
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 14, 2012 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson; Councilmembers: Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström.
Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director 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

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #75504 to #75609 in the amount of \$523,482.27.
 - Payroll Checks #54264 to #54372 in the amount of \$249,656.86 (Void Check #54347).
- Amendment 3 to the Interlocal Agreement Dated 10/18/11 with Skagit County Conservation District – NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit WAR-04-5555
- Resolution No. 871-12 – Possible Sole Source Resolution for Mountain View Estates Stormwater Pump Station Control Panel Design and Fabrication.
- Setting a Public Hearing on November 28, 2012 to Consider Adoption of the 2013 Budget.
- Resolution No. 872-12 Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing Its Disposition

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through G.
Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Proclamation – National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2012

Mayor Anderson read a proclamation which proclaims November 2012 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. The proclamation encourages citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

Public Comment

No Comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Property Tax Levy Ordinances

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed property tax levy ordinance. She noted the ordinance is in two parts. One section relates to the voter approved bond tax which she noted that qualified low income senior citizens and disabled persons do not pay. The other section is the general property tax. The Mayor has recommended a 0% property tax increase. She reviewed examples of tax revenues should the Council decide to increase the tax by a 1% increase or maximum amount allowed. Nelson noted that it continues to be a long, slow economic recovery.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:07 P.M.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:08 P.M.

Mayor Anderson noted this is a first read of the ordinance and no decision will be made until the next meeting.

Council discussion took place on banking of the unused funds, emergency necessities, tying the hand of future councils and a request to have an ordinance prepared for a 1% increase in next Council packet.

Utility Rate Ordinances

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented background information regarding the proposed utility rate increase. He noted this is a second read with requested action after the public hearing is held. Berg stated there have been no changes in the ordinance since the last meeting and entertained Council questions.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:14 P.M.

Councilmember Galbraith requested City Supervisor/Attorney Berg review the increases for the benefit of the audience members.

Tony Tomasino – 704 Sauk Mountain Dr., questioned the CPI of 2.7%, the reference to grant funding and where the grant funds are coming from.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted the grant funds are coming from the Department of Ecology and Skagit County for the taking over of Brickyard Creek. He also reviewed where the CPI was obtained.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:19 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1754-12 An Ordinance Increasing the Fees and Charges for Use of the City of Sedro-Woolley Sanitary Sewer System by 2.7%. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Lemley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1755-12 An Ordinance Amending the Fees and Charges for the Use of the City of Sedro-Woolley Storm and Surface Water Utility System by 2.7%. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1756-12 An Ordinance Amending SWMC 8.04.075 to Increase Solid Waste Rates and Charges by 2.7%. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Anderson noted that Council has had numerous meetings and discussions to try to figure out the best way to keep up with operational costs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Union Cemetery Rates Ordinance

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the item on the agenda for a second reading and requested action. He also reviewed two changes within the proposal ordinance as requested by Council from the last meeting, as well as the background information as to the process of the rate increases. The rate increases are intended to make the cemetery more self-sufficient and is intended to be an alternative to privatization.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1757-12 An Ordinance Amending the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 2.80 to Increase Certain Rates and Charges for the Sedro-Woolley Union Cemetery. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-0).

Proposed MOU with SWSD and Other Baseball Stakeholders Regarding Construction of a New Babe Ruth League Baseball Field at the SWSD Janicki Field Site

Public Works Director Freiberger reviewed background information for the proposed MOU with the Sedro Woolley School District regarding the construction of a new Babe Ruth League baseball field. He reported on the meeting with the stakeholders and the reasons necessitating the relocation. He noted after the completion of the Rotary Skate Board Park, Rotary is interested in making additional improvements to the area but improvements would interfere with the ball field. Also, the upcoming SR20/Cook Road project will interfere with Tesarik Field and the stakeholders have come up with a plan to move the Babe Ruth field to School District property and to move Tesarik Field to the Metcalf property which would allow Rotary the capability of future improvements to the area. Freiberger stated the purpose of the MOU is to acknowledge the commitment of all parties. He noted the agreement is a non-binding agreement and requested Council approval.

Councilmember Storrs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Sedro-Woolley School District regarding Construction of a New Babe Ruth League Baseball Field at the SWSD Janicki Fields site. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Budget

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed ordinance which summarizes the budget amounts for each fund within the Mayors Preliminary 2013 budget. She noted the preliminary budget is available to the public at the City Finance Department or on the City website.

Discussion ensued regarding the Proposition 1 sales tax increase and some minor adjustments to comply with the State Auditors recommendation regarding the evidence building.

Correction of Legal Description in 2008 Annexation Ordinance No. 1604-08

Acting Planning Director Coleman reviewed the proposed ordinance to correct a legal description within Ordinance No. 1604-08. He noted the error was found by the State mapping office and will only correct the oversights and will not affect the effective date of the original annexation. This is a first read with no decision until the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on the striping of Metcalf Street and stated the project will be closed within the month of December. He also noted the City should hear soon regarding funding for the SR20 Cook Road project as the TIB will be meeting Thursday and Friday.

Police Chief Wood – reported on staffing issues within the department. He also reported on the Skate Board Park noting that to date the project costs not including in kind donations and labor was \$189,000. The park is getting a lot of use.

Councilmember Splane – thanked the Public Works Department for the cleaning of Brickyard Creek.

Councilmember Storrs – commented on the completed Metcalf Street project.

Councilmember Sandström – Thanked those involved in the clean up of the recent graffiti spree.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.