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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Council Work Session

September 1, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Worksession was called to order at 7:00 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, Rick Lemley and Dennis London Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Finance Director Nelson, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Freiburger and Wastewater Treatment Plant Forman Allen.

**Sewer Rate Consumption Billing Model Discussion**

- Katy Isaksen of Katy Isaksen Associates lead a discussion that included utility sustainability issues, water usage examples, residential and commercial rate structure alternatives, consumption billing examples and policy questions.

Councilmember Splane moved to leave the billing system the way it is. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (4-2, Councilmember's Meamber and Colgan opposed).

Councilmember Storrs moved to have the utilities committee reconsider tiered rates, especially for minimal usage customers. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried 5-1 (Councilmember Splane opposed).

**McGargile and Fruitdale Speed Limits**

- Discussion of speed limits ensued with the Council consensus to have these streets remain at the City standard of 25 MPH with 20 MPH in the School zone while children are present. Discussion also took place to again request WSDOT to change the speed limits on SR9 and SR20 to 25 MPH within the City limits of Sedro-Woolley.

**Public Works Board Small Communities Urban Grant Application**

- Mayor Anderson opened the floor for public comment on this application-  
~~with none received.~~

Steve O'Neil – 403 B Metcalf St, owner of the Roost, questioned what the match for the City would be. He also addressed left hand turn lanes suggesting they be curbed so that it forces traffic to turn and not cut back into traffic. (correction request from Council motion 9/9/09).

Councilmember London moved to apply for the Public Works Board grant.  
Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Fruitdale/McGargile Change Order #2**

- Engineer Freiberger reviewed the change order request which exceed his authority so it is being brought before Council. The entire change order relates to PUD's request and will be reimbursed completely by PUD.

Councilmember Colgan moved to authorize the Mayor or Public Works Director Freiberger to sign Change Order #2 for the Fruitdale/McGargile Road Project.

Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

### **All Staff Meeting**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on an all staff meeting to be held next Tuesday, September 9, 2009 at noon with the Skagit county Health Department giving a presentation on H1N1. He noted Councilmembers are welcome to attend. Berg handed out a draft polity on how the City plans to deal with H1N1. Council was requested to review and provide comments by the end of the week.

### **Hammer Heritage Square**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that Hammer Heritage Square has been the subject of much vandalism as of late. He requested the Council consider making it a "No Smoking" area. The Parks staff is becoming frustrated with the continued destruction and lack of change in behavior with the patrons. Enforcement choices were discussed.

### **Sedro-Woolley School District Teachers Strike**

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on a meeting between Police Chief Wood, himself and School District Officials and Teachers expressing the City's expectations regarding fair play while exercising their constitutional right. The City will continue regular garbage pickups during possible employees strikes.

### **Wildflower Neighborhood**

- Discussion was held regarding the residents of Wildflower who are complaining regarding the current traffic re-routing and the inability to drive through town without going through several street projects. Engineer Freiberger explained time tables for the various projects and reminded Council of the need to begin the projects before federal funding was lost, the weather changes as well as taking advantage of reduced prices.

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

The worksession adjourned at 9:12 P.M.