
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 27, 1999 – 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers/Court Room

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Walley, Councilman Anderson, Miller, Tesarik, Beitler, Crosby, Pearson and Silves. Staff Members: City Supervisor/Clerk Treasurer Stendal, City Attorney Hayden, City Planner Rivera, City Engineer Barnet, Police Chief Cooper and Fire Chief Klinger.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #36572 to 36625 for \$122,732.88
#36571, #36626 to #36706 for \$168,273.96
 - Payroll Warrants #21944 to #22025 for \$119,421.15
#21940 to #21943 for \$836.21 (corrections)

Councilman Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilman Crosby. Motion carried.

High School Bus/Pedestrian Plan

Engineer Barnet reviewed the proposed plan for the High School Bus/Pedestrian Plan and expressed staff support for this proposal.

Mike Casey, Superintendent for the Sedro-Woolley School District, reviewed the history and objectives that were considered in coming up with the plan. The main objective of the plan is to have a better flow of traffic at school closure and to address the safety of the students. Casey reviewed the plan in detail.

Casey also reviewed plans for the upcoming renovation project which includes reopening old main entrance on Nelson Street and plans for a plaza which ties in with the renovation. Casey stated the plan would blend in with the 1920's theme established in the downtown area. The plaza project has the support of the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club.

Councilman Tesarik questioned student parking along the north side of the gym and the old grandstand. Student parking permits were questioned as well. Tesarik also spoke for safety concerns of the students and support of the proposed plan.

Councilman Beitler expressed concern of 3rd Street being blocked off, even for a short time.

Engineer Barnet spoke in support of the proposal and stated staff and the School District have reviewed numerous plans and this one has the least impact to local residents.

Councilman Miller questioned the use of advanced warning signs and/or lights.

Councilman Anderson questioned emergency access during the closure time.

Councilman Beitler and Anderson spoke in favor of holding a public hearing.

Councilman Crosby moved to allow the School District to make the proposed Phase I pedestrian improvements, items 1-7 of the School District's letter dated January 11, 1999 to 3rd and Nelson Street with the following conditions:

- The School District begin the vacation process of Nelson Street between 4th Street and the School Building by December 31, 2003
- The new parking lot at the corner of Nelson and 4th Street is under construction simultaneously with the planned improvements to Nelson Street.
- Nelson Street activity to conform to an inter-local agreement between the School District and the City to be adopted prior to award.

Seconded by Councilman Tesarik. Roll call vote: Silves - yes, Crosby - yes, Pearson - yes, Beitler - no, Tesarik - yes, Miller - yes, Anderson - no. Motion carried 5-2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Union Negotiations

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M. to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Union Negotiations with no decision expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:16 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Isaacson Annexation

Mayor Walley opened the public hearing.

Attorney Hayden presented background and conditions of annexation which include making repairs to the collapsed sewer line on Highway 9 near the Middle School.

The public hearing was closed by Mayor Walley.

Councilman Pearson moved to pass resolution #627-99 annexing certain property to be contiguous to said City's northern boundary from petition filed by Isaacson. Seconded by Councilman Tesarik. Motion carried.

Adoption of Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County

Mayor Walley opened the public hearing.

Councilman Miller moved to continue the Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County public hearing to February 24, 1999. Councilman Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Urban Growth Area Boundaries

Planner Rivera presented background and information of the recent Urban Growth Area Boundary hearings. Rivera encouraged individual Council members to attend the meeting of the County Commissioners if they have concerns regarding the upcoming changes to the Sedro-Woolley Urban Growth Area.

NEW BUSINESS

Cook Road Lead Agency

Engineer Barnet reviewed background and information on Skagit County's request to act as lead agency for design and construction of the Cook Road Improvement Project. Councilman Crosby moved to allow Skagit County Public Works Department be allowed to act as lead agency for the design and construction of Cook Road. Councilman Tesarik seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilman Crosby – urged Council members attendance at the County meeting on the Urban Growth Area, scheduled for Monday February 1, 1999. Crosby requested reminder calls be made to Council members.

Councilman Pearson – stated he received another letter requesting a skate park, he encouraged progress sooner rather than later. Councilman Miller stated he had also talked with community members who support locating a skateboard park at the tennis courts at Central School. Pearson said he had met with Chief Cooper and Chief Klinger to go over the remaining expenditures of the Fire Department. Pearson stated everything is in line and after all the expenditures are paid the remaining balance is \$172.44. Pearson also requested a Council member to act as an alternate for him at Community Action Board meetings from time to time. Councilman Miller and Beitler agreed to serve as alternates.

Attorney Hayden – stated several weeks ago the Council had been approached by a couple requesting to be let out of paying impact fees. At that time staff was directed to sit down and work out what could be done under the ordinance. Hayden stated there were no exceptions or credits that could be found. There is an appeal process and they have paid the full impact fees, but do not have enough funds to pay the fee for the appeal process. Hayden indicated he made the decision to let them out of the appeal fee subject to Council approval. Hayden requested direction from the Council.

Councilman Tesarik moved to waive the appeal fee for the Vizcaya's. Seconded by Councilman Beitler. Motion carried.

Councilman Miller – stressed the importance of the sidewalk project on Highway 9. He would like to see it move forward for safety of pedestrians and he commented a neighbor had witnessed an incident of a pedestrian having to go into the ditch to avoid being hit.

Councilman Anderson – read a letter from Julie Anderson, representing Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women requesting use and waiver of the fee for the community center for a sexual harassment seminar open to the public.

Councilman Miller moved to allow Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women be allowed to use the community center free of charge on February 25, 1999. Seconded by Councilman Beitler. Motion Carried, Councilman Anderson abstained.

Planner Rivera – stated she had applied for a grant this week in the amount of \$100,000, for improvements to the sign at the entrance of the City and also involving a path to the railroad turntable and continuing down to the proposed city park downtown.

Engineer Barnet – stated the School District and Engineering Department have tentatively put together an agreement to use the bottom of the Kindred property for the storm drainage retention for Trail Road. We are now moving forward with plans.

Councilman Beitler – requested the United States flag be put up, as it has been missing for some time.

Mayor Walley – requested Council approval to pay for cups, plates and coffee for the Community Potluck that was held on January 26, 1999 in the amount of \$64.84.

Councilman Miller moved to pay for the paper items for the Community Potluck in the amount of \$64.84 from the Hotel/Motel fund. Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
