
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession

August 3, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. – Public Safety Training Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Mike Anderson

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Pat Colgan, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg

Mayor/Council Roundtable Discussion

- Councilmember Sandström raised the issue of law and order. Councilmember Wagoner talked about the City of Auburn’s curfew and parental responsibility ordinances. Sandström asked about DWLS Third and a policy that would allow or require the Police Department to impound vehicles when driven by drivers with a suspended license.
- Councilmember Galbraith raised a question of councilmember medical coverage. Discussion followed about how this could be implemented without costing the taxpayers extra. A number of questions were asked of City Supervisor/Attorney Berg who indicated he would research the questions.
- Councilmember Sandström asked about funding for a library remodel feasibility plan. Berg suggested he bring that up during the budget.
- Councilmember Colgan asked about “taco wagons” and other mobile vending. Councilmember Sandström suggested an increased business license fee. It was the consensus of the Council to put this on the agenda for additional discussion in the future.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to put mobile vending on the agenda for discussion. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-0).

Executive Session

- The worksession adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and collective bargaining (RCW 42.30.140(4), for an estimated time of 45 minutes with possible action.
- The worksession reconvened at 8:45 P.M..

Councilmember Storrs moved to settle with auditor for the original amount from 2007. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Councilmembers Colgan, Sandström and Storrs

voted in favor with Councilmembers Galbraith, Splane and Wagoner opposed. Mayor Anderson cast the tie breaking vote in favor. Motion carried.

- Councilmember Wagoner explained that he was opposed to the motion because he believes this fee is a tax and as such is an illegal double tax of Sedro-Woolley residents who also pay property taxes to the county for services like voter registration. Councilmember Splane agreed. Mayor Anderson explained his tie breaking vote in favor of the motion is due to Skagit County's new resolution that says Sedro-Woolley can't compete for county administered grant funds for rural distressed communities if it has outstanding debt with the county. While this resolution may be illegal and unenforceable and is certainly unfair, it is too risky to jeopardize critical infrastructure projects over a disputed \$9,000 bill. He also stated that he plans to work with the other Mayors and the legislature to get relief from this double taxation.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (6-0).

- The worksession adjourned at 8:50 P.M.