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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
December 14, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, 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 73357 to #73486 in the amount of \$731,191.39.
  - Payroll Checks #51848 to #51955 in the amount of \$285,920.95
- State of Washington Agreement No. 2010-WPC-335 – Amendment Number 1 for Office of State Procurement – State Purchasing Cooperative – 2012 Membership
- Property Use Agreement – Skagit Transit #11-020 for Bus Shelters
- Approval of the Fuel Tax Distribution Agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the FY 2013 Expanded Preservation Project
- Change Order 3 Approval – contract 2011-PW-06 SR20, Metcalf to Township Lane Widening and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvement Project – Interwest Construction Inc.
- Change Order 5 Approval – contract 2011-PW-06 SR20, Metcalf to Township Lane Widening and Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project – Interwest Construction Inc.
- Amendment 2 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2011-PS-13 for Construction Phase Services for the SR20, Metcalf to Township Lane Widening & Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements Project/Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Inc.

Councilmember Sandström questioned the cedar trees in Change Order 3.

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

## Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster Presentation

Cindy Verge –Executive Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival presented the Mayor and City Council with the 2012 Tulip poster and thanked them for their continued support to the festival.

## Public Comment

Richard Quam – 1325 Pinto Ln., addressed Council regarding a letter sent by him and several property owners on the rezone of their properties from R-5 Residential to Industrial. He discussed the notification process noting the notice received resembled a general announcement to the public so they did not realize that there was a need to object to the rezone. On behalf of several property owners he requested that the zoning and comprehensive plan amendments be reversed and to have the rezone request be processed as a city sponsored request.

Discussion ensued regarding any objections to the request and the financial impact of the rezone to the property owners represented by the letter.

Planner Moore explained the process of notification, Planning Commission decision, the process to reverse the decision (which is to place it on the comprehensive plan amendment change for 2012) and city initiated or property owner request.

Janet Quam – 1325 Pinto Ln., addressed the type of industry that might go into the area and the potential noise concerns.

Bill Calkins – 1004 Rhodes Rd., first noted the beautiful City Hall building and thanked the Council for their service to the community. He noted due to the economic forecast it is unlikely that industry would be coming in anytime soon. He also noted the economic impact to the individual property owners if selling due to the bank lending requirements on property zoned industrial. He also requested the property be changed back to R-5 Residential.

Councilmember Sandström recalled that residents of Suenic Dr. were not in favor of the change to Industrial at the time of the rezone.

The Council consensus was to move forward with the request as a City sponsored amendment. Some discussion ensued regarding process and length of time.

Matthew Thornton – 100 Nelson St., addressed the Council regarding several issues. He cautioned Council when dealing with issues to look beyond the original request to see what the affect will be. He cited a recent rezone hearing of storage units.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted that he is not allowed to discuss the hearing as any decision of the hearing can be appealed and it would be appealed to the City Council. Berg requested Thornton to use a different example.

Thornton continued and noted that Council needs to be cautious with hot bed issues because of the activist groups that could become involved and cost the City a lot of money.

He also addressed the speed of cars, mostly students from the High School speeding around the bend on Walley Street and some property clean up that was done with piles of brush left.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 2012 Budget Ordinance

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the process and course the 2012 budget has taken. She addressed some last minute revisions to the budget as a result of a TIB grant that was received and changes due to the collective bargaining agreements.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the budget is ready for action and that it has been a tough budget year.

Councilmember Sandström moved to approve Ordinance No. 1723-11 An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012. Councilmember Splane seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Brickyard Creek Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County

Engineer Freiburger noted this topic was discussed at length at the last worksession and there are no new developments since that time. He offered to address any questions Council may have.

### Revisions to Design Standards and Guidelines for the Mixed Commercial Zone

After some discussion Planner Moore requested the item be removed from the agenda in order to make some corrections and to be submitted in the standard strike and underline format at the next meeting.

### 2012 Salary Ordinance

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed 2012 salary ordinance. She noted the salaries listed are prior to the 5% reduction in pay due to closure days. She also noted that the Mayor has requested and volunteered to take a pay reduction.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1724-11 An Ordinance Establishing the Salaries and Wages for Elected Officials, Union (Guild) and Non-Union Employees of the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2012. Councilmember Lemley seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

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

Councilmember Storrs – questioned the process for elected officials to be able to voluntarily take a reduction in their salary.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted an ordinance would be needed in order to establish a policy.

Councilmember Splane – noted some potholes at the Sapp Road railroad trestle. Engineer Freiburger noted the area is within the County but he will contact someone to let them know.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced the annual employee appreciation lunch on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon at Fire Station 2. He requested a show of hands from Council as to who may be attending. He also addressed a letter from Lisa Janicki of Janicki Industries regarding the recent decision on mobile vending and requested an exception that would allow mobile vending on private commercial or industrial property at the invitation of the property owner.

Discussion once again ensued regarding mobile vending.

Engineer Freiburger – reported on the progress of the SR20 project and referred to his summary of the change orders to date.

Planner Moore – reported that the partners in the Regional grant were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant.

Fire Chief Klinger – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Police Chief Wood – reported the department has been very busy. He noted they will be having a search with dogs at the high school. They have also been working at a residence with an animal hoarder and have removed numerous cats and dogs from the residence.

Mayor Anderson announced the services for Terry Carter, Planning Commission member will be held Friday at the Catholic Church.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.