
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 24, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #68705 to #68804 in the amount of \$255,395.74
 - Payroll Checks #47209 to #47315 in the amount of \$170,184.90
- Professional Services Agreement No. 2010-PS-03 for On-Call Engineering Services – Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc.
- Professional Services Agreement No. 2010-PS-02 for On-Call Engineering Services – SCADA & Controls Engineering, Inc.
- Professional Services Agreement No. 2010-PS-04 for GIS Mapping Services – Ecotone Solutions, LLC
- Possible Bid Award – 2010 Commercial Front Load Dumpsters and Roll-Off Containers – Western Systems and Fabrications, Inc.
- Resolution 823-10 – Declaring the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Skagit River Bridge a Public Safety Hazard
- Assignment & Delegation Agreement – H&W Emergency Vehicles and Crimson Fire, Inc. for a Fire Engine
- On-Call Engineering & Surveying Services – Skagit Surveyors & Engineers

Councilmember Lemley abstained from voting on claim voucher #68758.

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

Public Comment

Andrea Garcia – 22199 Grip Road, read a prepared statement to the Council regarding the proposed refinery tax bills and urged them to take a stand against the proposed tax under HB 3181 and SB 6851.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance – Offender Work Program

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented the second read on the proposed Offender Work Program. He reviewed the donated vehicle for the program and noted the program, should it be approved, could start as early as March. He informed Council that last week the Skagit County Jail turned away 67 bookings as a result of overcrowding.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the Wapato Jail via an interlocal agreement.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance #1667-10 Adding a New Chapter to SWMC Title 2, Establishing the Position of Offender Work Program Supervisor and Authorizing the Mayor to Promulgate Rules for the Operation of the Offender Work Program. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Ordinance – Code Enforcement

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed several changes in the proposed ordinance regarding Code Enforcement as a result of the first read. He noted the ordinance creates a new title of the Municipal Code and reviewed the processes for enforcement. The ordinance allows more tools to address violations and is copied from the City of Mount Vernon which was drafted by Kevin Rogerson, City Attorney.

Council direction was to have a third read with anticipated action at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce Business Development Team Report by Mary McGoffin

Mary McGoffin – 268 Burrows Ln. and Sylvia Matterand, Clear Lake, representing the Business Development Team through the Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council regarding their plans for business development. McGoffin noted they have been reviewing old community reports and summits which are filled with great ideas and is puzzled why no action had been taken. She discussed phasing their efforts in order to put together an understanding on how to remove obstacles and to further outreach the stakeholders involved (property owners). The goal is to help businesses and to get businesses maximized and then to actively recruit new businesses.

Councilmember Meamber addressed a summit conducted by the Results Group noting they were very helpful and had many great ideas but funding became an issue in the end.

Sylvia Matterand – spoke to the Council noting the committee is planning to take on the Nike motto and “Just Do It”, she agreed there are a lot of good ideas and the work has to start somewhere. Matterand spoke on the upcoming Main Street program to be held in

May in Port Townsend. She also stated the City's involvement has been appreciated in their meetings to develop a relationship with the private sector. The goal is to make Sedro-Woolley a wonderful place to have a business.

Ordinance – Township Parking

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the first read for the proposed ordinance regarding no parking zones on Township Street as a result of issues raised by several citizens living in the Township Street area. Berg noted the topic was referred to the Council committee with their recommendation resulting in the proposed ordinance. He stated additional information since the last committee meeting was the Mayor's letter to the residents on the proposed parking rules and he reviewed the cost of signage. Due to the cost of signage it was suggested to scale back the scope of the no parking area to State Street to Highway 20 for the test area. The committee recommendation is to implement the ordinance.

Ordinance – Extension of Sewerage Liens

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding the extension of sewerage liens noting this was more of a housekeeping item. He stated the RCW currently allows cities to extend their automatic liens for sewerage services from six months to twelve months without recording a lien at the auditor's office. He noted this would benefit the City by reducing staff time to record liens, reduce costs to the system and increase collection to the system.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance #1668-10 That Extends the City's Sewerage Liens from Six Months to Twelve Months Without Requiring a Recorded Document at the Auditor's Office. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (7-0).

Contract 2010-PW-02 Fruitdale-McGarigle Arterial Improvements – Wetland Mitigation Planting

Engineer Freiburger reviewed the recommendation to award the wetland mitigation planting. He presented background information on the need for wetland replacement. He noted the bid includes planting of site and the first year maintenance. Six bids were received but the low bid did not include one of the required documents. Recommendation is to award the bid to Lawn Salon Landscaping.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize the Mayor to execute contract 2010-PW-02 with Lawn Salon Landscaping Services LLC of Mount Vernon, WA in the amount of \$51,843.96. Councilmember Colgan seconded.

Councilmember Storrs questioned the spread of the bids.

Motion carried (7-0).

Resolution -- Opposing Model Toxics Control Act Tax Increase

Mayor Anderson introduced a proposed ordinance on the topic that Ms. Garcia spoke on under Public Comment.

Councilmember Storrs moved to oppose the Model Toxics Control Act Tax Increase Resolution No. 824-10. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Councilmember Sandström emphasized the wording “Does not support increase in tax for general fund purposes”.

Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – stated there are currently no topics to be addressed at the next scheduled worksession and polled Council if they wanted to cancel the worksession.

Councilmember Storrs questioned whether the topic of the Township Street Curb Setback should be a topic for the worksession. It was noted staff is still looking into any impacts.

Discussion ensued regarding numerous concerns expressed by the committee, the Planning Commission emphasis for economic development on creating bike lanes, approaching the church regarding use of their parking lot and the liability to the church, the shortage of on-site parking and interest in a gravel walkway across the tracks in the vicinity of the Post Office. Council consensus was to cancel the worksession.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the Skagit GI Study. The County is requesting non-monetary support from the City. The Mayor has written a letter of support but requested Council authorization prior to mailing. The Council consensus was to send the letter.

Engineer Freiberger – reported he has been busy with grant applications and the City was unsuccessful on the grant application for the Cook Road project but are still in running for ARRA jobs bill funds. He noted a recent visit from several Congressional staffers who were taken on a tour by Freiberger and City Supervisor/Attorney Berg in order to try to solicit support for the Cook Road alignment. Freiberger also reported on a call from DOT who are in the process of ranking Safe Routes to Schools projects for DOT funds and there is a fair chance they may fund the SR9 Sidewalk Extension.

Planner Moore – announced an upcoming field trip by the Planning Commission to public and private parks as part of their 2010 Work Plan. The field trip is scheduled for March 2 at 2:00. Moore invited the Council to participate. He also noted there will be signs posted in the parks to invite citizens to participate.

Councilmember Colgan – noted there is no water running at the faucet in the dog park.

Discussion ensued regarding the installation of the water line, plans for the water to be turned off in the winter months and heavy use at the dog park.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on his recent visit to Sequim and the two roundabouts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. for the purpose of discussion on potential litigation for about 5 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:14 P.M.

Councilmember Colgan moved to adjourn. Seconded by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.