
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Council Worksession

October 5, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. – Public Safety Training Room

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Finance Director Nelson and Fire Chief Klinger.

Ambulance Operations

- City Supervisor/Attorney Berg described the current structure and funding of ambulance service in Skagit County. He reviewed a draft letter to the Skagit County EMS Commission regarding the provision of ambulance services with the general consensus of approval of the letter.

2012 Preliminary Budget

- Finance Director Nelson and City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the 2012 budget process. They noted 2011 revenues look to be within budget except Cemetery is lower. The 2012 requested expenditures are greater than anticipated revenues. A discussion was held regarding priorities in the budget process.

Round Table Discussion

- State/Congressional Redistricting – A discussion was held on how the proposed redistricting plans would affect Sedro-Woolley. A letter was reviewed requesting to keep Sedro-Woolley in the 39th legislative district.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to allow the Mayor to sign the redistricting letter as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (4-0).

- Medical Coverage for Elected – It was reported that in order to offer medical coverage to elected officials at no cost to the taxpayers, salaries would need to be reduced before the election. Discussion followed. The proposal for the Mayor's medical will be brought before Council at the October 26th meeting.
- Councilmember Sandström reported on his conversation with Jim Davis, Executive Director of the North Cascades Conservation Council regarding action under the American Alps Legacy proposal. Councilmember Sandström is interested in presenting a resolution in favor of setting the boundaries of the North Cascades National park to the original proposed footprint. Discussion followed with the consensus being that more information and research is needed.

- Football Practice Fields – Council considered a request to use a portion of the Swedelius property for youth football practice fields. As the property is within Skagit County and is zoned agriculture, discussion followed of possible sites around town.
- Miscellaneous – Councilmember Lemley mentioned a property in town where building up the City streets has caused a shift in water placed upon citizen’s property. Mayor Anderson will visit the site.

Executive Session

The worksession adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.110 (G) at 8:40 P.M.

Mayor Anderson left the worksession during Executive Session and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Storrs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Storrs reconvened the worksession at 9:13 P.M.

- School Resource Officer (Police Officer) – Councilmember Wagoner brought up the subject of a school resource officer as a possible method to solve issues in a positive way through a school/city partnership. Wagoner is on the School District’s citizen levy committee and suggested adding the funding for this position to the levy proposal. More discussion at a future meeting will be held.

Councilmember Lemley moved to adjourn. Seconded by All. Motion carried (4-0).

The worksession adjourned at 9:28 P.M.