
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 27, 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 and Fire Chief Klinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (Including May 5, 2009 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #66439 to #66532 in the amount of \$215,268.66
 - Payroll Warrants #45163 to #45273 in the amount of \$177,423.61
- Possible Bid Award – 2009 Commercial Front Load Dumpsters and Roll Off Containers – Western Systems and Fabrications, Inc. of Spokane, WA
- Possible Bid Award – Commercial Mower with 72” Deck – Woods Logging Supply Inc. of Sedro-Woolley, WA

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

Special Presentation – Kenneth “Stu” Earnst Retirement

Mayor Anderson gave a special presentation to Kenneth “Stu” Earnst upon his retirement after 32 years of service to the City. Earnst was presented with a plaque and Mayor Anderson proclaimed May 27, 2009 as Kenneth “Stu” Earnst day in Sedro-Woolley requesting residents to “flush twice in his honor”. Earnst was met with a round of applause.

Kenneth “Stu” Earnst – addressed the Council and stated the City allowed him to work here and he tried to give the best labor that he could and was always honest.

Public Comment

Rob Macready – President of the ASCME Union presented Stu with a gift from the Union as is the tradition. Upon Stu’s request the gifted amount was donated to Habitat for Humanity in his honor. Representatives from Habitat from Humanity were on site to accept the donation and thanked Stu for his generosity.

NEW BUSINESS

Final Plat Approval of Habitat Village

Planner Moore reviewed background information for Habitat Village. He noted the plat is for the four single-family residential lots and one separate lot on which the United Methodist Church is located. He also noted that the Planning and Engineering Departments have reviewed the final plat and are satisfied with the documentation and recommend final approval.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve Resolution No. 803-09 A Resolution Granting Final Approval to the Plat of Habitat Village, Application #LP-8-08. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Park Fee Increases

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance for increases in Park fees for non residents. He noted that City residents pay property taxes to the City and County and some of the departments including the Parks Department are directly supported by the property taxes paid by City residents. He addressed a recent increase of use within the Park facilities by non City residents which increases wear and tear and additional cleaning and maintenance of the facilities. He stated the proposed ordinance establishes resident and non-resident rental rates and is modeled after the current Community Center rental policy.

Councilmember London questioned the reduction in fee for Hammer Heritage Square.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1643-09 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 12.36. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Fire Chief Klinger – pointed out an informational flyer regarding fireworks on legal vs. non legal fireworks. He also noted that Loggerodeo will be sponsoring a fire works show on July 4th. Klinger then reported on a recent donation to the City from Fire Fighter Support Services. He noted they give two sets to each State and Sedro-Woolley was the lucky recipient. The company donated a “fireman down locator device”. Klinger demonstrated how the device works and noted they will be placed into service within the next month. The value of the beacons are \$400 with the main device value being \$1,200.

Engineer Freiburger – reported on the progress of the F& S Grade Road Roundabout project. He noted the contractor will be working at the intersection on the ponds. He also noted a Pre-Construction conference was held on Tuesday on the Fruitdale /McGargile Road Project and the contractor is currently setting construction signs and will be starting on June 1st. The area of McGargile/Fruitdale will be closed after June 4th to thru traffic with local traffic only. The School District has been notified and they plan

to have weekly information flyers to the citizens within the project area. Freiberger noted that projects are coming in considerably under estimate and because of the bids there will be a redistribution of funds not used under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Freiberger also reported they have submitted a high priority funding application for consideration in the next transportation bill through Congressman Larsen's office.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the most recent sales tax figures and the trend is continuing about where expected. He also reported that the property tax collection came in stronger than last year. Berg then discussed the Council worksessions for June and July recommending moving the topics to the regular scheduled meetings and cancelling the June and July worksessions.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the future topics and whether Council should be working on zoning issues.

Planner Moore reported the Planning Commission is currently working on zoning and will be presenting their findings at a future Joint Council/Planning Commission worksession in early fall.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to cancel worksessions in June and July. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on his attendance at the Solid Waste meeting on behalf of the Mayor and discussed him expressing the opinion against rate increases in the Solid Waste tipping rates.

Discussion ensued of the fee increase in order to maintain business as usual and the a revamping of the facility and identification of options.

Phil Fusselman – 712 Sterling St., questioned the quote in paper and what options were in question. He also questioned the rate increase for daily operations.

Discussion ensued regarding co-generation plants and possibility of touring the plant at Brooks, Oregon.

Phil Fusselman – expressed his opposition of privatization of solid waste services.

Councilmember London – stated he appreciates buying locally and is happy to see the purchase of the mower from Woods Logging. He encouraged everyone to buy locally. London also questioned the status of flow based sewer rates.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted it is still being explored. We are having difficulty in getting a software package to work with our system and PUD's. He noted the Burlington model takes significantly more staff time than what we have to spare which makes the software a critical component.

Councilmember Lemley – reminded everyone of the upcoming Blast from the Past activities and car show to be held June 5 – 7, 2009. He also questioned the recent poker run.

It was reported that there were very few motorcycles but the Mobile Incident Command Unit (MIC) was deployed to the field and stood ready for action. It was also noted the Helping Hands Food Bank received approximately 1,200 pounds of donated food items.

Councilmember Galbraith – addressed the utility billing of customers who are frequently out of town. Discussion ensued to include current policy on discontinuing garbage and recycling services and sewer calculations for repayment of debt.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the status of the re-fabrication of the light standard. Discussion was held on past change outs.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.