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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
April 9, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley 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 #178980 – 179074 in the amount of \$164,268.18
  - Payroll Checks #58082 to #58107 plus EFT's in the amount of \$254,856.70
- Ordinance 1791-14 – Budget Amendment #1
- Professional Services Agreement No. 2014-PS-15 for On-Call Traffic Modeling Professional Services
- Professional Services Agreement No. 2014-PS-16 with Carol Worthen for Local Source Control Program Services
- Proposed Amended Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit Transit RE SR20-Cook Road Realignment and Extension Project
- Resolution 896-14 Declaring Certain Property as Surplus and Authorizing its Disposition

Councilmember Galbraith moved to approve the consent calendar items A through H. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner Motion carried (7-0).

Skagit Watershed Council Presentation – Richard Brocksmith

Richard Brocksmith, Executive Director of the Skagit Watershed Council gave a power point presentation on the Skagit Watershed Council. The presentation included a history of the organization, information regarding their efforts in salmon recovery in the Skagit River, mission of the organization, the 2005 Chinook Salmon Recovery plan, strategic approach, priority target areas, projects and results, member organizations, funding sources, steelhead recovery and the future of the Skagit Watershed Council. He entertained questions from the Council and spoke of the benefits of membership.

## Public Comment

Brad and Trudy Solwold – owners of Monroe’s Salon at 510 Crossroads Square addressed issues with a homeless person sleeping in front of their business and the disruption he is causing. Some discussion ensued regarding private property rights.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Ordinance – Utility Tax Rates

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg presented an overview on the proposed utility tax increase tax from 3 ½ % to 7 ½ %. The increase would be used to hire two new police positions. Berg noted concern of the viability of the police department and reviewed planned changes within the department structure including the layoff of the Administrative Secretary and the retirement of Chief Doug Wood. He said the emphasis of the department will be on patrol and these moves are a significant step forward. He then reviewed the history of rates and increases and compared the tax rate to neighboring cities.

Council questions and discussion took place regarding officers working alone, not liking to raise taxes, the need for additional officers and safety concerns.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1792-14, An Ordinance Increasing the City’s Utility Tax Rate. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith.

Councilmember Loy stated the action of increasing the tax will only make a survivable bare bones operation. The need for more officers is still there and a long term plan needs to be looked at. He stated they can’t wait until were in crisis mode to make decisions.

Motion carried (7-0).

### Resolution – Building, Planning & Engineering Fee Schedule

Planning Director Coleman reviewed the update to the building and planning fees, noting that most are just housekeeping items.

Public Works Director Freiburger reviewed the changes in the engineering fees which result in a net reduction in the fees. The reduction in the overall fees should make them more attractive to the development community.

Councilmember Sandström questioned the traffic impact fees and advocated for the waiver of traffic impact fees to the Central Business District.

Councilmember Galbraith moved to adopt Resolution No. 897-14 to adopt the attached Building, Planning and Engineering Fee Schedule. Seconded by Councilmember Wagoner. Motion carried (7-0).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Minor Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

- Purchase Order 2014-PO-08 for Capacity Tote Yard Goat, Model TJ 400D
- Agreement for the Distribution of Licensed Pictometry Orthographic Images

Mayor Anderson announced there will be an executive session held regarding personnel for approximately 30 minutes with no decision anticipated under RCW 43.30.144.

Police Chief Wood – Thanked the Council for their decision to raising the utility tax. He noted they are actively engaged in the restructuring of the department and it is going well.

Fire Chief Klinger – reported that Sedro-Woolley has sent two separate crews on two occasions to the OSO/Darrington slide area. He noted that Skagit County is still sending crews up to the area on a rotational basis for relief of the Darrington Fire Department. Klinger also announced testing for volunteers this Saturday.

Planning Director Coleman – reported on the follow-up from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed property zoning in the Garden of Eden area. He noted the property owners were against the rezone. The Planning Department sent out a survey to property owners asking the future plans for their property.

Public Works Director Freiburger – thanked former Councilmember Splane for his role in locating, reviewing, and his assistance in the arrangements for the purchase of the yard goat approved on the consent calendar tonight. He also reported the contractor for the Cook Road project will be starting April 28<sup>th</sup>. Freiburger announced the contract from Intolight had been received for the street light retrofit and it came in \$3000 lower than originally quoted.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported on the Arts Council artists reception held at City Hall for the unveiling of “Emerging dialogue” by artist Gary Carpenter’. He also reported on the downtown banner project with discussion regarding the delay in placement and cost of the brackets.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reported on the radio project which is stagnant and problematic. He spoke of a radio test to Cascade Middle School and addressed a delay on the site licensing. Berg also reported that SCOG moving forward with ratification of the interlocal agreements and he has voiced concern regarding the voting structure. the jail project and the Dike District 12 hearing.

Councilmember Kinzer – thanked the Fire Department for their participation in OSO noting having spoken with a friend from the affected area and the long recovery period and emotional impact. Kinzer asked for the people from Darrington and Oso be kept in prayers.

Councilmember Kornegay – reported on the Parks Committee meeting held regarding deferring the Memorial Park playground equipment and moving the funds to Riverfront.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg brought further attention to the Parks Committee recommendation. He noted that within the 2014 budget, \$30,000 had been budgeted for Memorial Park playground improvements. Recently Nathan Salseina has become certified to inspect playground equipment and has found that the equipment at Riverfront Park is of more concern. The recommendation would be to defer the Memorial Park equipment replacement to 2015 and move the funds to Riverfront for playground improvements in 2014. The Council was in concurrence with the switch.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:16 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.