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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
April 28, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike 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 and Fire Chief Klinger.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #69155 to #69254 in the amount of \$284,160.91.
  - Payroll Checks #47638 to #47745 in the amount of \$174,516.98.
- Request for Authorization to Purchase Replacement Parts – Parkson-Hycor Screen at Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Personnel Policies – Wellness for Non-Represented Employees
- Transportation Grant Approval & Match Commitments

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve the consent calendar A through E. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

No comments received.

Museum Repair Report from Rick Judd

With no objections, Mayor Anderson moved the Museum Roof Repair up in the agenda.

Rick Judd reviewed the cost estimates of the roof repair for the Museum roof. He noted the first estimate did not include a good portion of where the damage to the roof was. He also pointed out that the asbestos abatement was unforeseen and is a large part of the budget that was approved. Discussion took place on doing the project in stages.

Nathan Salsenia of the Parks Department discussed a composite roof coating listed in the estimate. Judd and Salsenia noted they would like to do more research on the roof treatment.

Discussion ensued regarding purpose of roof treatment, recommending the Museum Roof for a Rotary project, original intent of volunteer effort with Judd leading the charge, location of asbestos, scope of project, prior approval for reroof in September 2007,

Councilmember Colgan moved to increase the amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to fix the Museum roof. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (7-0).

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **N. Township Sewer Connection Fee**

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the N. Township Sewer Connection Fee. He noted the proposal is similar to the one done on Fruitdale road. The project area is from Alderwood to the north City Limits. Berg noted the estimate for the special connection fee is \$730, but cautioned it could be different once the project is complete and all costs are accounted for. Berg reviewed other options such as use of sewer capital reserve funds, forming a ULID or the proposed special connection fee. He noted the utility committee has reviewed and are recommending the special connection fee as the best option. Berg noted tonight is a first read and public hearing with no decision to be made until the next meeting.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:21 P.M.

Jeff Van Wiergen questioned the scope of the project and what the cost will be to his property.

Berg noted the project is currently out to bid with a projected start date in July. The process of the 90 day letter was reviewed as well as the options for hook up with a decommission credit or waiver of hook up. Berg also reported that later in the meeting Council will be discussing a mechanism for payment.

It was determined that because Van Wiergen was more than the 200 feet off the sewer line he would not be required to hook up unless he chose to, but sewer would be available when he chooses.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:25 P.M.

Berg noted the item will not come back to Council until after the project is built.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Request from SCAA for Food Distribution Center Project Funding**

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced Bill Hinkle from Skagit County Community Action. Berg reviewed the background of the section of Michael Street and the County's

effort to build a food distribution center. He noted the funding in place for the County is only for the building and does not allow them to use the funds for road improvements. Road improvements are required as part of the project and Hinkle has been charged with soliciting donations from various groups to try to complete the road improvements.

Bill Hinkle, Executive Director of Skagit County Community Action addressed the Council and stated City staff has been great to work with. He noted his mission was to request funding for the road improvements. Hinkle presented background information on the distribution of food to residents and noted an increase in need over the past couple of years. He addressed previous difficulties with the distribution process in not having a centralized location. Hinkle reviewed committed and potential funding and requested a donation from the City in the amount of \$15,000.

Berg noted the funds would come out of REET fund and the project will also pay approximately \$15,000 in impact fees to the City. Berg stated that should Council approve the request an Interlocal agreement and budget amendment will be brought to the next meeting for formal approval. Staff recommendation is to approve.

Councilmember Meamber moved to take money out of the REET fund to pay SCAA \$15,000 towards the road construction. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

### Mobile Venders

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the second reading of the proposed Mobile Vender Ordinance. The ordinance has been changed to reflect issues and concerns addressed from the first reading. He noted mobile vending would be allowed during community events, during special events, on private property when invited by the owner for a limited purpose, on public streets provided certain conditions are met and non-profit organizations fundraising through mobile vending on private property.

Discussion regarding impact of the Farmers Market, wording of 4<sup>th</sup> of July, complaint driven enforcement, concern of setting more rules, setting definitions and need for a third reading.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1673-10 An Ordinance Adding a New Chapter to SWMC Title 5, Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Operation of Mobile Vending Businesses and Open Air Vending Businesses and adding in Item C "4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration". Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Discussion ensued regarding tool sale, kettle corn vender located at Food Pavilion, farmers selling produce and other venders that have been coming into Sedro-Woolley for many years.

Motion Denied (Councilmember Sandström, Galbraith, Splane and Meamber opposed) (3-4).

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

### Klinger Stop Sign Recommendation from Public Safety Committee

Engineer Freiberger reviewed a meeting regarding concerns within the Klinger Street development area. He reviewed solutions for the concerns with pavement markings and signage. He noted there will be a cost, which he will review to see how it fits within the budget and the work will not be completed before August due to other work scheduled and the limited staffing. Also discussed was the recent Complete Streets Workshop and some solutions to slowing traffic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Installment Agreements for Sewer Connection Fees

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the first read of a draft ordinance which encourages more connection to the sewer system by allowing existing property owners to connect and pay the balance of their connection fees over time. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt. It is believed the ordinance will increase the efficiency of the sewer system, improve groundwater quality in the community and create more revenue. Proposed is a 20% down payment with balance paid over 60 months.

Council discussion took place regarding process, status of Garden of Eden Annexation and Utility Committee recommendation of the concept of a down payment with payments over a period of time.

Council recommendation was to change to 10% down with the balance paid over a period of 72 months.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS (Continued)**

Chief Klinger – reported the ladder truck is complete and he will be going to do the final inspection the first week in May with the truck to be delivered May 15<sup>th</sup>. Klinger stated he will have pictures of the truck for Council at next meeting. He also reported that Station 2 went out for bid, Monday with the bid opening scheduled for 2:00 P.M. on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Klinger stated he is expecting a letter to go forth on Station 2 from FEMA which will allow for the first payment draw. He reported on the recent MCI drill held at Cascade Middle School with five agencies and eight departments participating. Klinger noted the drill went well and had the participation of 50-60 firefighters involved

Engineer Freiberger – reported Fruitdale/McGargile road pavement markings will be done next week weather permitting and reviewed some of the grant opportunities that are available. He reported on the Jameson Street Arterial Extension. The owner of the mill site has recently indicated that he no longer supports this project. Design work is on hold pending further clarification. Freiberger also highlighted the John Liner Project, Ecology

Grant of which we were unsuccessful in obtaining and the Safe Routes to Schools grant which is due May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – called attention to the copy of a letter to USDA regarding the police car program.

Finance Director Nelson – pointed out the May 4<sup>th</sup> Worksession Agenda placed at the Councilmember's bench.

Councilmember Sandström – thanked Luigi and his team for a head start on the park by the railroad.

Mayor Anderson – reminded Council of the upcoming “Tune up the Town” to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned to Executive session at 8:40 P.M. for the purpose of discussion on Metcalf Street Litigation for approximately 15 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.