
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 8, 2012 – 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, Acting Planning Director Coleman, 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 #74938 to #75030 in the amount of \$160,012.47
 - Payroll Checks #53601 to #53710 in the amount of \$263,793.83
- Final Acceptance – Critical Sewer Interceptor Replacement Project – PWTF Loan Number PC08-951-039

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

Public Comment

Cookson Beecher – 4028 Simpson Road, addressed the Council regarding a grassroots movement seeking a constitutional amendment to reverse the Citizens United decision handed down by the Supreme Court a couple of years ago. She reported the decision said that Corporations are people and enjoy free speech rights giving corporations the ability for unlimited spending and to contribute money into political campaigns. Beecher reviewed the group's process for signature gathering on signature advisory petitions and steps that need to be completed at the local, state and national levels. She also reported on what has been happening in other cities and counties and passed out an informational pamphlet on the movement to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Budget Amendment #3

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed budget amendment #3. She noted she prepares a budget amendment as needed, based on Council actions. Nelson reviewed the changes some of which are due to grant funding received, purchase of mobile Spillman

equipment, changes in personnel, establishment of a code enforcement fund and interfund transfers.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance No. 1749-12 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1723-11 entitled, "An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2012. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

World Breastfeeding Week Resolution

Councilmember Sandström introduced a proposed resolution in support of World Breastfeeding Week and to recognize the good works of the La Leche League of Skagit County.

Councilmember Sandström moved to pass Resolution No. 868-12 A Resolution Recognizing UNICEF's World Breastfeeding Week, August 1st through August 7th, Acknowledging the Good Work by La Leche League of Skagit County and Supporting La Leche League of Skagit County's Family Jubilee Held in Sedro-Woolley's Memorial Park on August 18th, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner.

Councilmember Storrs, noted he supports breastfeeding but expressed concern of the resolution being beyond the parlay of the City Council. He believes it represents a point of view and does not believe it to be part of the city avenue that the Council should be doing this. He noted that if the Council is unable to pass a resolution in support of a school bond, they should not be doing this. Councilmember Splane concurred.

Motion carried (5-2, Councilmember Storrs and Splane opposed).

CERB Grant Application Approval

City Supervisor/Attorney reviewed a possible funding opportunity for a CERB Grant Application for help in funding the SR 20 Corridor Freight Mobility and Revitalization Phase 1 – SR20, Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project. He reviewed the upcoming deadline of August 16th for the CERB grant and August 24th for the TIB grant. As part of the requirements the City Council needs to formally approve the application. Berg reviewed the criteria requirements for the project and noted they he and Engineer Freiberger have met with Mark Nysether of Skagit Industrial Park who is on line with the project and will be writing a letter of support.

Discussion ensued regarding impacts on Bingham Park, growth of the scope of the project and a funding shortfall with additional funding needed.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to authorize staff to submit an application to the Community Economic Revitalization Board for a grant to help fund the SR 20 Corridor Freight Mobility and Revitalization Phase 1 – SR20, Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 and commit the required

matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – noted things are going well within the department. He then spoke as a Rotary representative on the progress of the Skate Park which is going well. He noted they will be shooting concrete for the bowls tomorrow. Progress on the park can be followed on Facebook – Sedro-Woolley Community Skate Park. Wood also noted the Skate Fest originally planned for August 18th will be postponed. Rotary has submitted an application for a grant for protective gear which will not be awarded until after the original date scheduled.

Councilmember Loy questioned if there would be helmet requirements. Chief Wood noted that it will be recommended but it is difficult to enforce. City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the City is working with Canfield and Associates, the city's insurance provider for the proper wording to be placed on the signage.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on the opportunity to participate with a fire in Mount Vernon and the use of the ladder truck at the fire.

Acting Planning Director Coleman – noted he is working through the transition of a building department without a building inspector.

Councilmember Loy questioned the how the parklets were going. Coleman noted a few snags but overall they have been well received and going well.

Engineer Freiberger – reported that the grass strips along the Highway 20 project have been growing spottily along the median strips. It is believed the wrong grass mix was used. The contractor has been notified and they will be killing the existing grass and will be reseeding once the weather cools off a bit. He also gave a status update on the repaving projects at Nelson, Batey and John Liner and reported the Metcalf street paving is scheduled to begin September 10th. Freiberger stated the drainage ditch mowing contract is scheduled to kick off soon. The interlocal agreement with Skagit County which will reimburse the City for mowing on their portion of the ditch has been finalized and will be brought to Council at the next meeting.

Engineer Freiberger addressed the CERB grant opportunity and reported on two other grants being worked on. Freiberger also addressed a potential program through the Department of Enterprise Services for an energy audit to identify equipment at WWTP for possible upgrading to be paid back by energy savings. He explained the process and steps involved. More information will be presented to Council in the near future.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the recent Jail meeting he attended along with Councilmember Wagoner. He noted the County has hired another architect to join the other team members which includes a financial advisor which is available to the

council to review the financing options. He stated they are still on a multi-track process with some critical questions that remain outstanding. The group is working together to sort out where we are today and to try to come up with a solution for the future. Berg also reported on a meeting of the Sedro Woolley Economic Development leadership group. The group met and have determined there is not a very friendly portal for business considering Sedro Woolley. Steps will be taken to improve the website and links to other areas. He reminded Council that the Swett appeal is on schedule for Monday at Superior Court in Mount Vernon.

Finance Director Nelson – noted she has received the 2013 budget manual and is starting to work on the budget updates and mapping out a schedule.

Councilmember Sandström – reported he had recently sent a letter to the County Commissioners requesting a contribution to the Skate Park. Sandström also reported on some issues with activity at the Memorial Park restrooms and wondering if there might be a solution.

Councilmember Galbraith – questioned the School District policy on closing the Central and Mary Purcell playfields after dark.

Police Chief Wood noted the school district has hired extra security. It is hard for city police to patrol because of the locked gates. Wood noted they have been working with the School District on the issues.

Councilmember Galbraith also questioned the status of the vandalism at Cascade Middle School.

Police Chief Wood stated they are waiting for tips and are questioning individuals as they receive them. The school district also has a reward posted.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.