
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 25, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Thomas Storrs, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Recorder Brue, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiburger, Planner Moore, Fire Chief Klingner and Police Chief Wood (Late).

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #65745 to #65859 in the amount of \$215,116.50
 - Payroll Warrants #44488 to #44594 in the amount of \$181,275.25
- Resolution #792-09 Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition
- Award of Bid – Fork Lift Truck
- Agreement – Code Publishing
- Street Light Authorization Letter – PSE Intolight

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

Oath of Office – Thomas Storrs, Ward 3

Mayor Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Storrs, Ward 3 and welcomed him back to the Council. After a round of applause Councilmember Storrs then took his seat at the Council bench.

Public Comment

Virginia Schmidt – 24226A Richards Rd, requested permission from the Council to hold a bike (motorcycle) show and canned food drive to benefit Helping Hands Food Bank on May 24th. She also requested permission to close Metcalf Street from Ferry to Woodworth from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Gary Breitenbucher – explained the plans for the Bike Show.

Councilmember Lemley moved to close Metcalf St from Ferry to Woodworth on Sunday May 24th from 10am to 8pm on May 24th. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (7-0).

Frank Martin – 929 Summer Meadows Ct., addressed the Council on behalf of the Summer Meadows Homeowners Association regarding the recent flooding of a neighboring property owner and comments made by City Staff.

Engineer Freiburger noted the problem was due to the ditches being at capacity and were overwhelmed. He was unaware of any comments being made and will look into the conversation and will get back to Martin.

Anita Mitchell – 1512 Vecchio Ct., President of the Sauk Mountain View Estates Homeowners Association, addressed the Council requesting lower speed limit signs be placed along Vecchio and Arrezo. She also addressed parking issues in the development.

Engineer Freiburger noted he had received her message but had not had a chance to research her request.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Delegating Change Order Authority on Small Works Project to the Public Works Director

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed resolution to delegating change order authority for small works projects to the Public Works Director. The resolution would allow a standing order to delegate for the smaller projects up to the amount of the individual projects contingency budget. Any change orders exceeding the amount of contingency would need Council approval.

Councilmember Meamber expressed concern of the dollar amount to be in excess.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference of the project budget and the contingency amount, definition of a small works project (amount) and bidding or procurement policy.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Resolution #793-09 delegating change order authority on small public works projects to the Public Works Director. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Interlocal Agreement – Flood Storage in the Skagit River Basin

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a proposal from the City of Burlington to work together toward the objective of increasing flood storage capacity in the Skagit River Basin. Berg reviewed the elements of the agreement.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached interlocal agreement to increase flood storage in the Skagit River Basin. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Councilmember London questioned whether the elements of the agreement were the elements PSE was fighting against during their re-licensing process. Discussion followed.

Motion carried (7-0).

Interlocal Agreement – Skagit PUD for the SR20/F&S Grade Road & Skagit Industrial Park Roadway Improvement Project

Engineer Freiburger reviewed the request for an interlocal agreement with Skagit PUD for the upgrade of the water line in conjunction with the SR20/F&S Grade Road & Skagit Industrial Park Roadway Improvement Project. He noted the cost would be completely paid by PUD, but done by the contractor for the project. Freiburger noted that Staff recommendation is to approve the request.

Councilmember London moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached interlocal agreement with Skagit PUD 1 for construction work on the SR20/F&S Grade Road and Skagit Industrial Park Roadway Improvement Project in a final form as approved by the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilmember Lemely. Motion carried (7-0).

Sewer Extension Agreements – Fruitdale/McGarigle Road Improvement Project

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed sewer extension agreements in conjunction with the Fruitdale/McGargile Road Improvement Project. The agreement would allow the property owners of larger parcels who may wish to subdivide in the future and will need additional capacity to pay for those additions as part of the City's project. Berg reviewed the process that would be followed.

Council discussion ensued to include method of contacting property owners of larger parcels, future development, stubs for individual parcels and 90 day window for sewer connection upon completion of project or variance request.

Councilmember Lemley moved to authorize the City Supervisor to execute sewer extension agreements with property owners impacted by the Fruitdale/McGarigle road Improvement Project in a form substantially similar to the one attached. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

2009 Budget Amendment #1

a. Proposed Closure of Golf Course

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed budget amendment #1. He noted the proposed changes to the 2009 budget are to adjust beginning cash balances to actual

figures. Also included in the budget amendment are amendments to various departments that Berg identified in detail along with the recommendation on the closure of the golf course operation. Berg also spoke of the recently enacted City wide spending freeze.

Councilmember Galbraith expressed his strong opinion regarding the need to maintain the operation of the golf course which is one of the few, if perhaps the only, activity available in the City.

Discussion ensued regarding the future potential development of the golf course property.

Nathan Salseina – Parks Department Lead, addressed the Council regarding the current system which is fees being paid by an honor system and noted the honor system is not effective. Salseina also addressed the status of the driving range, necessary repairs to the driving range and golf course income.

Discussion continued regarding the golf course and other possible options within a no fluff budget.

Bob Ruby – 133 State St. #34, course property owner, addressed the Council. He reviewed the history of the City lease for the golf course and his future development plans which are currently on hold due to the current status of the economy. He stated he has no plans to personally run the property as a golf course but will maintain the land by doing maintenance mowing. Ruby also spoke on the inefficiency of the “honor system”.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessary timing for the budget amendment, direction to do minimal maintenance until another look could be made on the budget in order to save the golf course, Parks committee recommendation to close the golf course, cost for rebuilding the driving range and concentration on maintenance of existing City owned parks.

Councilmember Splane moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1635-09, An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1624-08 entitled, “An Ordinance Adopting the Annual budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009.” Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Galbraith opposed).

Councilmember London expressed his hope to relook to see if the course can be maintained opened.

Consultant Agreement for SEPA Review

Planner Moore reviewed the request for authorization for the Mayor to enter into contract with AHBL. Moore presented background information on the advertisement and selection committee’s choice for completing the SEPA review in connection with the Deluxe project. He cautioned the Council that the cost for the review is estimated between \$10,000 to \$20,000 however, the total 2009 professional services budget for the Planning Department is only \$10,000.

Moore noted that the committee consisted of representatives nominated by the three main interested parties. Representing Annie Janicki was Mary McGoffin, Skagit County was represented by Shelley Carroll-Burgett, Deluxe was represented by Louie Requa and the committee was unanimous in their decision.

Discussion on the impact of the budget and possible future budget amendments should the cost come in over \$10,000 was held.

Councilmember London moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with AHB with an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – announced that Code Enforcement Officer Miner is currently on medical leave for approximately 4-6 weeks and Bob Park is back filling in during her absence.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the AWC Legislative conference noting that some of their requests to the legislature included funding for the Bingham Lodge project. Discussions were also held regarding the snow removal issues encountered with WSDOT during the recent snow storm and discussions on the stimulus package for fire stations. Berg also stated that Meredith Riley is on board filling in while Patsy is on her sabattical and invited Councilmembers to drop by and meet her. He also noted that Patsy is available via e-mail.

Mayor Anderson – reported on their tour of Governor’s Office and contacts made while in Olympia. He also noted that the City was successful in obtaining 1.4 million in President Obama’s stimulus money.

Councilmember London – reviewed a recent conversation with a PUD representative regarding a pump station on the Skagit River. He explained his understanding of the process and discussed the need for signage.

Councilmember Lemley – welcomed Councilmember Storrs back to the Council.

Councilmember Galbraith – thanked the Engineer Freiburger, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Mayor Anderson for their additional work on obtaining the simulus funding. Galbraith also addressed the breakdown of the final vote on the funding.

Fire Chief Klinger – announced the FEMA trailer is currently parked at the City with their disaster relief center for the public to apply for assistance due to damage from the recent flooding. He stated they will be here through Thursday. There will also be representatives from the SBA remaining at City Hall through next Thursday and will be housed in the Planning Department.

Councilmember Storrs – addressed a letter received from Dr. Fluery regarding the downtown signage as well as a concern of parking problems on Township Street in the vicinity of the two apartment buildings due to permanent parking along the street by another citizen.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the Coconut Kenney’s sign request.

Planner Moore noted the Planning Commission is currently working on design review questionnaire to be distributed in the downtown area for possible changes in rules per Council direction. He noted the status of Coconut Kenney’s is currently inactive pending the changes.

Councilmember Meamber directed Moore to move sooner than later on implementing changes.

Councilmember Splane – questioned any ordinance’s regarding obsolete signs.

Planner Moore stated there is currently an ordinance on record but enforcement is difficult.

Engineer Freiburger – presented an update on current projects and the award of the stimulus funding as well as addressing some upcoming stormwater permit deadlines.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of real estate at 8:52 P.M. for approximately 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 9:25 P.M.

Councilmember Splane moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember London. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.