
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 24, 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, Planner Moore, 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 #72670 to #72769 in the amount of \$171,634.51
 - Payroll Checks #51085 to #51198 in the amount of \$187,956.16
- Resolution 848-11 Appointing Members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar items A through C. Seconded by Councilmember Colgan. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

Evonne Michael – 212 Hawthorne, addressed the Council regarding a neighboring property and beekeeping. Within her presentation she provided a lesson on bee habitats and also addressed damage from bee pollen she incurred, lack of help from Code Enforcement, swarms of bees, number of hives within the ordinance, police response to calls, standing water in retention ponds and the lack of description on size of a hive. Michael questioned who was at fault, registration of hives, and notification of neighbors.

Planner Moore addressed the code that was quoted and clarified that an acre of land meets the definition of a small farm.

Discussion was held regarding health department involvement and guidelines, negligent owners and farming activities.

Councilmember Galbraith noted that he voted against bees and that the Council decision was not unanimous.

Further discussion was held on publication of public hearings with a suggestion of sending notification with the garbage bills.

Pat Hammond – 729 Sauk Mountain Dr., thanked the Council for placing the ban on fireworks the past 4th of July. She said it was nice not to have the noise or the mess in the street. Hammond, a member of Sedro-Woolley Soroptimist also gave a thank you to the Police Department for their work with the recent vandalism at the Walnut Tree.

PUBLIC HEARING

Solid Waste Rate Changes

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the background information regarding the proposed rate change as a result of the Department of Revenue audit. Specifically the rental charge is proposed to be rolled into the base rate. The second change is to include a statement that the rates include the 3.6% State Refuse Tax. Berg did note that large containers will still have rental fee.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M.

No public comments received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:33 P.M.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt ordinance No. 1712-11 An Ordinance Amending the Fees and Charges for the Use of the City of Sedro-Woolley Refuse Collection and Disposal System and Amending Portions of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 8.04. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Councilmember Sandström – requested clarification on the large container rental.

Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Retaining Impact Fee and General Facility Charge Credits for Buildings that are Demolished (1st Reading)

Planner Moore introduced the topic of retaining impact fee and general facility charge credits. He noted this has arisen as a result of trying to clean up neighborhoods. Property owners are resistant to remove the building because of losing the impact fee credit. The proposed ordinance would extend or develop system to retain credits while demolishing the building. Moore reviewed a rough draft of the proposed ordinance and posed several questions to Council.

Discussion ensued regarding time limit, existing sewer, current bond agreement, current code for sewer and whether to continue the discussion at a worksession or refer the topic to the Council planning committee.

Resident Parking Around SWHS

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented the history regarding the parking regulations imposed with parking within the vicinity of the High School. He noted the City has not received any complaints since implementing the regulations. There has been a concern from residents on the mowing around sign posts being a nuisance and the original geographical area seems too large for the actual need.

Discussion ensued regarding consistent application of the rules, decrease the perimeter of the permitted parking area with the consensus being an ordinance will be brought back with a reduction in area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

SR 20 Widening Project Update

Engineer Freiburger presented an update on the continuing progress of the SR 20 Widening. He noted work continues with PSE. He reported that the Mayor's leadership has the County EDC recommending Sedro-Woolley receive \$300,000 for the stormwater and signal work on the SR 20 project. Freiburger has directed the Engineer's to design for the stormwater and submittals for the signal work in order to maintain the schedule. The EDC recommendation will still need to be ratified by the County Commissioners. He also reviewed the Council Report that will give Council updates on the project. The closure work will be sometime around September 26th. Freiburger reported on other work under progress to include asphalt paving and work on the sewer project as well as he reported on the award of STP regional funds for the Cook Road Realignment project.

Police Chief Wood – reported the department has been busy but things are going well.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported the upcoming annual pump testing will take place at Fire Station 2 on Sept 6, 7, 8 & 9th from 7 am – 5 pm. Seven departments from the area will have testing done. He invited any Councilmember's to come watch. Klinger also gave a thank you to Snelson's for building the apparatus for the pump test. He also noted there have been some difficulties with the solar hot water heater and they are working with the contractors for a resolve.

Planner Moore – announced the upcoming Planning short course to be held in LaConner. Information is at each Council seat. Moore noted the Planning Commission will be attending and encouraged Councilmember's attendance as well. He also addressed an opportunity for a large regional grant opportunity. The intent is due and listed as project specific to Sedro-Woolley will be a Land Use Analysis and Brickyard Creek Sub Area Plan.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the Lions Club has requested to have a couple of events at the Community Center. He referenced a letter from the Lions Club which

listed their in-kind donations to the City for various projects. Berg requested Council establish a credit balance for the Lions Club to offset use of City buildings.

Councilmember Lemley moved to give the Lions Club of Sedro-Woolley a credit of \$6,440. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the Finance Committees annual review for the insurance renewal. Berg noted they reviewed CIAW vs. a private insurance. At this time they recommend renewing with CIAW . We have already given a notice to withdraw in 2013. The finance committee expressed interest in conducting a formal RFP for 2013.

Discussion was held regarding the September worksession. The October and November worksession will be budget oriented. The consensus for the September worksession would be to have a roundtable discussion.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg announced a tour of the Wild Horse wind facility in Ellensburg. He and Councilmember Splane will be attending and there are two more openings for anyone interested.

Finance Director Nelson – noted the annual impact fee report in the back of the packets.

Councilmember Sandström – reported he attended Cascade Days in Concrete and the Concrete Fire Department thanked Sedro-Woolley for their new/our old engine.

Mayor Anderson – gave kudos to the Rotary Club for the summer music events held at Riverfront Park.

Police Chief Wood – announced the Rotary Trail dedication to be held Saturday.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.