
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 22, 2012 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Storrs; Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Tony Splane, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Engineer Freiberger, Acting Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Lt. Tucker.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Storrs.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #75031 to #75119 in the amount of \$152,318.87
 - Payroll Checks #53711 to #53824 in the amount of \$193,780.50
- Guardian Security Contract Renewal
- Proposed Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between Skagit County and the City of Sedro-Woolley RE Brickyard Creek Annual Maintenance Work Reimbursement
- Proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sedro Woolley and Skagit Transit RE SR-Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project

Councilmember Splane questioned the reference of a map for Item E.

Engineer Freiberger apologized for the oversight of the map not being in the packet and explained the boundaries.

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

Memorial Park Restroom Update

Nathan Salseina of the Parks Department presented a slide show presentation documenting the construction of the new restrooms at Memorial Park. He noted that the staff is extremely proud of the project.

Public Comment

Phil Fusselman – 712 Sterling St., addressed the Council to thank the Street and Engineering departments for the job well done on the extension on Jameson St. He spoke of having pride in the community and addressed several areas where there are junk vehicles and places where people don't seem to have the same pride. He provided pictures of several areas of concern and questioned who is responsible for the enforcement of such cases.

Councilmember Wagoner noted the specific areas he was addressing were in his Council ward and took note of the addresses for follow up.

Police Lt. Tucker stated the police department does handle junk vehicles but they do not patrol for them. They do, however, act on situations when they are brought to their attention.

Fusselman requested some effort be put into getting some resolve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Transportation Grant Approval and Match Commitments

- REVISED – FY2010 Safe Routes to Schools
- NEW – 2012 WSDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program, FY2012 Safe Routes to Schools or FY 2014 TIB Urban Sidewalk Program
- NEW – Safe Routes to Schools: WSDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program
- Transportation Improvement Board 2014 Urban Arterial Program Gants; CERB 2012 Community Revitalization Grant Program Phase 1; Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board 2012 Call for Project
- Transportation Improvement Board 2014 Urban Sidewalk Program Grant
- Transportation Improvement Board 2014 Urban Expanded Preservation Program Grant

Engineer Freiburger reviewed the list of grant approval and match commitments. He noted they have been very busy submitting grant applications with four to be submitted on Friday. The requested action will memorialize the grants and match commitments that have been authorized by Council. Freiburger reviewed some of the proposed projects for sidewalks in various locations. He referred to the funding sources within the Council memo and stated they are trying to pursue every source of funding available.

Council discussion ensued regarding Jameson, including the long range goal of Jameson.

Philip Murray – 223 State Street, addressed the Council regarding areas within town that have no sidewalks, specifically along Ferry Street from Herbs Chevron to Food Pavilion and on State Street from the market to the Library. Murray encouraged addressing sidewalks on the main streets within the town before other areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Storrs reviewed the City's effort of trying to fill in the areas of town with no sidewalks and new construction sidewalk requirements.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize staff to apply for and confirm the grants identified within the memo and to commit the local match dollars identified in this memo. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner.

Councilmember Loy questioned the over extension of funds and the process if all grants were awarded.

Engineer Freiburger noted after the grant awards are made the agreements would come back before Council and they would have the opportunity to decline or find the funds from within the budget.

Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Blackrock Franchise

Mayor Pro Tem Storrs briefly introduced the proposed franchise agreement memo. He noted that Blackrock is a communications company that is requesting renewal of their franchise agreement and are looking for a 10 year agreement with a 5% franchise fee. Storrs noted this is a first read only.

Councilmember Loy requested more information about the company, the franchise fee and a definition of “EG Channel”. He also requested the information be provided in paper format.

Envision Skagit 2060 Draft Resolution

Acting Planning Director Coleman reviewed the draft resolution regarding Envision Skagit 2060. Coleman noted that the resolution reflects the progress of the Envision project and outlines the actions that SCOG will and will not pursue as part of the project.

SCOG has requested input from each of the jurisdictions involved in the Envision project. The Council may:

1. support the draft SCOG resolution on the Envision Skagit 2060 process and recommendations
2. support the draft resolution with amendments; or
3. not support the draft resolution.

Council discussion ensued regarding whether the plan would place more restrictions on businesses trying to develop within the County, being an additional layer of bureaucracy, project funded by an EPA grant, and items already covered within the Growth Management Act. Further discussion ensued regarding the original document.

Acting Planning Director Coleman noted the Planning Department has no opinion on the matter and is asking for Council direction.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to table the topic. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Lt. Tucker – reported the sale of a couple of seized vehicles through the online public surplus with two more vehicles to be sold in September. Tucker noted that the funds go into the drug enforcement fund. He also reported on a couple of code enforcement issues being worked on in the 200 block of Laurel Dr. and the 1000 block of Cook Rd. Tucker reported on some speed enforcement being conducted on Fruitdale Road.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported on some complaints regarding a broken hydrant at the corner of Railroad and Jameson. He noted they have been waiting for the case to go through the court system and the case has just concluded. A restitution hearing is coming up in October however; it is believed due to a jail sentence to be fulfilled that restitution will not happen soon. Chief Klinger said he would bring something back to Council in the near future. Chief Klinger also noted that they are conducting their live burn practices should anyone want to come watch.

Police Chief Tucker addressed the locking of playgrounds and noted just recently the handicap ramps were destroyed. He commented that this has been a continual battle.

Acting Planning Director Coleman – addressed the Memorial Park restroom and said they are still brainstorming for a solutions to avoid misconduct in the restrooms with them being tied up for long lengths of time. He also reported on the Planning Commission meeting for the Shoreline Management Update.

Engineer Freiburger – reported being busy with grant applications and overseeing the contractor doing street overlays. He reported on the overlay schedule with Metcalf Street to be in mid September.

Councilmember Sandström – thanked Brent Frisbee in the Solid Waste Department who brought a garbage truck to the Family Jubilee held recently to show the kids. He also addressed a resident complaint on the Third Street “resident only” parking enforcement.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on the upcoming Founders Day events on September 8th and 9th.

Councilmember Galbraith – addressed an e-mail received from Wireless Access who is interested in meeting with Chief Klinger on the wireless data devices. Klinger noted that all the devices are installed and the bid process was done with other area departments. Galbraith also questioned a neighbor burning cardboard and whether there is any progress on the Cascade Middle School break in.

Councilmember Wagoner – announced the Ribbon Cutting ceremony to be held Friday at 6:00 P.M. for the Denny Engberg Memorial Field.

Councilmember Splane – reported the Seagrave is close to be completed. It cannot be started in the museum building and he requested some help in moving it out in order to start it. Splane was directed to let Fire Chief Klinger know when the truck needs to be moved and the Firefighters will provide some muscle.

Councilmember Loy – reported that he recently went on a tour of the Skagit County Jail. He also questioned if there had been any comments received on the outdoor dining.

It was noted that the Chamber is collecting all comments but the city has not received any comments since the last meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.