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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
April 8, 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, Engineer Freiburger, Planner Moore, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #66084 to #66177 in the amount of \$274,847.96
  - Payroll Warrants #44822 to #44936 in the amount of \$257,853.31
- Public Purchase Agency User Agreement
- Edward Brye Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- Resolution #798-09 Declaring Certain Items as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition

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

Special Presentation – Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Nancy Jankelson, Asst. Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, presented the Council with the 2009 Tulip Poster and thanked them for their continued support.

Public Comment

Julian Pavasi – 519 Sapp Road, addressed the Council regarding the yard waste disposal site's change of hours and the impact to the community with the reduction in days. He also addressed trees that are located due North of his property within the City right of way and the root structure is impeding the pavement. He requested someone look into removal of the trees.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Franchise Ordinance with Cascade Natural Gas

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance which is a second reading on the renewal of the franchise ordinance with Cascade Natural Gas. Berg noted representatives from Cascade Natural Gas were in the audience to address any questions the Council might have.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1638-09 An Ordinance Granting a Franchise Agreement to Cascade Natural Gas. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

### Special Events/Parades Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the second reading of the proposed Special Events/Parades Ordinance noting that there were minor changes made from the first draft based on suggestions from the Finance Director and Solid Waste Forman. Berg noted that he has already had an inquiry for a new event and believes the application will be very helpful.

Discussion was held to include community sanctioned events as outlined in SWMC 12.36.025. It was also noted the ordinance will not take effect until August 1, 2009.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1639-09 An Ordinance Adding a New Chapter to Title 12 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code, Creating a Process for Permitting Special Events and Parades on City Land and Rights of Way. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber.

Councilmember Splane questioned the status of liability insurance for Blast from the Past with discussion of special insurance riders for Chamber events.

Motion carried (7-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2009 Budget Amendment #2

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the budget cut memo to include changes as a result of the worksession of April 7 and stated some of the cuts could impact the Sedro-Woolley Hanging Flower Basket Program. He noted the concern has been expressed by the Parks Department that they might not have the time for watering of the baskets. He noted there have been discussions with the Chamber of Commerce on a volunteer program for watering and noted it might be possible to do some flower baskets but not on as grand of scale as in the past. Berg reminded Council that bargaining with the

AFSCME union will begin on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Public Safety Guild is scheduled to meet on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the cuts identified above subject to collective bargaining as indicated. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

Councilmember Lemley addressed the importance of having seasonal employees for the Parks Department in order to keep the appearance of the parks and downtown up to public expectations. Berg noted that would be an issue to be addressed under collective bargaining with the AFSCME union.

Councilmember Meamber noted a special thank you to JoAnn Lazon for her sacrifice on the reduction of her medical benefits.

Motion carried. (7-0).

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1640-09 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1624-08 Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

#### COPS CHRP Grant

Police Chief Wood reviewed a proposed resolution to apply for a COPS grant to hire up to two full-time police officers under the ARRA signed into law by President Obama. Wood reviewed the obligations of the City should the grant be obtained.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize the Mayor and staff to apply for a COPS CHRP grant to hire up to two new full-time police officers. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

Councilmember Galbraith questioned the status and responsibility of patrol cars under the grant.

Wood indication that the responsibility of the cars would be the City's but we have one car from the recently vacated officer position as well as a spare vehicle that could be put into use.

Motion carried (7-0).

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

Fire Chief Klinger reported on the completion of the feasibility study on Fire Station #2 noting that the Department has met with Puget Power and a wetlands biologist and neither party see no great issues with the site and staff recommends moving forward with the purchase.

Councilmember Meamber noted the Police and Fire Committee had met last night and is in agreement with moving forward.

Councilmember Meamber moved to waive the feasibility contingency and authorize the Mayor to sign closing documents. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Discussion ensued regarding the zoning of the property and steps necessary to be taken to ready the Portabello property for sale.

Motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief Wood – reported that Officer Miner, Code Enforcement Officer had returned to work from her medical leave but will be out again due to unforeseen family responsibilities with her grandfather.

Engineer Freiburger – reviewed his Council memo highlighting the publication for bids on the Fruitdale/McGargile project. He noted an open house will be held once the bid has been awarded and the road is expected to be closed to through traffic throughout phases of the project, however, essential services will still continue to be available to the residents. He also reported the roundabout contract mobilization will take place May 26th. Freiburger discussed funding opportunities which include receipt of AARA funds for the Fruitdale/McGargile project and the SR9 Sidewalk project. He noted he continues to keep his eye out for other funding opportunities to be pursued for high priority projects. Freiburger stated the SR9/Jameson project has received concept approval from DOT and he will be exploring a FEMA Hazard mitigation grant. He reviewed a recent meeting with the Summer Meadows Homeowners Association regarding the urban flooding noting that residents would like to see problem solved. He stated the issue was a capacity issue and will be looking at ideas to increase capacity to Brickyard Creek.

Council discussion ensued on the County's Sub-Flood District financial responsibility, movement at the County level to dissolve the Sub-Flood Districts and rate structure upon dissolving.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted he will not be in attendance at the next meeting.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned status of Hayes property issue.

Engineer Freiburger reported the Hayes' issues were with the Summer Meadows system which is a private system. The City has agreed to inspect the system but it would be the Association's responsibility for any repairs.

Councilmember London – announced the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Riverfront Park at 1:00 P.M.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel for approximately 30 minutes at 7:44 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 8:23 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.