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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
September 8, 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 (Late) and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planner Moore, Asst. Fire Chief Olson and Police Chief Wood.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Anderson announced that Item G has been pulled from the Consent calendar as it is not complete.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #70129 to #70240 in the amount of \$639,466.09 (Voided Checks #70206 thru #70211)
  - Payroll Checks #48615 to #48724 in the amount of \$237,152.98
- Request for Out of State Travel – Library (2)
- Resolution #834-10 Appointing Members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Resolution #835-10 Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposition
- Possible Contract Amendment 01 – Contract 2010-PS-08 – Bright Rain Solutions
- Interlocal Agreement with Town of Concrete for Shared Use of a Fire Truck (*removed from consent calendar*)
- Personnel Policies
- Proclamation – September 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar A through I, with the exception of Item G. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the Hotel/Motel tax use.

Motion carried (6-0).

Colouncilmember Lemley arrived at 7:03 P.M.

## Public Comment

No public comment received.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ordinance – Garden of Eden/Westerman Road Annexation

Planner Moore presented background information regarding the Garden of Eden/Westerman Road Annexation. He noted Council has previously discussed the annexation at previous Council meetings and worksessions and the applicants have completed all their requirements. Staff recommendation is to approve the Ordinance to annex.

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt Ordinance 1681-10 to annex approximately 22.06 acres west of Garden of Eden, north of Jones and east of Westerman Roads. Councilmember Splane seconded.

Council discussion ensued regarding support for annexation by property owners, annexation requests driven by land owners and R-5 Zoning lot size.

Motion carried (7-0).

### Ordinance – Alternate Payment Schedule of Impact Fees and General Facility Charges for Single-Family Houses Constructed for Resale (Spec Homes)

Planner Moore reviewed a proposal for an alternate payment schedule of impact fees which would allow a temporary deferral for payment for homes being build as “spec homes”. He noted at the present time impact fees are paid at time of building permit. Skagit County/Island Builders Association (SCIBA) supports the consideration in order to help builders during the tough economic times. Moore noted that safeguards have been built into the proposed ordinance which include no occupancy until fees are paid, payment of fees upon sale with a 12 month time limit for deferral of payment. The proposed ordinance is for Council consideration as this is a first read. Action will take place at the next meeting.

Discussion included individuals having a home built for their occupancy, helps with loan to value ratio and tracking to make sure no occupancy occurs.

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

### Fire Station 2 Update

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg updated Council on the progress of Fire Station 2 noting the project is still on schedule. He stated that Congressman Rick Larson toured the site last week, as well as the FEMA representative was on site for his inspection. Berg

reviewed the change order proposal log which includes changes or additions of electrical switches, key pad door openers, central exhaust design conflicts and a steel casing for water line. He stated the project is going smoothly with good quality control.

Asst. Chief Olson – announced the upcoming Frisbee Golf scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 P.M. as part of the City's Wellness program. The event will be held at the Northern State grounds. He also announced the upcoming 9/11 Spaghetti Feed to be held at the Sedro-Woolley Eagles with proceeds to benefit the Fire Dept. Olson noted the ladder truck almost ready to be put into service.

Police Chief Wood – reported on the progress of the dog kennel with work being completed by himself and participants in the OWP.

Councilmember Storrs – questioned the City policy on per diem for staff travel.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted it varies based on bargaining agreements and departmental budgets.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned the status of the Metcalf street lighting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted there is currently no funding in the budget for lighting improvements and the City was not successful in obtaining grant funding. Discussion ensued regarding trying to obtain a grant for a water park.

Councilmember Galbraith – addressed a problem with the barricades at Janicki Cove.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming Founders Day events this coming weekend which includes the bank robbery reenactment, museum open house and car show.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the status of the Chamber Economic Development seminar and plans for Pomegranate design element for the Skateboard Park.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that was not a City sponsored project and he should check with the Chamber.

Councilmember Splane moved to adjourn. Seconded by All. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.