
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 28, 2012 – 7:00 P.M. –City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson; Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner (Late), Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, 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 (Including November 7, 2012 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #75610 to #75691 in the amount of \$458,940.57.
 - Payroll Checks #54373 to #54478 in the amount of \$187,938.63.
- Possible contract Amendment 01 – contract 2012-PS-05 – SCADA & Controls Engineering Inc.
- Ordinance 1758-12 – Correction of Legal Description in 2008 Annexation Ordinance No. 1604-08
- Approval of Contract for Prosecutor Services for 2013
- Ratification of Revisions to the Public Defense Agreement for 2013

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

Public Comment

No comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING

2013 Budget

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the 2013 Budget for a public hearing.

Finance Director Nelson reviewed some of the handouts and noted that no changes have been made, but changes will be forthcoming to include the funds from Prop 1. Nelson

entertained questions from the Council to include the amount of funding anticipated to be generated from Prop 1. It was noted that sales of vehicles are not covered for 36 months.

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

No comment received.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:07:30

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Rules for Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens Ordinance

Planning Director Coleman reviewed for a second read zoning rules for medical cannabis collective gardens. He noted the passage of Initiative 501 which changes how marijuana is perceived and regulated in the State but does not change the rules under Federal law. He also noted no changes have been made in the ordinance since the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Wagoner arrived at 7:09 P.M.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg stated staff is looking for some direction since the passage of the Initiative. Berg noted that every precinct in Sedro Woolley voted for the passage of the initiative that allows for recreational use of marijuana and questioned if the results of the recent election on recreational marijuana impact the thinking of medical marijuana. Does Council want to allow a location in the city where medical marijuana can be situated.

Council discussion ensued regarding considerations going on in other cities, changes within the laws over the next year, possible zoning locations, future conversations to be forthcoming regarding retail sales for recreational use as well as processors and growers, written communication from Washington DC regarding medical marijuana, more discussion on zoning locations, additional setbacks, collective gardens in secure places and generated sales tax. The consensus of Council is to continue to discuss the topic further at the December 5th worksession.

Property Tax Levy Ordinances

Finance Director Nelson reviewed two proposed ordinances. One completed for a 0% increase and the other for a 1% increase. She addressed the Council's question regarding banking for future capacity and requested action in order to meet the November 30th deadline.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1759-12 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro Woolley Approving the Property Tax Levy at an Increase of 1%.

Councilmember Storrs expressed his opinion stating that the Council has a fiduciary responsibility with the City. It doesn't matter how we personally feel or what party platform we follow, we have a need to ensure the money is present. An increase will give the city a head start on next year's budget instead of cutting people.

The motion died for a lack of a second.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve Ordinance No. 1759-12 An Ordinance of the City of Sedro Woolley Approving the Property Tax Levy at an Increase of 0%. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – reported the Police Department is working on the Spillman mobile system installation and training. He noted it will be an interesting addition. He also reported on the lateral police officer testing.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported they finished up their volunteer academy with 2 new volunteers. He also reported on the loss of two members to the Eastern Washington area.

Planning Director Coleman – stated there has been some recent interest in development of lots in the Sauk Mountain Estates area. The developer is interested in utilizing the deferred impact fee ordinance passed by the City Council in 2010. The ordinance lapsed in 2011 due to lack of use and feedback. The developer has stated the ordinance would be beneficial to his project, so the Planning Department will be bringing it back to Council for reconsideration at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the two read rule with the decision to add the topic to the worksession agenda. Further discussion on the scope of the project and difficulty in financing spec homes was held.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported the City has been awarded 4.153 million in grant funding for various projects. Some of the projects will be designed in-house. He also reported on the completion of the Metcalf Paving project.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced City Hall will be closing Friday at 2 P.M. to allow staff members to attend the memorial services for former employee Eric Potash. He also reported on the upcoming meeting on the Northern State destination resort proposal at the County Commissioners Hearing Room on December 13th. Public testimony will be accepted at this meeting. Berg encouraged Councilmembers to attend.

Councilmember Loy – stated he recently purchased an I-Pad and was pleasantly surprised to learn that the Sedro Woolley Library had books available for the I-Pads.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1st. Council will ride in the parade and are to meet at Lemley Chapel at 4:45 P.M.

Councilmember Sandström – announced the Holiday Home Tour to be held on December 8th. Proceeds benefit the Sedro Woolley Museum.

Troy Erwin – 124 N. Reed, addressed the Council regarding the nice “Merry Christmas” sign at the entrance to town. He also spoke of difficult financial times for people but stated the Council is wrong in taking the 0% tax increase.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. for approximately 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) performance of a public employee.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.