
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Work Session

May 5, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Worksession was called to order at 7:02 P.M and opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Pat Colgan, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Dennis London. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Fire Chief Klinger.

Fire Station II Update

- Fire Chief Klinger presented an update on the newly acquired property for the future Fire Station II. Klinger reported on the clean up of the property and noted the Volunteers have been utilizing the existing house for practice. Klinger also reported on the possibility of acquiring some grants through USDA for the purchase of a new ladder truck and a replacement engine. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg discussed possible financing scenarios with discussion following to include ISO ratings. Also discussed was the FEMA Fire Station Grant through the ARRA (stimulus) funds. Berg discussed the process and necessary steps to get shovel ready if successfully awarded the grant and use of the Portabello building design for the new site.

Councilmember Meamber moved to authorize the Mayor to apply to the USDA for a grant/loan to purchase a new fire engine and a new aerial device in the estimated amount of \$1.15M. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

Possible Bid Award: Fruitdale Road and McGarigle Road Improvements Project and SR-9 Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements Project

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the bid opening held Friday, May 1st. He noted the project came in at about 3.7 million which is significantly under the Engineers Estimate. He noted the project is on schedule to start on schedule on June 1st. More information will be forthcoming.

Executive Session

The worksession adjourned to Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. for the purpose of potential litigation, personnel and labor negotiation for approximately 1 hour.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

Councilmember Colgan move to ratify the Mayor's signature on the MOU with the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild regarding 2009 budget reductions. Councilmember Galbraith seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Meamber moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed MOU with the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild extending the collective bargaining agreement to December 31, 2010 and eliminating the cost of living increases for 2010. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

Councilmember London questioned whether a separate letter or motion was necessary regarding negotiations of health care benefits.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize the Mayor and city Supervisor to sign the proposed MOU with AFSCME regarding 2009 budget cuts. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

The worksession adjourned at 8:34 P.M.