
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession

September 7, 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: Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Finance Director Nelson and Planner Moore.

Agreement with BNSF regarding SR 20 Widening Project

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg explained right of way ownership and how it relates to the project.

Councilmember Storrs moved to ratify and approve the attached agreement with BNSF regarding construction of the SR 20 project. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (6-0).

Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County PUD No. 1

Councilmember Galbraith moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Interlocal Agreement with PUD No. 1 for construction work as part of the SR20, Metcalf to Township Lane Widening and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project in final form as approved by the City Attorney and Public Works Director. Councilmember Wagoner seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Retaining Impact Fee and General Facility Charge Credits for Buildings that are Demolished

- Planner Moore introduced the topic with a lengthy discussion held. Council consensus was to issue a credit certificate for sewer general connection fee to stay with the parcel and is non-refundable. Payment of a reduced monthly standby sewer fee after final demo was recommended. Impact fee credit would be issued at current rate and payment of any difference in fees would be required at the time of permit. A draft ordinance will be presented for Council consideration.

Critical Goals and Objectives

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the topic followed by discussion. Councilors will review and give input to Berg.

Round Table Discussion

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on health insurance for elected's. AWC participation requirements, plan costs and plan requirements would not allow the plan to be offered to Councilor's at no cost to taxpayers. Also discussed expanding the wellness plan to Councilor's as well as possible incentives to encourage citizens to run for Council positions.
- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg updated the Council on new police and court "Get Tough on Crime" procedures as alternatives to lack of beds at the Skagit County Jail. Discussed making parks non-smoking beginning with Hammer Heritage Square and Memorial Park. An ordinance will be brought back to the Council.
- Discussed creating a higher business license fee for mobile vendors. The previous ordinance will be brought back for discussion.
- Use of Fireworks within the City was discussed as to whether or not the current ordinance was working or if a complete ban was in order.
- A sample letter explaining the partnership with Business License Services was distributed to the Council before distribution to local businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.