
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 27, 2013 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson; Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiberger, Planning Director Coleman, Fire Chief Klinger and Police Chief Wood.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #76219 to 76306 in the amount of \$219,853.06 (Void Check #76289)
 - Payroll Checks #54997 to #55097 in the amount of \$191,660.70
- Resolution 875-13 – Proclaiming April 14-20, 2013 as Economic Development Week

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Presentation – Cindy Verge

Cindy Verge Executive Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival introduced Tina Pullar, Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Board member who thanked the Council and City for their support to the Tulip Festival. Verge presented the 2013 Tulip Festival poster to the Council and explained the process for the selection of the poster artist.

Public Comment

No comment received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution – Final Plat Approval – Plat of Zoey’s Place

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the request for final plat approval for Zoey’s Place. He noted the plat was originally applied for in 2008. The plat consists of eight (8) single family residential lots at the southwest corner of Jones Road and Garden of Eden Road. He noted the original developer had some issues and the plat has been taken over by Whatcom-Skagit Housing who is requesting completion of the plat. Coleman stated that staff recommends Council authorize the Mayor to sign the plat documents for final approval.

Councilmember Loy commented on the project being a low income housing project.

Planning Director Coleman stated the plat has been purchased by Whatcom-Skagit Housing and the homes being built are under the Self Help housing program with applicants building the homes with “sweat equity”. The program is a way of getting people into high quality homes in a less expensive manner.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Resolution No. 876-13 Granting Final Approval to the Plat of Zoey’s Place. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

Mayor Anderson questioned the responsibility of the retention pond with Council discussion following regarding the homeowner’s association, maintenance of play areas and retention ponds, recorded documentation, plat under rules prior to changes of the play area requirements and the lots being subject to park impact fees of \$1,500 per lot.

Motion carried (6-0).

Ordinance – PUD Water Utility Franchise

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a change from the first reading of the PUD Water Utility Franchise to Section 25 which required the representatives to mediation have settlement authority; this was removed to reflect the Council’s role in any final settlement. Berg stated that the Cities of Burlington and Mount Vernon as well as PUD have yet to formally approve the document and noted the possibility of other amendments upon their review.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1767-13 an ordinance granting the PUD No. 1 of Skagit County a franchise to operate a water utility in Sedro-Woolley. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – reported on Officer Lasley’s involvement in an organization called Safe Call Now, an organization that assists law enforcement and fire fighter personnel

with substance abuse issues. He noted that Officer Lasley contributes the organization for saving her life and her career. With the permission of the City and Police Department, Officer Lasley will be participating in a documentary on the organization for a National Geographic program titled "Drugs Inc." Wood stated they will be here on March 12th to film her part of the story and to do a ride along with her. He stated the program is a very well done documentary to be aired on the National Geographic channel.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on a failure of one of the pumping systems at the Wastewater Treatment plant. At the time of the failure there was not a valid on-call contract for that type of work so an emergency on-call agreement was issued to Pump Tech in order to make the necessary repairs. Freiburger reported on the Cook Road Interchange and continued discussions for a resolution on the Ferry/Cook Road turning motions with DOT. He also reported on the DOT donation of right of way for the project. The project is on track for going out for bid in May with construction to start in August. The bulk of the construction would be completed in 2013 with residual completed in 2014.

Council discussed the TIB approval of modifications, Cook Road paving scheduled for this summer on the County portion and the effectiveness of meetings in Olympia.

Councilmember Loy – reported he had the opportunity to do a ride along with one of the Police Officers and found it to be quite interesting and noted they do a fine job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council adjourned to executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining under RCW 42.30.140.4 at 7:23 P.M. for approximately 15 minutes with no decision anticipated.

The Council reconvened at 7:35 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.