
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 22, 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, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiburger, Planner Coleman and Police Chief Wood.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #66808 to #66932 in the amount of \$1,290,775.97 (Voided Warrants #66849 – 66853)
 - Payroll Warrants #45612 to #45725 in the amount of \$172,333.28
- Resolution #805-09 – Amending Resolution #760-07 Small Works Roster
- Possible Contract Award – 2009 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Project Construction Management Services – Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering
- Possible Bid Award – 2009 CIPP Sanitary Sewer Project – Instituform Technologies, Inc.

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

Public Comment

Bert Nelson – 130 Garden of Eden, thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of him and his wife Finance Director Patsy Nelson for allowing her the opportunity to take a sabbatical so they could travel the United States. Nelson showed a map of their travels which included 42 States and 4 Maritime provinces in Canada.

PUBLIC HEARING

Possible Adoption by Resolution of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2010 – 2015

Engineer Freiberger reviewed the proposed 6 year TIP. He noted this is done each year to classify arterial projects to be eligible for state and federal funding and is required by the State of Washington. He also noted he reformatted and reduced the number of projects shown. The TIP shows the top 10 projects expected to be completed in the next 4-5 years. Freiberger reviewed the projects and ranking and addressed possible grant funding opportunities and use of GMA Impact fees towards design of the projects.

Freiberger entertained questions from the Council to include necessary Bingham Park land and impact of rail traffic during any trestle upgrades.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Brett Sandstrom – 432 Talcott St., addressed the Jameson Arterial project, noting that the arterial passes through three school zones and questioned what protections are being considered to reduce the impact to the school zones.

Freiberger noted that pedestrian and bicycle pathways are included in the project to allow for the safe movement of students and pedestrians as well as improved intersections.

Sandstrom questioned traffic filtering in from other areas into the school zone. He also addressed design of any trestle improvements.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:19 P.M.

Councilmember London moved to adopt Resolution No. 806-09 A Resolution Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, 2010-2015. Councilmember Splane seconded.

Council discussion was held to include how long the Jameson arterial has been on the Plan and the meaning of the codes listed on the TIP.

Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Transportation Impact Fees in the Unincorporated Sedro-Woolley Urban Growth Area

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the final draft of a letter to Skagit County regarding transportation impact fees.

Councilmember London moved to authorize the Mayor to send the Impact Fees in the Unincorporated Sedro-Woolley Urban Growth Area letter. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Annexation Request – R5 Properties on Fruitdale Road North of SR20

Senior Planner Coleman reviewed a request for a petition for annexation of four R-5 properties North of SR20. Along with the request is an additional request for a zoning change on one parcel to allow duplexes. Coleman reviewed the criteria for Council consideration and stated staff recommendation is to not accept the annexation at this time. He discussed the reasons for their recommendation which included the current City-wide zoning review, current staffing and time necessary to complete the process.

Discussion ensued to include current County zoning, wetland area and sewer expansion.

Maryann Manville-Ailles – Skagit Surveyors and Engineers, 806 Metcalf, representing petitioner, Dean Earles, addressed the Council on the boundaries. She clarified the timing of the proposal noting she believes it to be the perfect time to be addressing annexation. Manville-Ailles discussed the history of the zoning within the area, difficulty of the County process and addressed the concern for duplexes and wetland issues on the Earles property. She noted they are not requesting any additional density but asking to enter into a development agreement to allow the existing density to be clustered to the portion of the property that is developed. She noted it used to be termed a contract rezone. Manville-Ailles stated she believes it will be a nice buffer between residential and potential commercial property and requested Council consideration of the annexation.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg discussed the fundamental concern of the issues of timing but believes there is a process to address the departments concerns and continue moving forward. He recommended to proceed with the process in order to allow discussions.

Senior Planner Coleman stated for the record the Planning Department objects to any consideration of duplexes under a contract rezone or development agreement.

Councilmember Meamber moved to proceed with the process to annex the properties on Fruitdale Road. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Motion carried (7-0).

John Piazza—205 Thompson Pl., Sedro-Woolley, discussed their creation of an investment group who plan to own, build and manage any development and discussed their plans for a green community.

Ed Clark – Right Way Plumbing & Heating, discussed energy grant applications available and the vision of the investment group to build a green community to include solar, wind and geo-thermal energies.

Fireworks – Code Modification

Mayor Anderson reviewed his findings that Sedro-Woolley is the only town in the area that allows fireworks. He discussed numerous members of the community expressing concerns of fireworks and would like to see an Ordinance banning fireworks within the City Limits. Mayor Anderson requested that Councilmember's poll their friends, neighbors and ward. He also noted this was a first read.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement (with Police Chief Wood noting that enforcement would be based on the priorities set by Council), other city's experience, impact of fireworks on animals and past history of fireworks within City Limits.

Brett Sandstrom – 432 Talcott, discussed the success of the Fireworks show during Loggerodeo. He stated that perhaps banning fireworks would increase attendance at the Loggerodeo Fireworks show now that it's located within a closer proximity to town.

Personnel Policies – Accident Prevention

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg stated this is something that Engineer Freiberger has spearheaded as part of the Safety Committee.

Engineer Freiberger spoke of the process through the Safety Committee to become a safe city for the employees. He reviewed the history of the document which has been developed by models from other cities, and customized for Sedro-Woolley. He stated the policy is currently being followed and is recommended by the Safety Committee for Council adoption.

Discussion ensued regarding terminology within the document, make up of the Safety Committee and the First Aid and Blood born pathogens section.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Planner Coleman – reported on the City Wide Rezone discussion at the Planning Commission level. He noted they have received good feedback from the community and they are trying to get the word out of the potential changes.

Engineer Freiberger – presented a project update on the Skagit Roundabout project and the Fruitdale/McGargile project. He noted the Fruitdale/McGargile project has had some groundwater issues that have now been resolved. The SR9/Township curbing will be starting next week. He also announced the award of the 2009 CIPP project and the contractor is interested in starting the project next week.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the receipt of the new vector truck which is parked out front for Council to see. He said the truck is part of the requirements for the stormwater permitting process and reviewed funding for the truck. He also noted that Cliff Hodgins is filling in for Carrie Weyand who is out on maternity leave.

Finance Director Nelson – announced an upcoming Utilities Committee meeting for next week to present an update on the consumption based billing. She also noted the State Auditors are expected to be here August 17 – September 8. Nelson noted that the State Auditors offices are progressing towards a schedule of auditing cities without federal revenue status every two years. She also requested Councilmember’s review the elected official’s information sheet and update any information that is incorrect; the information is required by the State Auditors and is in preparation for their upcoming visit.

Councilmember London – discussed the PUD pumps on the river. He noted the PUD has not taken possession, but a tour will be scheduled once PUD takes ownership.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned the employee furloughs and loss of positions from the closure of the golf course. He also questioned the current status of the golf course. Galbraith discussed an increased use of jake brakes by trucks coming down Hwy 9.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:23 P.M. for approximately 15 minutes for the purpose of personnel with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to allow the Mayor and City Supervisor to enter into a MOU with the [AFSCME] Union regarding an employee [shared sick leave]. Councilmember Colgan seconded. Motion carried (7-0). Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
