
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Tony Splane, Tom Storrs, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Planning Director Coleman, Asst. Fire Chief Olson 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 (including March 6, 2013 Worksession)
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #76396 to #76501 in the amount of \$269,672.59 (Void Check #76398)
 - Payroll Checks #55199 to #55304 in the amount of \$201,855.85
- Interlocal Agreement with City of Burlington for Reciprocal Library Borrowing

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve the consent agenda Items A through D. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0)

Waste Management Annual Report Presentation

Will Ibershof – Public Sector Manager for Waste Management addressed the Council. He also introduced Tim Crosby, Senior District Manager. Ibershof presented Waste Management's 2012 Annual report and highlighted diversion numbers and the percentages of people setting out containers which shows the interest in working on the environment. He questioned the Council's view of service from Waste Management and entertained various questions from the Councilmembers.

Tim Crosby – Senior District Manager addressed yard waste pick up and noted they are looking to expand the service to include more food waste which will allow for year round pick up. He also addressed commercial recycling, flow control, processing and cutting edge research in the solid waste industry.

Public Comment

No comment received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg clarified the city center boundaries for the proposed ordinance which will repeal SWMC 6.12.025. He noted this is the third time Council has discussed this topic. The original ordinance prohibiting horses was enacted in 1986.

Council discussion ensued regarding positive responses from citizens, concerns of being allowed on Metcalf Street, concern of horse droppings, run on a trial basis, concern by the city leadership group trying to change the image of Sedro-Woolley who believes it to be taking a step backwards, Sedro-Woolley being the home of the Loggerodeo and rodeo events and reviewing again in one year.

Councilmember Loy moved to approve Ordinance #1769-13 An Ordinance Repealing SWMC 6.12.025 (Prohibiting Horses in the City Center). Seconded by Councilmember Sandström.

More discussion continued regarding horse droppings.

Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Storrs opposed).

Skagit County Jail Discussion

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed information of what he viewed as the final meeting of the jail committee with the county presenting a proposal for the jail that included levels of participation. He reviewed the levels of partnership as presented by Commissioner Dahlsted at the meeting. Partnerships include full partner, associate partner or non-member. Berg reviewed what was included with each level of participation.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg also discussed a possible counter proposal from the area cities, noting the participation of Burlington is crucial to any financing formula. He noted that informal discussions continue with the cities and County with anticipation of being part of a counter proposal that would work for the cities as well as trying to keep Burlington on board. Berg expressed concern of the proposed April 29th timeline and the process.

Council discussion took place to include placing topic on the agenda for the April 3rd worksession, choices given not being what was discussed within the jail committee and the need for the cities to stick together.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Comprehensive Plan Docket

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the format of the staff memo and exhibits. He then reviewed the proposed 2012 Comprehensive Plan docket which includes the following recommendations:

- CPA-2-12 – Proposed reconfiguration of UGA to include 27.73 acres north of the city limits and remove 28 acres in three areas of the existing UGA located generally southeast of city limits.
- CPA-4-12 – Rezone of approximately 19 acres in the Southwest part of the city – generally located west of Rhodes Road and south of State Route 20.

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the process for the docket which includes multiple public hearings, noting this was a first read and entertained Council questions.

Police Vehicle Purchase

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a request for the purchase of a used 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle outside of the 2013 budget. He noted the vehicle appears to be in excellent condition and includes the optional ballistic panels in both front doors. Staff is recommending the purchase of the vehicle in the amount of \$12,500 plus tax with use of police mitigation reserve funds.

Councilmember Sandström moved to authorize the purchase of the vehicle for \$12,500.00 plus tax and issue a manual check in the same amount. Seconded by Councilmember Splane. Motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief Wood noted the vehicle is black and will look different from the rest of the fleet, but the bottom line is to save money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Planning Director Coleman – reported that building permits have been submitted for the plat of Zoey's Place which was approved at the last Council meeting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported he is now officially a Sedro-Woolley property taxpayer. He also reported that Public Works Director Freiberger is in Olympia to meet with various legislators on the Cook Road project. Berg reviewed the project timeline and road closures for the Cook Road project as well as other upcoming road projects. He reported on the Fruitdale Road erosion which is becoming a bigger issue and will have more to follow for Council consideration.

Councilmember Loy – reported he has recently had the opportunity to observe the skate board parks in Anacortes, Burlington and LaConner. He stated that they do not compare to the one built by the Sedro-Woolley Rotary.

Councilmember Splane – questioned progress on the burned house on Township Street with some discussion following.

Councilmember Wagoner – commented on the goals and accomplishments of Police Department in the 2013 Final Budget narrative which shows they are doing great things.

Councilmember Lemley – announced the upcoming Woodfest, to be held April 6th and 7th.

Councilmember Sandström – expressed concern of loitering at Hammer Heritage Square.

Elizabeth Fernando – addressed the Council regarding shoes thrown over utility wires.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. for approximately 15 minutes for the purpose of collective bargaining under RCW 42.30.140 with possible action.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 P.M.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sedro Woolley and AFSCME. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.