He noted there was a staff recap meeting of snow removal to discuss how things went and what could have been done better. He also reported on a recent spill at the Wastewater Treatment Plant which has been reported to the Department of Ecology and noted that a recommendation for a vacuor unit purchase will be brought to the next meeting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted he and the Mayor are scheduled to go to Olympia on February 17th for a meeting regarding the BNSF Bridge. He noted immediately following on February 18 and 19th AWC will be having their Legislative action conference. If any Councilmembers are interested in attending the conference please let him know by tomorrow as accommodations are getting tight. He also noted the upcoming Police Academy graduation if any Councilmembers would be interested in attending contact Police Chief Wood.

Finance Director Nelson – stated she is busy closing out the books for 2008. The final 2008 payables will be approved at the next meeting. She noted the State Audit team is expected to arrive in August. W-2's are completed and will be forthcoming with the next paychecks. Nelson proudly announced that staff member Christine Salseina has been promoted to the position of Deputy Clerk. She also thanked the Council for the opportunity for her upcoming sabbatical and stated she is looking forward to her upcoming travels.

Councilmember Splane – addressed the recent flooding of Independence Blvd. and Brickyard Creek.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted an upcoming meeting for debriefing on Urban Flooding and to identify areas of responsibilities. The meeting will include the Sub-Flood Control Zone members.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned the status of the Highway 9 Sidewalk project.

Engineer Freiburger noted the project has been included in Fruitdale/McGargile project which is scheduled to bid in late February 2009 with completion in the summer of 2009.

Councilmember London – questioned the 2009 Garbage Schedule as he had not received one via mail.

Finance Director Nelson noted they have not been mailed out due to the expense but are available at City Hall.

London also questioned the City's contribution for a portion of maintenance of a river gauge. London felt there should be acknowledgement on the Web-site of our contribution.

The meeting adjourned to Executive session at 8:18 for discussion of potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes with no decision expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:42 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
