
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 13, 2013 – 7:00 P.M. – 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, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, 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 #76307 to #76395 in the amount of \$95,984.47
 - Payroll Checks #55098 to #55198 in the amount of \$255,395.38
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement Nos. 2013-PW-18-2013 On Call Drainage Ditch Mowing
- Approval of Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus and Agreement for the SR9 McGarigle to Summer Meadows Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements Project
- Possible Contract Amendment 01 – Contract 2013-PS-02 – Skagit Surveyors and Eng. Inc.
- Possible Contract Award – 2013 Ford Escape SE AWD – North Cascade Ford
- Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner – Scott Thomas
- Interlocal Agreement – Provision of Community Services 2013 (*revision*)
- Resolution 877-13 – Updating our Small Public Works and Consulting Rosters Process and contract for Continued Use of MRSV Rosters Online Database

Councilmember Loy requested Item H – Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner – Scott Thomas, be pulled from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve the consent calendar Items A through J with the exception of H. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner – Scott Thomas (*removed from consent calendar*)

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg explained that the City in the past has had two hearing examiners and that most recently we had only one hearing examiner. The city needs to fill the vacancy for the role of hearing examiner. Berg noted it was important to have someone local and reviewed the credentials of Scott Thomas who is currently the attorney for the City of Burlington.

Councilmember Loy expressed his opinion that there should be more information provided for important positions such as a hearing examiner and such items should not be placed on the consent calendar in order to allow for Council discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the work history of the candidate, not being limited to the number of hearing examiners, and Councilmember Loy's point being well taken.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve Item H of the consent calendar – Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner – Scott Thomas. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Comment

No comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to the Sauk Mountain Development Agreement Dated January 29, 2004 and First Amended December 14, 2006

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the request for a second amendment to a development agreement for Sauk Mountain. He reviewed history of the agreement, role of the sewer moratorium on the development and the additional request for more time. Berg noted the development agreement requires the developers to construct the East/West collector road which will be an extension of Portobello from Sauk Mountain View Estates North and South Phase II. They are requesting a second amendment to allow them more time as there is no current demand for the road. The proposal changes the timing of the road construction from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2017 or the approval of new plats on either owner's property, or upon the request of the city, whichever is sooner. The request requires a public hearing.

Council discussion ensued regarding completion of the road and emergency access.

Mayor Pro-Tem Storrs opened the public hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Storrs closed the public hearing at 7:15:25 P.M.

Further discussion continued regarding the process of a road connection to Highway 9, and a statement that approval would be a simple way to show the City's willingness to work with developers.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the development agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Repeal of SWMC 6.12.025 Prohibiting Horses in Part of the City of Sedro-Woolley

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the proposed ordinance for the repeal of SWMC 6.12.025 prohibiting horses in parts of the City of Sedro Woolley. He noted this item was discussed at a previous worksession and the original ordinance has been in effect since 1986. A request had been made to Councilmember Loy to allow the opportunity for people to bring horses to town. The topic is a first read.

Discussion ensued regarding horse droppings, image of Sedro Woolley being the home of Loggerodeo, the need to look at different ideas to attract people, history of horses and hitching posts, parameters of allowable area, concerns of horse and dog combination and the opinion of businesses.

2013 Budget Amendment #1

Finance Director Nelson reviewed Amendment #1 of the 2013 budget. She reported the majority of the changes are to adjust beginning cash balances to actual due to departments spending less than anticipated in 2012 with the savings being carried forward. Nelson highlighted specific funds affected.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the Ordinance # 1768-13 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1762-12 Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Lt. Tucker – reported on a shooting on Monday noting that 116 hours of overtime has been spent on the case. He also credited the City of Mount Vernon with their help and stated that all parties have been identified but they still have work to wrap up the investigation. Tucker also commended the Fire Department for their help.

Fire Chief Klinger -- reported on the meeting for the EMS and ambulance service. He noted that there was no conclusion.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on code enforcement efforts of the burned house on Township. He noted that Police and Fire have been helping and a “Do Not Occupy” notice has been issued. He also reported on a building behind the burned house that has become an attractive nuisance and wheels are in motion to try to get the area cleaned up.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on various design tasks including the SR20 Realignment Project. He noted that the 70% plans are complete with 90% plans due in April. They have been working on some right of way issues and power line movement. The anticipated start date for the project is August 1st. Freiburger also addressed funding of the project. He reported that David Lee is in the process of designing safe routes sidewalks which will go to bid in early May with construction in July, after Loggerodeo.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – announced that he is now a resident of the city limits of Sedro Woolley. He applauded the Public Works department who have a heavy list of accomplishments with a very small team and pointed out their great level of performance.

Councilmember Loy – commented on interesting news of a private group proposal for the jail that will be presented to the County Commissioners.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – gave a jail committee update noting the committee is still very far apart on a number of issues. He reviewed a concept proposal by Mayor Boudreau and the timing for any ballot proposal for the August ballot. He also reported the County is supposed to announce their proposal a week from Friday at 10 a.m.

Councilmember Galbraith – reported on a house on Alderwood Lane with no essentials that has become a nuisance. It was noted that the issue may be self corrected as the building is proposed to be torn down.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.