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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
November 25, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Vouchers #67647 to #67748 in the amount of \$1,206,344.32
  - Payroll Warrants #46499 to #46606 in the amount of \$161,837.44
- Resolution 819-09 – City of Wapato Jail Contract

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

Award Commendation to Allan Oudman

Police Chief Wood presented a Citizens Certificate of Commendation to Allan Oudman for assisting the Sedro-Woolley Police Department in the apprehension of a suspect of a motor vehicle theft. Oudman received a round of applause.

Officer Storie also thanked Mr. Oudman for his assistance.

Public Comment

Robert Melder – 596 Township St., addressed the Council regarding parking issues on Township Street in the vicinity of his address. He passed out a report which summarized his concerns and suggested solutions to the parking issues. He also noted a recent traffic accident in the area.

Mayor Anderson noted for the record that he has not spoken to anyone from the Casa Del Rosa apartments as indicated in Melder's letter.

Council discussion ensued regarding safety and visibility within the area.

J.B. Bryson – 24663 Minkler Rd., addressed the Council regarding some rezone concerns.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg advised Mr. Bryson that he may be a little premature in his presentation. He noted the Council has not yet received the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding rezone changes. Mayor Anderson noted he will advise Bryson when the meeting will occur which is anticipated sometime in January.

Discussion ensued regarding the rezone process.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### 2010 Budget

Finance Director Nelson highlighted the 2010 budget. She noted the budget does not include any funding for agenda item 9 (Museum Roof).

Some discussion ensued regarding the Museum roof funding.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

No public comment received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1653-09 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2010. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Discussion took place regarding projected revenues. Motion carried (7-0).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Property Tax Levy Ordinances

Finance Director Nelson reviewed two proposed ordinances regarding the establishment of the 2010 property taxes. Nelson noted that since the last meeting we have received the preliminary assessed value from the Assessor's office for 2010 taxes. The 2010 preliminary valuation is 82 million less than 2009 in general taxes and 83 million less than 2009 which is a 9% reduction. She also noted that the City has no control over whether someone's property value would go up or down.

The Mayor noted that bottom line the tax will be the same amount as last year if both ordinances are passed. No new revenue is being generated with the exception of new construction.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance No. 1654-09 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Approving the Property Tax Levy. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance No. 1655-09 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Making a Declaration of Substantial Need for Purposes of Setting the Limit Factor for the Property Tax Levy for 2010. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

#### Establish of Building Maintenance Reserve Fund

Finance Director Nelson presented the second reading for the establishment of a building maintenance reserve fund.

Councilmember London moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1656-09 An Ordinance Establishing the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund and Amending Portions of Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 3.72.010. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

#### Sedro-Woolley Museum Roof

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information regarding the Museum building roof and some issues with a bulging wall which may present difficulties in obtaining bids. Berg requested Council direction.

Discussion was held to include the make up of the wall, opening the wall up for better inspection, condition of remaining walls, potential damage to items stored in building, costs, funding issues, potential use of vacant apartments in upstairs, bidding requirements, trussing the roof and code requirements. Council consensus was to refer the issue to Finance Committee.

#### Sewer Rate Increase

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed preliminary information regarding the sewer rate outlook prepared by Katy Isaksen & Associates. The outlook presented two rate scenarios for discussion. Due to the current economic conditions staff is recommending the Council give consideration to a \$2.00 per month increase (originally scheduled for a \$5.00 per month increase). Berg noted that no action is necessary at this meeting. The topic will be discussed further at the December 9, 2009 meeting.

Reserve funds were discussed.

#### 2009 Comprehensive Plan Docket Update

Planner Moore updated the Council on the progression of the 2009 Comp Plan Docket. He noted the Planning Commission has completed its review and the proposed

amendments have been sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce for their 60-day review. The SEPA is being prepared with Council action to be requested after the first of the year. Moore noted the Planning Commission has had ten meetings regarding the Comp Plan with seven of those being public hearings.

Council requested to see the results sooner than later. The Comp Plan update will be presented to Council at their December 1<sup>st</sup> worksession and the December 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

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

Planner Moore – highlighted a new column on the permit review status report for code enforcement issues.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted the Christmas tree will be going up on Saturday.

Councilmember Meamber – wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the test light standard.

Berg noted that it has not been installed but the new attorney's office next to Skagit State Bank has installed one that is similar.

Councilmember London – questioned a trucking outfit utilizing a vacant lot near E & E Lumber and requested it to be investigated.

Mayor Anderson – presented kudos to Councilmember Tony Splane for information regarding the “Red” clothing donation boxes. He also reviewed the possibility of changing the ordinance for the Council meeting prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mayor Anderson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.