
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 11, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Pat Colgan (after Oath of Office, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, 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
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #71969 to #72052 in the amount of \$165,898.81
 - Payroll Checks #50307 to #50414 in the amount of \$251,596.96
- Resolution #842-11 – Declaring Certain Items Surplus
- Resolution #843-11 – Trojan Technologies UV Replacement Order
- Possible Bid Award Acquisition – 2011 Ford Super Duty F-350XL – North Cascade Ford

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

Councilmember Lemley presented Rick Judd of the Helping Hands Food Bank a contribution left at his business in memory of Councilmember Ted Meamber. He also presented a check in the amount of \$427.00 on behalf of JJ's Cruiser's which represented proceeds from a recent car show held in Burlington.

Rick Judd, on behalf of Helping Hands Food Bank announced the First Annual Jam to be held at Riverfront Park. Several local bands will be playing from 10 am to 4 pm. Canned food or monetary donations are welcome. The event benefits the Helping Hands Food Bank.

Public Comment

No public comment

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance – 2011 Budget Amendment #2

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed Budget Amendment #2 which included the increase for state payroll taxes, grants, replacement HVAC unit for Fire Station 1, Fire Station 2 retainage, hiring of an assistant engineer (as previously approved by Council) and a seasonal position for stormwater maintenance.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance No. 1706-11 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1688-10 Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (6-0).

Vacancy on City Council

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the process and procedure for the replacement of Ward 1 Councilmember upon the death of Ted Meamber. Berg noted the process is similar to that of previous open positions. If a Council decision is made, an Oath of Office has been prepared however; Council is under no obligation to make an appointment tonight. He noted the uniqueness of the position which is up for election this year with filing to be within a month.

Candidates Pat Colgan and Kevin Loy each addressed the Council to discuss their interest and qualifications. Both candidates entertained questions from the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:22 P.M. for discussion of potential litigation and personnel for approximately 20 minutes with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to appoint Pat Colgan to fulfill Ted Meamber's seat. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Pat Colgan for Ward 1 Councilmember.

Councilmember Colgan joined the bench.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Engineer Freiburger – reviewed the progress on various projects to include the SR20 Metcalf to Township Lane Widening and Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities Project. He

detailed funding issues and requested Council authorize the mayor to apply for the Economic grant available through Skagit County.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize the Mayor to apply for the Economic Development grant money from the County Commissioners in the amount of \$500,000. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

Engineer Freiburger also addressed other projects and issues to include a log jam, flooding issues, CIPP project and catch basin cleaning.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – noted that Planner Moore is in Walla Walla for a Downtown Communities conference along with Pola Kelley and Elizabeth Fernando from the Chamber of Commerce. He also addressed budgeting for code enforcement and a recent tour of the PSE Baker facility and a Federal reset conference regarding flooding in Washington DC. He noted the importance of having representatives at the meeting.

Berg then reviewed a recent tour at the North Cascade Gateway Center with representatives from the Port, recent phone calls to the Governor's office and other legislative officials. Berg requested Council sign updated letters to Representative Hans Dunshee and Senator Derek Kilmer. He also spoke of support received from AWC on the proposal.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the Port's role if the City is successful in obtaining the North Cascades Gateway Center.

Berg noted that it is too early to tell what the Port's role would be.

Finance Director Nelson– reported that the first tier of the fuel surcharge has been implemented on the billing cycle with the next level a possibility as fuel prices continues to rise. Nelson also noted that the City has received several complaints regarding the Comcast Franchise fee. Comcast has noted a senior discount can be extended to qualified seniors upon completion of the proper paperwork through Comcast.

Councilmember Colgan – noted he is interested in working with the Northern State Committee and Helping Hands Food Bank.

Councilmember Wagoner – updated Council on the progress of the cemetery field for the Youth Football League. He noted it has generated a lot of interest in the community and a discussion of a possible field name with a suggestion of naming it to honor Denny Engberg has taken place among the Youth Football League.

Councilmember Sandström – announced the opening day for the Farmer's Market on May 18th.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.