
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 10, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Anderson announced an Executive Session was held at 6:00 P.M. for one hour for the purpose of litigation with no action taken.

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, 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 (includes November 2, 2010 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #70595 to #70700 in the amount of \$433,595.16 (Voided Checks #70655 thru #70669) and Manual Checks #70701 & #70702 in amount of \$235,300
 - Payroll Checks #49041 to #49145 in the amount of \$231,813.16
- APP Propane Proposal
- Benson Hay Lease Agreement
- Final Acceptance – SR20/F&S Grade Road and Skagit Industrial Park Roadway Improvements Project – Interwest Construction, Inc.

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Meamber. Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Anderson welcomed Cub Scout Pack 67, Den 1.

Travis Huisman introduced the Weblos Den, Pack 67, Den 1 who are working on their citizenship badge. They are learning about how the City Council runs; how the City works and how taxes work.

Special Presentation

Mayor Anderson presented a plaque to Fire Chief Dean Klinger for 30 years of distinguished service to the City. He noted the call volume has increased from 200 calls to over 1700 calls per year during Klinger's tenure with the Fire Department as well as having one of the most modern fleets in the County and his involvement in the building of two Fire Stations.

Fire Chief Klinger was congratulated with a round of applause from all in attendance.

Public Comment

No comments received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Property Tax Levy Ordinance

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed property tax levy ordinance. She described the two part ordinance which includes the voter approved bonds and the general property tax revenues. The general property tax revenues are limited to a 1% increase. She noted the ordinance is prepared in accordance with the Mayor's balanced budget which includes a 0% increase for existing properties. Nelson stated other general fund revenues are anticipated to remain at their current level extending through 2011. All indicators predict a long, slow economic recovery.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:10:30 P.M.

Councilmember Colgan noted that he will not be at the next meeting when action will be taken on the ordinance but expressed he did not want to see any additional taxes included.

NEW BUSINESS

Comcast Franchise Agreement

City Supervisor/Berg reviewed the proposed Comcast franchise agreement. He noted Comcast has had a franchise agreement with the City since 1993. That agreement expired in 2009 and has been continued under the holdover provision. The City has been negotiating the new agreement with provisions included for City sponsored ULID or LID, Education Government channel, 5 year term with 1 renewal and competitive equity. Berg noted this is a first read only with a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Council discussion ensued regarding term of the agreement, tree trimming and notification to homeowners for tree trimming.

Councilmember Sandström moved to amend Section 3.2.5 to add notification to adjacent land owners to trim trees. Councilmember Seconded by Councilmember Colgan.

Council discussion ensued regarding notification of tree trimming, phone calls to staff, PSE notification examples and duplication of notices.

Motion carried (4-3) (Councilmember Galbraith, Storrs and Splane opposed).

For the benefit of the audience members Mayor Anderson explained the Council practice of a two meeting read rule for all ordinances.

2011 Budget

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the Budget ordinance which is a first read. She noted that all funds are balanced and includes no increase in property taxes or utility taxes. She noted the 2011 budget is approximately 5 million less than 2010 due to federal funding of fire vehicles, Fire Station 2 and arterial streets and sewer projects. Nelson also noted that there is a copy of the budget for public review at the front counter in the Finance Department as well as on the website.

Ordinance – Possible Adoption of Final Stormwater Management Standards and Stormwater Maintenance

Engineer Freiburger reviewed the proposed ordinance for the SWMC 13.36 Stormwater Management and 13.40 Stormwater Maintenance, bringing our ordinance into compliance with current Department of Ecology requirements.

Council discussion regarding additions to ordinance specifically for Sedro-Woolley, permitting process, maintenance provisions, financial ramifications for enforcement, charge on permitting for stormwater permit and charges as part of the overall permitting process.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1687-10 Adopting Permanent Amendments SWMC Ch. 13.36 and SWMC Ch. 13.40, Providing for the Adoption of the 2005 Stormwater Manual for Western Washington, Including the Thresholds and Minimum Requirements. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

Councilmember Meamber commented that he feels the ordinance is very restrictive and is not in favor of everything on it. Mayor Anderson also question how much the Ordinance has changed from the original.

Motion carried (5-2) (Councilmember Meamber and Splane opposed).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Fire Station 2 Update

Fire Chief Klinger reviewed the progress on Fire Station 2 noting that the project is approximately 86% complete with large changes starting to happen on a daily basis. He stated the bay doors are installed; aprons will be poured Friday, both front and back and will be poured from one location. The power was turned on November 5th and temporary

power to be turned off soon. Fire Chief Klinger offered tours to any Councilmember's interested.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed contract change orders. He noted that to date the total cost of change orders is around \$15,000.

Fire Chief Klinger also noted that furniture for Station 2 was purchased from the local furniture store in town, Save on Furniture.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported that the new fire engine will go into service Monday night. Tours are also available for the new engine.

Planner Moore – updated Council on Planning Commission topics to include small animal's ordinance, bars in the Central Business District, parks and possible credit to recreation areas. He also reviewed some upcoming projects to include the Rimmer project, Skagit Farmers and the Food Bank and Distribution Center parking.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the status of parking at the food bank. Moore stated the parking is not adequate for the two operations currently there. The issue is currently being looked at for a solution.

Councilmember Meamber – addressed the parking issue at the Food Bank noting the day of the complaints were on the annual contract day. He encouraged the City to remember the goal of the program is to help people and to distribute food. Moore noted they were aware of the one day being contract day, but that has not been the only complaint day. They are working hard to identify the needs and come to a resolve for the benefit of all parties.

Engineer Freiburger –addressed his project status report. He also reviewed letters recently sent to residents of the Portobello area regarding severe weather conditions and temporary parking restrictions. Freiburger noted that staff has also completed issuance of 90 day letters on sewer connections for all projects and the City has received a good response on connections happening because of the completion of the projects.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted he has been out of the office this past week due to the arrival of the newest member to his family, a baby girl named Darby. At the request of Councilmember Colgan, Berg read a letter addressed to Mayor Anderson and City Council announcing his resignation from the Council effective November 30th. Councilmember Colgan of Ward 4 will be moving from the geographical boundaries of his ward. Berg thanked Councilmember Colgan for his service as councilmember, mayor pro-tem and a member of the Fire Department over the years. Berg proposed publishing a public notice calling for interested candidates to submit a letter of interest. Candidates would be required to live within the boundaries of Ward 4. The Council would then conduct interviews.

Finance Director Nelson – reminded Council that the next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 23rd, instead of Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilmember Storrs – commended Luigi and the Work Offender program for doing a great job downtown washing sidewalks. He inquired to make sure the business owners have been contacted for the use of their water.

Councilmember Colgan – questioned status of the old Oliver & Hammer building, and expressed concern of the sign framing.

Planner Moore noted the building is being occupied by the Sedro-Woolley Community Fellowship. He noted they are working on parking issues. Moore stated he will also check into the sign frame.

Councilmember Galbraith – noted he had a intruder in his house (a raccoon) and questioned obtaining a larger trap.

Police Chief Wood noted they do have a larger trap on order.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the stray cat fee for the Humane Society. He also inquired if there were any statistics of the types of crimes of the people participating in the Work Offender program.

Mayor Anderson noted the decision for the City not to pay for citizens taking feral cats out to the Humane Society was due to the budget. The City does not have the funds to be paying the fees. Fees have been running around \$600 per month. He emphasized that it does not mean citizens can't take cats out to the Humane Society, it's just that the City won't pay.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that they do not have statistics but most would be driving with license suspended and DUI's. Police Chief Wood concurred.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.