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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
July 23, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mike Anderson, Councilmembers: Kevin Loy, Brenda Kinzer, Germaine Kornegay, Keith Wagoner, Hugh Galbraith, Rick Lemley (arrived at 7:01 P.M.) and Brett Sandström. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Nelson, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman, Asst. Fire Chief Olson and Police Sgt. McIlraith.

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 July 9, 2014 Special Meeting)
- Finance
  - Claim Checks #179615 – 179721 plus EFT's in the amount of \$996,930.22
  - Payroll Checks #58214 to #58230 plus EFT's in the amount of \$219,913.52
- Amendment #1 to Agreement #C20140238 with Skagit County to add a GIS Component for Sewer and Stormwater Mapping Upgrades
- Possible Bid Award – Public Works Agreement No. 2014-PW-19 Police Evidence Garage Repainting Project – 5 Star Services Inc.
- Possible Bid Award – Eterra Power Screen Model No. EPS01-86 – Skid Steer Solutions Inc.

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

Public Comment

Terri Meins – owner of the Hair Factory at 223 State St. addressed the Council regarding their decision regarding timed parking in the downtown parking lot. She expressed concern with other areas of parking and the condition of the lots. She also addressed the small amount of parking available in front of her business with employees from the Woolley Market parking in front of her business all day.

Mayor Anderson addressed parking needing to be available for customers, wait to see how it works and access the parking after the Woolley Market has been open for a while.

John Diamond – Diamond Plaza Pawn and Diamond Plaza Building, addressed the cross walk to his building with people not wanting to cross it. He noted the number of

businesses in his building. In order to attract business there has to be parking. Diamond also addressed the handicap parking that was removed from the lot.

Councilmember Sandström – addressed the hours of the Woolley Market and noted they have not yet open so it seems too early in the process to see the impact.

Phil Murray – 223 State St. – owner of the Hair Factory Building, spoke of the parking problem, noting the parking lot is full even without the store being open. He presented some suggestions for additional parking with angle parking, ingress/egress so not entering onto State Street and a cross walk in the alley.

Patsy Burke – 286 Klinger St., gave praise to the Police and Fire Departments for their response to a smoke alarm. She also addressed a previous concern for cross walks and stop signs in her neighborhood at F&S Grade Road and Klinger Street. Burke requested the speed wagon be placed in the neighborhood to make people aware of their speed.

Cherrie Carr spoke on behalf of herself and husband Bob Anderson as owners of Hal's Drive In. She presented a history of the parking lot since 1980. She noted the parking lot was originally granted to the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber then contacted all merchants to help pay into a fund to maintain the parking lot. It was then granted to the City of Sedro-Woolley. She addressed employee parking within the lot in order to free up on street parking for the customers. Carr questioned why the Woolley Market need that many parking spaces and addressed the Council's lack of respect to the existing merchants and they feel like they have been thrown under the bus. The comments were read from a prepared statement with numerous points regarding the parking issues and parking lots.

Judi Fisher – 904 Alderwood Ln. and business owner at the Hair Factory. She noted she has been highly insulted by the Woolley Market with their parking in front of the Hair Factory business. She also addressed the age of her clientele and their need to park near the business.

Discussion ensued regarding limiting parking on State Street, elderly clientele at the Hair Factory and length of appointments; follow up from visits and city business licenses.

Bob Anderson – questioned whether the Woolley Market would be able to use the parking lot for their employees with discussion on the impact of State Street followed.

David Drummond – owner of Oliver & Hammer, spoke of the history of the parking lot. He noted the biggest concern was to get the employees from parking on Main Street. Once the Market is open, time will tell to see what their parking needs will be.

Council discussion ensued regarding the number of handicap parking spaces, reconfiguring parking along State Street, the area in question on State Street not being city owned and funding issues.

Elizabeth Morgan – 1020 Wicker Road, addressed no parking for employees and spoke of parking at the Mount Vernon Co-op.

Elizabeth Fernando – 508 Creek Lane, has heard the issue is more of a personality conflict with the business owner. She suggested business owners, Council and Chamber get together and talk it out.

Julie Buchanan – 21816 Medcalf St, spoke to Council in opposition of the retail marijuana store location at Highway 20.

Mike Joy – 823 Metcalf, noted the Council has brought this on themselves by not notifying business owners. It's always been an operating parking lot with no problem and now going through a growing period.

Discussion ensued regarding parking tickets with appropriate warnings.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Minor Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060

ThyssenKrupp Elevator – Contract No. US54593 Maintenance Agreement Addendum

Police Sergeant McIlraith – noted in answer to a question, there is no time frame on Handicap Parking. He also spoke of the process of ticketing but it will consist of several warnings and the emphasis will be to get people educated on the parking rules.

Public Works Director Freiburger – reported on the SR 20/Cook Road Extension project noting there has been some weather delays. He also updated the Council on the upcoming closures and stated that substantial completion is expected around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. Freiburger also provided a Bingham Park update. A Grand Opening will be held sometime in early September for both Bingham Park and the Road Project. He also noted he has been busy writing grant applications.

Councilmember Loy – requested the Code Enforcement Officer inform the owner of the Woolley Market that the parking lot is a community parking lot.

Councilmember Wagoner – spoke on the Army Corps of Engineers proposed solution to the river problem. He noted their solution will greatly impact Sedro-Woolley and encouraged the public to make comment.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:17 P.M. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining under RCW 42.30.140(4) for approximately 30 minutes with a decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:27 P.M.

Councilmember Wagoner moved to ratify the agreements between the City of Sedro-Woolley and the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild ending December 31, 2016. Seconded by Councilmember Galbraith. Motion carried (7-0).

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.