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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
September 28, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Storrs, Councilmembers: Pat Colgan, Tony Splane, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Engineer Freiberger, Asst Fire Chief Olson and Police Lt. Tucker.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Storrs in the absence of Mayor Mike Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #72877 to #72977 in the amount of \$931,837.96.
  - Payroll Checks #51312 to #51420 in the amount of \$185,360.51.
- Designate Veterans' Benefit at Riverfront Park a Community Event
- Final Acceptance – 2011 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Project
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Economic Development Funding for SR20, Metcalf to Township Lane Widening & Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvement Project
- SCOG Members Intergovernmental Agreement
- Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County Conservation District – Public Education & Involvement Project in support of the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit WAR-04-5555
- Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Commitment for Participation in the HUD Regional Planning Grant

Councilmember Colgan moved to approve the consent calendar Items A - H. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

Greg Reed, CEO/Superintendent of United General Hospital addressed the Council regarding upcoming legislation of hospitals designated as critical access hospitals on both the state and national level. Reed passed out two publications for Council information. He spoke of the ramifications of the proposals for a reduction of critical access payments and addressed uncompensated care which has increased over the past six years. Reed requested City assistance with communication to legislators regarding the importance of United General within the community. He then answered questions from the Council.

The Council expressed interest in preparing a Resolution of support. A meeting will be scheduled with hospital and City staff to discuss and prepare a resolution which will come back before Council at a later date.

#### Public Comment

No public comment received.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Smoking in Parks (*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the topic of smoking in the parks. The topic is brought before Council as a result of a request by Council from a previous worksession. The request was to address the impact of smoking around the play areas at Memorial Park and Hammer Heritage Square. He referenced the state law prohibiting smoking on school grounds and pointed out samples of possible signage. Berg noted it was a first read and requested feed back from Council prior to a second read.

Discussion ensued regarding distance, feeling of police department, ordinance being a tool for parents to point out signs and Hammer Heritage Square.

#### Business License Ordinance (*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*)

Finance Director Nelson noted the current business license ordinance is outdated. She reviewed the proposed Business License Ordinance which incorporates the partnering with the Business License Services (Department of Revenue) and changes the classes of business licenses, including the addition of a specialty business license. Nelson reviewed the proposed fee structure and types of business licenses.

Council discussion took place regarding the entertainment fee, non profit business license, distinction between pawn shops and second hand store and clarification of solid waste businesses.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the clarification of solid waste businesses and the possibility of incorporating mobile vending within the business license ordinance. The consensus of the Council was to incorporate mobile vending into the business license ordinance.

A final draft of the ordinance will be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

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

### SR 20 Widening Project Update

Engineer Freiburger reviewed the SR20 project, noting the detour started on Monday. He stated there have been some revisions made to the detour in order to alleviate traffic issues. The contractor is making good progress despite a set back due to mismarking of utility lines. Freiburger reported that some curbs will need to be redone due to a grading issue. He also reviewed some field orders with a minor cost to the project of approximately \$2,700.

Police Lt. Tucker – addressed the traffic revision and reported that most of the traffic is flowing well. They are doing traffic emphasis within the construction and detour area.

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – noted they have had a busy week with the wind storm. They also had to opportunity to use the ladder truck at a fire call at the American Legion which turned out to be an issue with their HVAC system. Olson also reported that the driver simulator is here for staff to utilize. He announced training for three new firefighters will begin on Monday and the annual Boot to Burn dance.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – pointed out several informational pieces at the Council seats which include a handout on knot weed, an article on park letts, and privatization of liquor (informational only) and the Skagit Council of Governments audit findings. Berg also noted the presence of a reporter from the Skagit Valley Herald in the audience.

Finance Director Nelson – reported staff is in the middle of budget preparations.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming fundraiser for the Sedro-Woolley Museum, Saturday from 3-6 P.M. at the Community Center.

Councilmember Sandström – discussed comments received from patrons and vendors at the Farmers Market regarding the SR 20 traffic revisions. He requested some crossing control during the market hours.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:51 P.M. for the purpose of personnel under RCW 42.30.110(G) for approximately 10 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:16 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.