
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession
January 5, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – Fire Training Room

The Worksession was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Anderson with the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Pat Colgan, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Finance Director Nelson Police Chief Wood.

Swearing In Ceremony

- Mayor Anderson presided over the swearing in of Councilmembers Tony Splane (Ward 2), Tom Storrs (Ward 3), Rick Lemley (Ward 6) and Brett Sandström (At-Large).

Puget Sound Energy Cook Road Project Discussion

- Representatives from Puget Sound Energy (PSE) discussed their plans for high-voltage distribution lines from the substation east of town to Marches Point (16 miles) to be relocated to the south side of Cook Road within City right-of-way. Council requested PSE consider underground alternatives or location of poles if above ground lines are installed and the lack of space within the right-of-way. PSE expects preliminary design for the project within the first quarter of 2010 and will communicate with the City and local residents.

2010 Council Committee Assignments

- Mayor Anderson reviewed the 2010 Council Committee assignments.

Councilmember Meamber moved to accept the 2010 Council Committee Assignments. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

2010 Projects

- Council discussion was held on various projects for 2010 as follows:
 - Memorial Park – the Lions Club wants to upgrade the shelter at Memorial Park. They would like to reinstall counters and on demand hot water. The City would need to upgrade the electrical.

Councilmember Meamber moved to upgrade the electrical at Memorial Park with a maximum limit of \$500.00 on the electrical portion.

- Museum Roof – Rick Judd conducted a preliminary investigation of the Museum roof and discovered asbestos. Judd and other volunteers will donate 100% of the labor for repairs and roof replacement with OSO Lumber agreeing to provide materials at cost. The use of a lift truck has been pledged from the Skagit Plant at no cost. Judd estimates the materials for the roof and wall repair to be approximately \$5,000.
- Food Bank – The City has received written complaints from neighbors regarding parking issues at the Food Bank. It was noted the Food Bank has some parking issues and is in need of 70 spaces. The City paid \$68,000 for right-of-way from Rimmer’s property in front of the Food Bank. Councilmember’s Meamber, Splane and Storrs along with City Planner Moore and Food Bank staff will meet with Commissioner Dillon to work out a solution.
- Metcalf Street – Skagit County PUD #1 (PUD) needs to replace the water lines along Metcalf Street in order to improve water flow for fire service. This project would delay paving of Metcalf until after Loggerodeo. The City would upgrade hydrants at the same time. PUD would put in stubs to businesses and businesses could pay for larger sizes for sprinkler systems if they chose. At this time no business in town qualifies as a “night club” under the new State regulations requiring sprinkler systems. The sole business that would have been required has closed, others do not have a large enough dance floor.
- Chamber of Commerce – The Chamber is hosting a forum January 11th entitled “2020 Looking to the Future of Sedro-Woolley”. City leaders and staff were encouraged to attend.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Cenex has plans to build a larger facility approximately four times larger and next door to their current site. Also discussed were the deplorable conditions of the downtown buildings.
- Bob Ruby wished to speak regarding an item on the next regular Council meeting agenda. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the Public Hearing notices have already been published and requested Ruby to speak at that time. Ruby also complimented the work on Brickyard Creek along his property as part of the McGarigle/Fruitdale project. Discussion ensued regarding possible improvements to Brickyard Creek.

- Council was requested to bring the Comp Plan Amendment portion of their December 9, 2009 packet to the next meeting in order save copying costs.
- A citizen requested the Council pass a resolution requesting the Federal Conference Committee on Health Care be on C-Span and not behind closed doors.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.
Motion carried (6-0).

The worksession adjourned at 8:08 P.M.