
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 9, 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 (Late) and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, 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. by Mayor Anderson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #77737 to #77840 in the amount of \$172,433.91
 - Payroll Checks #56637 to #56747 in the amount of \$256,169.89
- Proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit Transit Re SR20-Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project
- Award of Bid – Police Vehicle – Dwayne Lanes North Cascade Ford
- Resolution 888-13 – Adopting an Interlocal Agreement Creating the Health Care Program with AWC Trust

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

Skagit County Emergency Operations Presentation – Flood Awareness Week

Mark Watkinson – Skagit County Emergency Management, addressed the Council regarding Flood Awareness Week. He reported on their preparations for flood events and presented a hand out from the Comprehensive Emergency Plan of an Organizational Diagram and a Command Co-ordination Diagram. He highlighted training as a result of the bridge collapse and entertained questions from Council.

Councilmember Lemley arrived at 7:04 P.M.

Public Comment

Troy Erwin – 124 N. Reed, addressed the Council noting he was a WWII veteran and requested consideration of a resolution from the Council regarding the treatment by the government of Afghanistan veterans. He also questioned what the AWC Trust is and commented on the critical area ordinance regarding shorelines.

Phil Murray – 223 State Street, addressed parking problems in Sedro-Woolley. He specifically spoke of the area at Eastern and Woodworth within the railroad right away and requested clean up in that area as it is the first thing people see when they come into the City.

Judy Haugness – 401 Warner, questioned the status of the permit and the stop work order, occupancy limitation and parking of the Oxford House.

Discussion ensued regarding parking, permitted resident parking only on Talcott and equal application of rules.

Susan Bishop – 402 Talcott, questioned permit parking on Talcott and commented on activity within neighborhood.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg commented regarding the Sedro Woolley Police Department drug enforcement efforts and their highly impressive record.

Patsy Burke – 286 Klinger St., gave a thank you to Police and Fire personnel as well as all City Staff. She thanked Mayor Anderson for coming to her neighborhood to assess the concerns she expressed at the last Council meeting. She also thanked Luigi's crew for the painting of the curbs. Burke addressed the staffing of the Police Department and encouraged Council consideration of additional police officers. She also spoke of a Volunteer Citizens Patrol to enforce minor violations.

Jennifer Aylor – 437 Warner St, addressed the Oxford House within her neighborhood and spoke of a dear friend of whom the Oxford House enabled him to turn his life around. She noted the program is pretty powerful.

Councilmember Wagoner – commented on meeting the members of the Oxford House.

Rick Mogul – Washington Outreach Service Representatives for Oxford House Inc. He noted he oversees 61 houses from South King County to Bellingham. He reviewed the rules set forth within the house and explained the program in detail. He noted they are planning to hold an open house once the house is completed. He also noted there are currently seven residents with plans of nine residents once the basement is completed. Mogul addressed parking concerns and entertained questions from the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Parking Restrictions (limited hours) in the State Street City Parking Lot

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg introduced the request for a modification of the City parking lot on State Street. The request is to transition the lot from an all day/overnight lot to a customer lot. The change would support the future redevelopment of the downtown and the location of an anchor grocery store within the vicinity. He noted the resolution would become effective in April 2014. Berg noted the resolution would allow the proposed Woolley Market to move from concept to reality in which parking is currently viewed as a problem. As the market becomes developed they are looking for some assurance that parking would be available for their patrons. Berg stated that this

would be the first business of its kind to both serve the community and drawing visitors to the downtown. He also stated the action requires a public hearing to be held.

Councilmember Loy requested an explanation on the difference between an ordinance and resolution. Berg noted that SWMC 10.44.190 stated Council will make further restrictions of city parking lots by resolution. Normally an ordinance changes law and a resolution establishes policy.

Council discussion ensued regarding consideration of a split parking for employee and limited parking, available parking, reconfigure to increase parking potential, limited time parking and enforcement.

Will Honea – 28022 Buchanan Rd., reviewed the history of the purchase of the lot by the Chamber of Commerce in 1984. He noted the deed is very straight forward.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 8:04 P.M.

Pola Kelley – 407 State St , Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council noting that the Chamber board voted to support change for the parking lot from unlimited parking to a 3 hour limit. She noted the Chamber's stance is for encouraging new business as a primary goal. She spoke of deed restrictions and stated that promoting business activity is in all of our best interest.

Discussion ensued regarding open parking lots and merchants should encourage employees to park elsewhere.

Jennifer Aylor – 437 Warner St., – Planning Commission member noted the Planning Commission has held many discussions on parking. She also addressed the Co-op in Mount Vernon as being an anchor store in downtown Mount Vernon and their parking problems are a perceived problem.

Councilmember Galbraith commented that business attracts business and is needed in our community.

Elizabeth Fernando – 508 Creek Ln., expressed that the creation of the Woolley Market as a catalyst to revitalize downtown. She noted it will give the merchants a sense of excitement and pride.

Phil Murray – 223 State St., owner of the building where the Hair Factory is located commented on parking issues with the tavern next door. He believes parking problems will snowball and expressed concern with the plan.

Will Honea – addressed the Council on behalf of Woolley Market LLC. He stated things are looking promising and this action is necessary for the investors to continue. He encouraged Council pass the resolution and make it happen.

Troy Erwin – questioned how extensively the time limit was explored and what the penalties for over parking would be.

Phil Murray – questioned the status of the old Market Place and commented that if a new grocery store would be build they would be required to put in their own parking.

Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 8:22 P.M.

Councilmember Sandström moved to adopt Resolution No. 889-13 A Resolution Limiting the Time for Vehicles to Park in the City Parking Lot on State Street to Three Hours. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner.

Council discussion ensued regarding the need to manage facilities, who is the parking lot for and the original intent of the parking lot being employee parking.

Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Continuation of Discussion of I-502 Implementation

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg noted Council was provided a map showing the 1000 foot buffer to publically owned parks and licensed day care facilities. He noted the Houser Playfields were removed because it is not considered a park since it is not yet developed and the Cemetery was removed as well. He also noted the City is not the final arbiter of the buffer, it will be reviewed by the Liquor Control Board and requested direction from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding number of retail outlets, production within residential, production limits, three processes being retail, production and processing, limited window after rules become effective from Liquor Control Board and distances from schools.

The consensus of the Council was to consider restrictions on producers and processors.

NEW BUSINESS

Shoreline Master Program Update

Planning Director Coleman presented the Shoreline Master Program which is a required zoning/comprehensive plan/ critical areas ordinance for the areas in the shoreline jurisdiction. He referred to a color map at the end of the material to show the area is at Riverfront Park. Coleman reviewed the process of open meeting and public hearings. He requested Council provide preliminary approval of the document in order to proceed with the review by Department of Ecology. After the review by Department of Ecology the document would come back to Council for final review.

Council discussion ensued regarding 1400 linear feet along river and land in the flood way, approval in theory, process, documents taking people's property rights away and the public process.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Resolution No. 890-13 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sedro-Woolley Approving the Proposed Sedro-Woolley shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (6-1, Councilmember Splane Opposed).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Police Chief Wood – Thanked Pasty Burke for her comments. He also spoke of volunteer police programs noting the parking enforcement is best handled by Police Officers. Wood noted the Department continues to work on a plethora of issues. They have noticed the kids hanging out at the gazebo have relocated to Memorial Park.

Fire Chief Klinger – announced the Survey Rating Bureau will be here on October 28th to begin their review. He stated he has contacted PUD so they will be ready with their information. He also announced the upcoming Boot to Burn Dinner and Auction to benefit the Phoenix Foundation noting that tickets are still available.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Planning Commission has been working on the Housing Element. He also reported on the progress of the Roller Derby compliance issues and announced the upcoming Cycle Cross Events on October 26th at the Northern State area.

Public Works Director Freiberger – reported the SR 9 Bicycle/Pedestrian project is complete and complimented David Lee for his role on the project. He also reported on the progress of the SR20/Cook Road project with a potential reopening of Cook Road by Friday of next week. The project appears to be ahead of schedule and is coming along well. Freiberger presented a request for authorization of a change order to add the Schedule E Pavement for Bingham Park.

Councilmember Storrs moved to approve Change Order No. 8. Seconded by Councilmember Sandström. Motion carried (7-0).

Public Works Director Freiberger then reported on the sewer project on Ball and Waldron Streets which will be complete in approximately 3 weeks.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the State Auditors have completed their financial review. Berg noted that next year will be a complete audit with both financial and compliance and the City has elected not to have an exit conference as there were no issues. He also noted the contract prosecutors will not be renewing their contract for 2014. A new agreement for a contract prosecutor will be brought forward at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Sandström – addressed zoning of the lot across from the High School.

Councilmember Wagoner – questioned Mr. Mogul of the Oxford House their stance on marijuana now that it has become legal. Mogul noted that it is not allowed within the rules of the house just as alcohol.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 P.M.