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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 12, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Ted Meamber, Tom Storrs. Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström (late). Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiberger, Planner Moore, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Lt. Tucker.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting (including Worksession Minutes of 1/4/11)
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #71048 to #71164 in the amount of \$232,374.59 (Voided Check #71079)
  - Claim Checks #71165 to #71185 in the amount of \$29,234.94
  - Payroll Checks #49462 to #49566 in the amount of \$253,990.01
- Professional Service Agreement No. 2011-PS-01 for On-Call Environmental Services – Widener & Associates
- Amendment 1 – Professional Services Agreement No. 2010-PS-06 for Design Phase Services for the SR20, Metcalf to Township Lane Widening & Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements Project – Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comment

No public comment received.

Special Recognition – Resolution #837-11

Mayor Anderson reviewed Resolution #837-11 Honoring Councilmember Ted Meamber for a decade of service on behalf of the City of Sedro-Woolley on the Community Action Agency Board. Mayor Anderson also noted his work with the Helping Hands Food Bank as well as his work with local veterans.

A round of applause was given for Councilmember Meamber.

Karen Parnell of Skagit County Community Action saluted Councilmember Meamber for his work on the Community Action Agency Board.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution No. 837-11 A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Councilman Ted Meamber for a Decade of Service on Behalf of the City of Sedro-Woolley on the Community Action Agency Board. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilmember Meamber thanked the crowd.

Councilmember Storrs recognized members of Boy Scout Troop #4079 sponsored by the LDS Church in the audience. The Troop members are working on their Community Service merit badge and were in attendance with their Scout Master Larry Smallwood.

Planner Moore reported on a recently vacated Planning Commission seat as well as two terms that have come to an end. Moore requested Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Eric Johnson for the vacated position and the reappointment of Rick Judd and Stephanie Lokkebo.

Councilmember Lemley moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments of Eric Johnson and the reappointment of Rick Judd and Stephanie Lokkebo to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Anderson requested confirmation of the reappointment of K.B. Johnson to the Housing Authority.

Councilmember Lemley moved to reappoint K.B. Johnson to the Housing Authority. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (5-0).

#### Sedro-Woolley School District Bond Presentation

Mayor Anderson introduced Mark Venn, Superintendent of Sedro-Woolley School District along with Jim Kallio, Board President and David Carroll, School Board member and Campaign co-chair. They presented information on the upcoming bond for renovations to Cascade Middle School.

Councilmember Sandström arrived at 7:22 P.M.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### Resolution – Final Plat Approval – Plat of Eden's Acres

Planner Moore reviewed the plat of Eden's Acres located on Garden of Eden Road. He noted Council granted preliminary approval on January 14, 2009. It was recommended Council grant final approval.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution No. 838-11 granting final plat approval to the Plat of Eden's Acres. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

TB Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement No. 8-2-126(008)-1 SR20/Moore Street, Metcalf Street to SR9/Township Street Lane Widening & Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Engineer Freiburger reviewed the Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board. He noted the agreement formalizes the grant for the SR20, Metcalf to Township Widening Project which will provide \$1,331,071 towards the project. Staff recommends Council approval.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg stated for the record the Mayor signed the agreement in December so Council would be ratifying the Mayor's signature.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize Mayor Anderson to execute the Fuel Tax Grant Distribution Agreement 8-2-126(008)-1 with the Transportation Improvement Board in the amount of \$1,331,071. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (6-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance –Proposed Modification to Zoning Code Regarding Duplexes in the Residential-7 Zone

Planner Moore reviewed the proposed ordinance for modification to the zoning code regarding duplexes in the Residential 7 (R-7) zone. He noted the proposed ordinance was a result of concerns expressed that the current zoning allows for entire neighborhoods to be made up of duplexes. The Planning Commission held an open record public hearing on October 19, 2010 to gather public testimony on the subject. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed ordinance. The ordinance would require two single-family lots between any two duplexes.

Council discussion ensued regarding Planning Commission review, lot requirements, no effect on vested applications, traffic concerns and other city codes.

Dave McLaughlin – encouraged language to apply to new development only. He noted if developing a new lot the code could be incorporated into the plan.

Council discussion continued to include intention of the Planning Commission,

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance 1695-11 An Ordinance Modifying SWMC 17.12.010, Amending the Requirements Concerning the Location of Duplexes in the Residential – 7 Zone. Councilmember Sandström seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

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

### Fire Station 2 Update

Fire Chief Klinger – updated Council on the progress of Fire Station 2. He reported that there are a few outstanding punch list items left to be completed. Currently there are residents in the quarters and the trucks will be moved to the station next Wednesday and will begin responding from the station at that time. February 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the open house from 5-7 P.M.

Fire Chief Klinger also reported the success of another grant for Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) in conjunction with the City of Mount Vernon, The grant will allow the Spillman system to be upgraded to work with the Fire Departments.

Lt. Tucker -- reported the new patrol car will be arriving any day. Equipment has been salvaged from the wrecked car to be placed into the next new vehicle which City Supervisor/Attorney Berg has been working on.

Engineer Freiberger – reported on an upcoming public meeting to be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> for the SR20, Metcalf to Township Widening project. He noted that property owners will be invited in order to gather information and make comments. He also reviewed two options being considered and requested preliminary Council preference on the options.

Discussion ensued to include future amenities such as waste receptacles, benches and plantings and the concern of the trestle interfering with a bike lane. Council consensus was for Option B.

Engineer Freiberger also noted potential issues with several lots on property access if developed that he will be working with the Planning Department on.

He also reported on the SR9 Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Project. Stating the City failed to get the Safe Routes to School grant which leaves the project underfunded. This creates a problem with the TIB grant in the fact that we can't move forward. In discussions with TIB they recommend the City decline the agreement. Freiberger noted the project did rank well and believes, should funding be available, it would be a good project to bring forward again next year.

Engineer Freiberger informed Council on the status of sewer connections along the Fruitdale/McGargile project and Jones Road annexation. He reported that out of 24 potential hook ups the City has had 8 connections paid in full, 4 are taking advantage of the payment plan, 2 are still pending and 6 waivers have been granted. He stated he believes it to be very successful.

Councilmember Sandström – expressed concern to Engineer Freiberger regarding the 2011 Railroad Crossing Removal project. He noted he has received comment and

concern on removing crossings on dead end streets such as Haines. With the current arterial system it is not wanted and is perceived to be a waste of money. Also if it becomes a rail to trails or park land the uninterrupted stretch would be more of an asset. Sandström requested that consideration be given to not lower the grades at the dead end streets.

Freiberger noted they can certainly take a look at it but it will not be happening this year anyway.

Finance Director Nelson – requested the finance committee to meet quickly, directly after the meeting.

Councilmember Lemley – stated he is looking forward to working with Councilmember Wagoner and wished everyone a great new year.

Councilmember Sandström – congratulated Councilmember Meamber and apologized for not arriving in time for the presentation. He also requested to revisit the Ordinance regarding quasi public spaces in retail zones. He noted he thought the ordinance applied to the total Central Business District (CBD) but after further look it only applies to Metcalf Street. He would like to revisit to consider the total CBD.

Planner Moore reviewed the boundaries of the Ordinance.

Council directed Planner Moore to take the topic back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and further discussion. Also to be included are some direction for a more focused quasi-public use locations.

Councilmember Sandström noted it was the end of his first year on the Council and he thanked the Councilmember's for their patience and encouragement during the year. He also thanked City Supervisor/Attorney Berg for his mentoring on how to be a City Councilmember.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by all. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.