
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 23, 2010 – 7:00 P.M. – City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planner Moore 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 #70701 to #70825 in the amount of \$688,156.89
(Voided Checks #70762 thru #70766 and #70814)
 - Payroll Checks #49146 to #49250 in the amount of \$174,789.13
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County – Provision of Community Services 2011
- Amendment No. 1; Professional Services Agreement No. 2010-PS-02 for On-Call Engineering Services – SCADA & Controls Engineering, Inc.
- Change Order 15 – Construction Contract 2009-PW-02; G.G. Excavation Inc. – Fruitdale Road & McGargile Road Improvement Project and SR 9 Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvement Project
- Final Acceptance – Fruitdale Road and McGargile Roadway Improvements Project and SR 9 Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements Project – G.G. Excavation, Inc.
- Thermal Imager Purchase
- Agreement for Legal Services – Jennifer Bouwens

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar A through H. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Public Comment

No Comment Received.

PUBLIC HEARING

2011 Budget

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the 2011 Budget. She noted Sedro-Woolley was the forerunner in Skagit County in responding to the downturn in the economy and because of earlier actions, no staff will need to be laid off as is happening in other cities. She also notes the budget is balanced and does not include any increase in taxes or utility rates.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:06 P.M.

No public comment received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance No. 1688-10 an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011. Seconded by Councilmember Splane.

Councilmember Sandström stated he appreciated the extra money for Parks.

Motion carried (6-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Property Tax Levy Ordinance

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed property tax levy ordinance as a second read. Nelson reviewed the two components of the Ordinance which includes the G/O Bond and the General Property Tax. She noted low income seniors and disabled persons do not pay or pay portions of the tax depending on their income. Nelson also discussed the impact of the recently annexed areas. A public hearing was held at the last meeting.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1689-10 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro-Woolley Approving the Property Tax Levy. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Meamber questioned the garbage requirements within recently annexed areas.

Finance Director Nelson noted that there are different components within the contract and each is on a different time structure but it is a number of years out.

Comcast Franchise Agreement

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the franchise agreement and the Council request for required notification prior to tree trimming. He stated he spoke with their Government Affairs representative and he noted Comcast does not do planned trimming as does Puget Sound Energy. They only do it on an as needed or customer request basis. Should the Council wish to pursue, Comcast will need to reconsider the request at a higher level.

Council consensus was that they are satisfied with Comcast's policy and there is no need to include the requirement in the agreement. A public hearing will be held on the franchise agreement at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Salary Ordinance

Mayor Anderson reviewed the proposed 2011 Salary Ordinance. He noted the Police Guild according to their contract will receive a 1.5% increase. The Police Guild had given up their increase in the 2010 budget. The AFSCME union has agreed to a .5% increase instead of their contracted 2% and non-represented employees will also receive a .5% increase in wages.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve Ordinance No. 1690-10 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials, Union/Guild and Non-Union Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2011. Councilmember Storrs seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Fire Station 2 Update

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented an update on Fire Station 2. He stated work continues on the station. Casework, electrical and plumbing and trim out are all complete or near complete. Carpet, appliances and final interior work will continue next week. The project is still anticipated to be on time. Berg also reviewed the bids on the Thermal Imager.

On behalf of Engineer Freiburger, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the success of being awarded a TIB grant in the amount of 1.3 million towards a 1.5 million SR 20 project. The City was also awarded a \$230,000 grant towards to continue sidewalks up the hill on North Township. We are still waiting to hear from the Safe Routes program in order to complete more sidewalks up the hill.

Police Chief Wood – noted the department has had a busy week with two police vehicles being damaged in separate incidents. In one incident the suspect was apprehended and

was someone with a history of crimes and believed to be related to crimes in the Burlington area as well. The second incident is still under investigation. No officers were injured.

Planner Moore – noted he had made contact with the business owner regarding the sign case above the old Oliver & Hammer location. He stated the tenant is considering using the casing for a new sign.

Councilmember's Lemley and Meamber – wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:26 P.M. for 15 minutes for the purpose of litigation with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to ratify the settlement agreement dated November 11, 2010 with Granite Construction, Brulands Drilling & Boring Inc., and Reichardt & Ebe Engineering. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried. (6-0).

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Change Order 3 on Metcalf Sewer Project in the amount of \$150,000 plus tax. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by All. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.