
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 12, 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: Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planner Moore and Asst. Fire Chief Olson 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 #69255 to #69351 in the amount of \$1,079,855.43
 - Payroll Checks #47746 to #47853 in the amount of \$236,290.13.
- Ordinance #1673-10 – 2010 Budget Amendment #1
- Hazardous Tree Removal – Sapp Road
- Resolution #827-10 – Adopting a Resource Conservation Plan
- Final Acceptance – Fruitdale and McGargile Arterial Improvements Wetland Mitigation Project – Lawn Salon Landscaping Services LLC

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar A through F. Councilmember Meamber seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Public comment

No comment received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Installment Agreements for Sewer Connection Fees

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the changes to the second reading of the proposed Ordinance. He noted the only changes as directed by Council are a 10% down with the remaining 90% paid over not more than 72 months.

Discussion ensued regarding the rate of interest.

Councilmember Colgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1674-10 An Ordinance Allowing for Sewer Connection Fees to be Paid Over Time in Limited Circumstances Pursuant to RCW 35.67.360. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (7-0).

Renewal of Interim Stormwater Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed extension of the Interim Stormwater Ordinance in order to maintain compliance.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1675-10 An Ordinance Extending Amendments of SWMC Ch. 13.36 and SWMC Ch. 13.40, Providing for the Adoption of the 2005 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW), Including the Thresholds and Minimum Requirements. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Increase in Allowable Building Height

Planner Moore introduced the first reading of the proposed ordinance to increase the allowable building heights. He noted this is in anticipation of the receipt and implementation of full service of the ladder truck by August 2010. He noted the Planning Commission is scheduled to hold an open record public hearing on May 18, 2010 with the Planning Commission's recommendation to be presented to the Council at the next Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of units allowed in a 60 foot building, sprinkler requirements, plans for the Gateway building, concerns of impact to residential neighborhoods, buffering requirements, limiting to essential business district or urban village concept, parking needs and the concept and goal of an urban village.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – reported that Sgt. Dougher is out on bereavement leave.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – reported Chief Klinger is in Portland with the Ladder Truck and will be arriving in town with the vehicle on Saturday evening. A demonstration of the truck will be held Sunday at 10 am. He also reported on the upcoming Firefighter's Challenge as part of Loggerodeo and noted the need for volunteers to help with the event.

Planner Moore – reminded Council of the upcoming "Tune Up the Town" to be held Saturday, May 15th. The event is sponsored by the Sedro-Woolley Chamber.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted he had heard from Fire Chief Klinger and reported on the status of the ladder truck. He also reported on an Energy Efficiency Award received. Berg suggested incorporating energy conservation within the 2011 budget, and downtown lighting was also discussed.

Finance Director Nelson – noted the annual impact fee report located in the Council packets.

Councilmember Meamber – questioned the status of the wheelchair landing at the boat landing at Riverfront Park.

It was noted Rotary is working on a project that it might be incorporated into. Berg noted budgeting is a concern with projects and limited staffing and may be necessary to delay to the 2011 budget.

Councilmember Storrs – requested the topic of open air vendors and mobile vendors be brought back up. He requested someone who cast a no vote to reintroduce the topic for discussion at a future worksession.

Discussion ensued to include looking at food vendors, the need to be pro-active, fairness to the downtown merchants and restaurants and possible worksession topic to discuss in detail.

Councilmember Colgan – reported on the multiple roundabouts in Whatcom County on the way to Lynden.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned the work being done on the railroad.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the work in process and the City's request for interest in the surplus land.

Councilmember Lemley – noted the upcoming Blast from the Past and questioned any request for street closures from the Chamber.

Discussion took place of other upcoming events including a bike race.

Mayor Anderson – noted the Sewer Department has been notified of an award received from the Department of Ecology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. to Executive Session to discuss litigation pertaining to the Metcalf Sewer project and potential litigation regarding jail inmate medical expenses. No action is anticipated for either item and the session is expected to last 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.