
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 11, 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, Thomas Storrs, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: Recorder Brue, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planner Moore, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was requested by Councilmember Lemley in memory of former Mayor, Donald “Spud” Walley.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including March 3, 2009 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #65860 to #65979 in the amount of \$557,144.18 (Voided Warrants #65863)
 - Payroll Warrants #44595 to #44707 in the amount of \$245,025.02
- Street Light Authorization Letter – PSE Intolight for SR9/Township
- Proposed Change Orders \$ & 7 for SR9/Township Trenchless Sanitary Sewer Project

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

Public Comment

Steve O’Neil – 408B Metcalf Street, thanked the Council and City staff for their efforts of placing the agendas on the website in a timely manner. He discussed ways to post for public notification. O’Neil also thanked the City staff for their efforts with the Deluxe project.

John Hayes – 601 N. Township, read a letter regarding the recent storm and flooding in January. He reviewed damages his property received and actions taken to recover their costs. He noted issues over the years he has had with the retention pond at the Summer Meadows housing development. Hayes presented pictures and stated he believes the City is responsible for the water issues.

Councilmember London discussed the urban flooding and noted that several Councilmembers had driven around town during the flood event to view the situation.

Glyn Fluery – 830 Metcalf St, Sedro-Woolley Dental, addressed the Council regarding a sign that he is requesting to put up. He encouraged Council to consider changes in the sign ordinance and reviewed an article in the Everett Herald regarding similar sign issues within the Stanwood area. He noted his request is that he wants to put up an electronic billboard and requested Council keep in mind that he is trying to generate more traffic within the downtown business area.

Councilmember Meamber addressed his stand on the sign ordinance and his belief that the ordinance needs to have more flexibility. Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming questionnaire to downtown businesses regarding the signage and downtown theme. Mayor Anderson noted this is a step to get the businesses is more involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Planner Moore – reported on the recent withdrawal of the application from Deluxe Recycling.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – addressed the authorization for the street closure granted at the last meeting and another request in conjunction with the bike show for a vendor booth. Berg requested clarification of the Council's intent and some basic ideas for future requests for such events perhaps to include a festival or event permit.

The Council discussed their approval and the consensus was their approval was authorization for street closure for bike parking only. Further discussion was held regarding implementation of a special event permit for such events which could be reviewed by a selected committee to include representatives from police and fire to review applications for safety plans.

Berg also addressed the Fruitdale/McGargile project and interlocal agreements with Skagit County for the Highway 9 sidewalks and the Fruitdale project management. He noted that City staff believes that the City is the best source for project management. Council direction was requested regarding the modification of the Interlocal agreement. Discussion was held regarding recent staffing changes at the County, WSDOT and certification authority.

Councilmember Meamber moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a revised interlocal with Skagit County regarding Fruitdale/McGarigle and Hwy 9 Sidewalks with the approval of the City Attorney and City Engineer. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

Steve O'Neil – discussed the use of special event permits and stressed to keep the process simple.

Councilmember Meamber – brought up the implementation of making a trail between Metcalf Street and Township Street. Meamber stressed action be taken immediately on this project.

Mayor Anderson – announced the upcoming services for former Mayor Spud Walley, to be held on Saturday at Noon at the Sedro-Woolley High School gym.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to ratify the separation agreement with Officer Everson. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.