
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 8, 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, 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

Mayor Anderson announced representatives from Skagit County in the audience.

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #76691 to #76778 in the amount of \$514,311.38
 - Payroll Checks #55516 to #55622 in the amount of \$270,801.67
- Funding Agreement with Skagit County for EDASC funds pursuant to RCW 82.14.370
- Amendment to Lease Agreement with Sterling Hill Potatoes
- Resolution 880-13 increasing the amount of the cash change drawers in the Finance Department

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

Public Comment

Julian Pavesi – 519 Sapp Rd., questioned who to contact regarding ruts in the road at Cook Road. Public Works Director Freiberger noted it is the responsibility of DOT and he would contact them tomorrow to pass on the concern.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg announced the Open House to be held Thursday, May 9th on the SR20/Cook Road project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jail Agreement with Skagit County

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg addressed the Council on the Provisional Jail agreement noting there are no changes to the agreement. He reviewed the twelve key elements of the agreement and pointed out the addition of a Question and Answer sheet from the County. Berg noted work will begin next week on a definitive agreement if the provisional agreement is approved and requested Council action.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to approve the attached provisional agreement between Skagit County and the four cities regarding the financing and construction of a new countywide jail facility. Seconded by Councilmember Storrs.

Council discussion was held with Councilmember Loy pointing out to the voting public that this is a crisis situation and cannot be delayed and Councilmember Splane expressing concern of it being built in the City of Mount Vernon.

Motion carried (6-0).

County Commissioner Dillon addressed the Council and thanked them for partnering with Skagit County and moving forward for the citizens of Skagit County. Dillon also reiterated that it will be more than just a jail; it will have programs for rehab and help people to be better when they come out of the jail.

Commissioner Wesen also addressed the Council thanking them for their decision. He addressed the importance for the whole community. Wesen stated that with the Council support and support of the whole community, a jail can be had that everyone will be proud of.

Tim Holloran, County Administrator thanked City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Mayor Anderson and Councilmember Wagoner for all the time they spent on the Coordinating Committee. He also announced the hiring of Steve Berentson for Public Relations who is challenged with getting the information out to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance – Sewer General Facilities Charges

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed a follow up item from the Council worksession for a reduction in the Sewer general facility charges. He noted that residential connection charges would be reduced from \$8,296 to \$6,995 and commercial fixture unit cost from \$498 to \$291. Berg pointed out a late materials ordinance with three changes in the ordinance and reviewed the changes.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg stated the reduction methodology used included updating the project list to reflect actual project cost and to better reflect future projects and costs. The topic was discussed in detail at the worksession and he recommended action.

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1772-13, an Ordinance Amending SWMC 13.16 to Revise the Amount Charged for Connections to the City's Sanitary Sewer System. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley.

Councilmember Sandström commented that this move is important to the City in trying to grow.

Councilmember Loy commented this is a first step and a lot of work is still ahead.

Motion carried (6-0).

Ordinance – Transportation Impact Fees

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed the process of updating information for the Traffic Impact Fees regarding project lists, deleting projects that have been completed or moved beyond window of projects within the time frame for which the impact fee calculation is used. Berg reviewed the zones and table (attachment A) and recommended action. He noted that a fully updated model will need to be conducted within a two year window.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg commented on the number of major projects that have been completed under Public Works Director Freiburger. The projects have been built with significant grant funds but could not have been built without local match funds. He reminded Council that the source for local match funds is impact fees.

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1773-13, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1555-06 to Decrease Transportation Impact Fees. Councilmember Splane seconded.

Councilmember Sandstorm commented on the importance of the action.

Councilmember Wagoner complimented the Business Development Committee as well as Public Works Director Freiburger and Finance Director Nelson for their work on both ordinances.

Motion carried (6-0).

Ordinance – 2013 Budget Amendment #2

Finance Director Nelson reviewed the proposed Budget Amendment #2 for the 2013 Budget. She noted the amendment included the purchase of a police cruiser, and a used ambulance, the hiring of additional seasonal workers in parks and streets due to the

retirement of Shane Walley, Library donations for programs from Soroptimist and other miscellaneous items.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Ordinance No. 1774-13, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1762-12 entitled, “an Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013.” Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Asst. Fire Chief Olson – reported they have been busy getting the new ambulance ready for service. He also announced a multi-casualty incident drill at Sedro-Woolley High School to be held on June 3rd.

Planning Director Coleman – thanked Public Works Director Freiberger, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg and Finance Director Nelson for their work on the traffic impact fees. He noted it directly affects, in the positive manner, the Building and Planning Department and they are looking forward to notifying the development community.

Public Works Director Freiberger – reported on the SR20 Cook Road project and the property transfer from DOT. He noted that he should have the 100% plans for review next week. Freiberger reviewed the status of the project estimates, strategy of the project and pursuit of additional federal funds. He reviewed the progress on the SR9 Bike/Pedestrian project as well as the progress on the emergency contracts approved at the last meeting.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – updated the Council on Fruitdale Road and a site visit attended with Commissioner Dillon.

Public Works Director Freiberger – announced the upcoming open house for the Cook Road project scheduled for May 9th. He requested a count of Councilmembers interested in attending.

Discussion ensued regarding materials of the proposed bridge in the SR9 project and the cost of the damaged agitator.

Police Chief Wood – Thanked the Council on behalf of the Police Department for their vote on the jail. He also reported of their assistance with the Skagit County Drug Task Force with a search warrant and their work together. Wood announced the Back Country Horseman will be doing a ride through downtown on Friday to celebrate being able to ride horses within the city limits.

Councilmember Sandström – announced the Sedro-Woolley Eagles Club will be donating a drinking fountain for the Skate Board Park.

Councilmember Lemley – reported on the recent Rotary auction which benefits local projects and scholarships.

Councilmember Wagoner – reported on a recent accident at the track meet.

Councilmember Storrs – commented on the Art Walk and thanked the Sedro-Woolley Arts Council.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.