
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 24, 1999 – 7:00 P.M. – Senior Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Walley, Councilman Anderson, Tesarik, Beilter, Pearson, Dillon and Silves. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, City Supervisor Stendal, City Planner Rivera, Fire Chief Klinger, Police Chief Cooper and Engineer Barnet.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #38936 to #39041 for \$386,769.13
 - Payroll Warrants #23601 to #23683 for \$117,444.03
(Voided Warrant #23600)

Councilman Beitler moved to approve the consent calendar removing claim voucher #38980. Seconded by Councilman Dillon. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Vivian Smallwood – 21561 Ratchford Road, read a proclamation sponsored by the LDS Church proclaiming the week of November 21 – November 29 as Family Week in Sedro-Woolley. Smallwood presented the proclamation for the Mayor to sign.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Continuation for the Cook Road ULID #1994-2

Mayor Walley opened the public hearing continued from October 27, 1999.

Mayor Walley read the procedures to be followed for the hearing and questioned the Council on appearance of fairness issues.

Doug Barnet – City Engineer reviewed the process to date on ULID #1994-2. Barnet stated only written objections will be heard and the public hearing was continued for the purpose of recalculating the final assessments due to the inclusion of right of way on Trail and Cook Roads being included in the calculations. Barnet explained the recalculation process. Barnet stated as part of what was done in conjunction with the right of way, a new assessment role was completed and new notices were published.

Dennis Nordin – Earth Tech, consultant for the ULID, reviewed the options in calculations considered and the final methodology used in the ULID calculations.

Mayor Walley called for written protests and public comment.

Ted Meamber – 820 Trail Road, addressed concerns of the property description used for his parcel of property and questioned where the descriptions were obtained. Meamber questioned the square footage figure used.

Dennis Nordin – stated the information was obtained from the Skagit County Assessors Office.

Engineer Barnet stated the assessor's office does not keep property descriptions that are as detailed as one that might be obtained from a title company. Barnet reviewed the documents in the Meamber right of way file. Barnet stated the original square footage was based on a scaling of the assessor's map back in 1994. It was not taken from title reports. Barnet stated if the legal description could be written better, it doesn't change the amount of land Meamber has.

Upon the request of City Attorney, Barnet submitted the City Right of Way Trail Road project acquisition file, 1998-1999 into the record of the ULID.

Member urged the Council to finalize the ULID.

Mayor Walley closed the public hearing.

Councilman Tesarik moved to approve Ordinance #1343-99 Cook/Trail Road ULID Sewer Project. Seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Roll Call Vote: Silves – Yes, Dillon – Yes, Pearson – Yes, Beitler – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Anderson – Yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Walley thanked City Engineer Barnet for a great job in the project.

Withdraw of Appeal of the Planning Commission Decision Regarding Requirements of the Westview Estates

Mayor Walley opened the public hearing.

Engineer Barnet presented background information on the appeal of the Planning Commission decision for Westview Estates. Barnet stated the appeal had been indefinitely continued so the developer and the City could resolve the issues. A resolution has been reached and Barnet requested the appeal be withdrawn.

Mayor Walley closed the public hearing.

Councilman Silves moved to uphold the staff request to withdraw the appeal of Westview Estates. Councilman Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Appeal of Richard Johnson Conditional Use Permit

Mayor Walley continued the Johnson Conditional Use permit appeal to the December 8, 1999 meeting.

2000 Budget

Mayor Walley opened the public hearing.

Councilman Dillon stated she is opposed to using ending fund balances to balance the budget. Councilman Anderson concurred.

Councilman Beitler addressed some imbalances in salaries. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Walley closed the public hearing.

Councilman Anderson moved to table the 2000 Budget to December 8, 1999 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Beitler. Motion carried.

A budget worksession was set for Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at 6:00 P.M. at the Senior Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Update – Y2K

Dee Denton – Y2K project coordinator presented an update to the Council on the Y2K status of the City. Denton stated this has been a yearlong project with all departments participating. The main area of concern was concentrated on the Police, Fire, Sewer, Street and City Administration. Denton stated to the best of the City's ability we are prepared and contingency plans are in place.

Mayor Walley commended Denton for a great job and her hard work on this project.

Appeal of Conditional Use Permit #13-99

Dean Warner addressed the Council and requested a continuance on the matter in hopes of Council reconsideration of the vote on the parking lot issue. Warner stated the appeal was lost on a technicality. Warner also stated the neighbors are willing to meet with the School Board and try to bring some balance to the subject.

Councilman Tesarik stated he is not in a position to change his vote.

Attorney Hayden stated the Council could choose to continue the issue pending the passage of the ordinance confirming the vote taken. Discussion ensued on the procedure.

Warner stated for the record that Mr. Hayden had requested declaration of conflict of interest at the appeal hearing. Warner pointed out that Councilman Tesarik's wife works at the high school and Tesarik is under a painting contract working at the high school and he also lives close by the high school. Warner questioned Tesarik's appearance of fairness due to these reasons.

Councilman Tesarik stated he works for a contractor who is under contract with the School District.

Attorney Hayden recommended action on the ordinance be tabled until such time as Councilman Miller is in attendance for a vote.

Mayor Walley tabled the item to the December 8, 1999 meeting.

Adoption of Grievance Policy

City Planner Rivera stated the adoption of a grievance policy is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant which the Council has approved the submission of the block grant. Rivera stated this provides a procedure for persons who feel they have been aggrieved by the block grant.

Councilman Pearson moved that the Mayor be allowed to sign the grievance policy for the City. Seconded by Councilman Beitler. Motion carried.

Ordinance – New Union Position

Supervisor Stendal presented an overview of the amended 1999 salary ordinance. Stendal stated the ordinance memorializes the AFSCME union salaries and the new position of Lieutenant in the Police Department.

Councilman Beitler and Anderson expressed concern of creating a Lieutenant position with the anticipated shortage of funds. They preferred to wait and see how the budget looked in 6 months and give the new Council the opportunity to decide on this position.

Police Chief Cooper discussed the need for the position and stated the funds are budgeted in the 1999 budget. Cooper also stated the Lieutenant position would be a non-union position.

Councilman Silves moved to approve Ordinance #1344-99 amending Ordinance #1320-99 recognizing a new agreement with AFSCME union and establishing the new position of Lieutenant in the Police Department. Seconded by Councilman Silves.

Roll Call Vote: Silves – Yes, Dillon – Yes, Pearson – Yes, Beitler – No, Tesarik – Yes, Anderson – No. Motion carried, 4-2.

Award of Fire Truck Bid

Fire Chief Klinger stated at the October 27, 1999 meeting the Council gave authorization to advertise the 1964 Chevrolet fire engine for surplus. Two bids were received in the amount of \$1,225.00 and \$501.00. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Pearson moved to award the bid to Jim Sorenson for \$1,225.00. Councilman Silves seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments

Mayor Walley stated Carolyn Freeman has resigned from the Design Review Committee and recommended the appointment of Mark Christ to fill the vacancy. Walley also reported the term of Kacy Johnson on the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority has ended and recommended Johnson's reappointment for a five-year term.

Councilman Pearson moved to accept the appointment of Mark Christ to the Design Review Committee and the reappointment of Kacy Johnson to the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority for a five year term. Seconded by Councilman Tesarik. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilman Silves – stated she has received a complaint on the Whatcom Tire Service tire storage area being unsightly and requested this be looked into.

Councilman Pearson – requested an executive session to discuss finances.

Councilman Beitler – addressed his intent on the speed signs at SR20 and SR9.

Engineer Barnet will look further into the signage.

Councilman Anderson – addressed a new pyramid scheme and asked if the Police Department is taking any actions on this matter.

Chief Cooper stated the Skagit Valley Herald is doing an feature article on this scheme to notify the public.

Engineer Barnet – addressed the traffic impact fees and the recent articles in the press. Barnet reported on the recent turn lanes at F & S Grade Road and Reed Street that are a direct result of the impact fees. Barnet stated without the impact fees collected this project would not have been possible.

Chief Cooper – presented an Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for computer services for the police department. Cooper stated the computer system is shared with the sheriff's office and the agreement is an update to the current Interlocal Agreement on file. Cooper recommended the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Councilman Pearson moved to allow the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Sedro-Woolley Police Department and Skagit County for information services on the computers. Seconded by Councilman Dillon. Motion carried.

Chief Klinger – reported on the upcoming WTO conference to be held in Seattle. Klinger stated Skagit County's strike team will very likely be activated and sent down to Seattle on Monday.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:50 P.M. to discuss finances, with a possible decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

Councilman Pearson moved to approve voucher #38980. Seconded by Councilman Anderson. Motion carried.

Frank Martin reported on the upcoming Electrical Safety program on Monday, December 6, 1999.

Mayor Walley reminded Council of the scheduled budget worksession on Wednesday, December 1, 1999.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
