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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
July 27, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Pat Colgan, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiberger (Late), 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 #72479 to #72586 in the amount of \$260,244.96
  - Payroll Checks #50856 to #50967 in the amount of \$194,486.51
- Possible Contract Amendment No. 1 – Contract 2011-PW-04 – Trico Contracting Inc.

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

Public Comment

No Public Comment

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Possible Adoption by Resolution of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2012 – 2017

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the Six Year TIP that was tabled from the last meeting in order for Councilmember Wagoner to weigh in on the decision. He noted there are no significant changes in the projects listed from last year.

Engineer Freiberger arrived at 7:03 P.M.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the Cook Road intersection to a higher priority, significance in project ranking, focus on Cook Road intersection for TIB applications, Jameson project being a low priority, decision of roundabouts at time of design to determine best design and accident rate at W. Nelson.

Councilmember Sandström expressed his views on the Jameson arterial with concerns of safety to the neighborhood and schools. He addressed the possibility of making changes within the Comprehensive Plan regarding the designation of Jameson as an arterial street.

Councilmember Wagoner addressed possible mitigation to the neighborhoods along Jameson with discussion following regarding projects being City Council approved, citizen representation by Council, pre-planning and public input via open houses.

Mayor Anderson addressed timing of projects and Council will need to make sure projects are for the benefit of the City at time of project and for the future. Further discussion ensued to include Jameson already built to arterial standards, phasing of projects, building when funding becomes available, project sequencing, other Jameson projects listed on TIP, phasing and sequencing of projects, concern of Jameson being a concrete base and the history of how Jameson became an arterial.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Resolution No. 847-11 A Resolution Adopting the 2012 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (7-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Fireworks (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Mayor Anderson introduced the proposed Ordinance to ban fireworks. The topic was brought up by citizens at the last meeting. Mayor Anderson requested Council consensus as to whether they would like to further consider a possible ban on Fireworks. Discussion was held as to whether to hold a public hearing vs. discussion at a public meeting with Council consensus was to hold a Public Hearing. A public hearing will be scheduled for the last meeting in August.

### Solid Waste Fees (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposal for including the current total rental fee into the monthly base rate. He noted by reformatting the way the cans are billed would result in a savings to the City of approximately \$3,000. The ordinance would include a statement that state tax is included in the bill. Berg recommended following the procedure as though it were a rate increase which includes a public hearing.

### Community Center Fees (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed ongoing issues with confusion of the cleaning fee within the Community Center fees. He noted the proposed change deletes the additional mandatory cleaning fee and establishes a higher rental fee which includes the cleaning fee. Also, at a request from staff, the change also includes the kitchen fee to be included into the normal rental rate. The facility monitor and police security would remain the same.

### Sewer Connection Fees: Timing (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance to change the timing of mandatory connection to sewer. Current code requires a connection within 90 days of project completion and is proposed to extend the time period to 180 days. The purpose of the extension is to be a benefit to citizens

Discussion regarding financial hardships and programs in place which include a waiver, decommission credit, payments over time and cost of hook up.

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

Police Chief Wood – reported on his recent trip to Washington DC honoring the City of Sedro-Woolley for employer appreciation from the Navy for support of staff. Wood noted he toured the Pentagon, Chief of Naval Officers 911 Memorial and attended a dinner at the Chief of Naval Officers residence. The Skagit Valley Herald will be doing an article on Officer Musgrove and the honor received. Chief Wood thanked the Council for allowing him to attend.

Planner Moore – reported on the Puget Sound Energy licensing agreement which requires communication with Skagit County and the Corp of Engineers on modifications to their operational plan for their hydro-electric equipment. PSE has released a draft report for review which appears to be inadequate to protect the Valley. Chal Martin of Burlington has reviewed and prepared letter to Skagit County expressing the concerns. Martin has requested signatures from Planning and Engineering departments throughout the County. Moore requested Council consensus to allow he and Engineer Freiberger to sign the letter.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg related the topic to License Article Section 107C.

Moore also reported on an upcoming hearing before the Hearing Examiner for a modification use of a mini storage facility. He noted the Planning Department has received an application for a second modification to an existing storage facility to rent cabinets for hydroponic gardening.

### **SR 20 Widening Project Update**

Engineer Freiberger – reported on the SR 20 Widening project activity. He noted this week PSE has begun pole relocation. The contractor is scheduled to start August 1<sup>st</sup> on the South side of Hwy 20. Freiberger also reported the annual paving project bids will be closing tomorrow and the sewer repair project is scheduled to close next week.

Discussion was held regarding the County grant funding decision which is due sometime prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> and the importance of the drainage improvements on the Hwy 20 project.

Councilmember Sandström – questioned the changes in the Senior Center use fees and the lot clean up on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Warner.

It was noted the lot clean up was the result of a Code Enforcement action.

Councilmember Lemley – acknowledged Finance Director Nelson with the recent State audit. Lemley also announced the passing of businessman Paul Kelley. A memorial service for Kelley will be held at Riverfront on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Wagoner – commented on the installation of the new way finder signs. He also reported on the Engberg field which is coming along. A sign will be installed at the field entrance by the Engberg Foundation.

Councilmember Colgan – commented on the quick response of the Police Department to his house over the weekend. He noted there were about 6 cars broken into.

Mayor Anderson – pointed out the thank you letter from the Sedro-Woolley Alumni Association.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive session at 8:07 P.M. for approximately 45 minutes regarding Collective Bargaining RCW 42.30.140(4) with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 9:12 P.M.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to allow shared sick leave in the case of Carrie Weyand. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 P.M.