
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 8, 2000 – 7:00 P.M. – Senior Center

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers: Meamber, Miller, Tesarik, Lemley, Grandy and Silves. Staff Members: City Attorney Hayden, City Supervisor Stendal, City Engineer Barnet, City Planner Rivera, Fire Chief Klinger, Police Chief Cooper.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Vouchers #39715 to #39797 for \$51,399.57
 - Payroll Warrants #24261 to #24342 for \$97,479.45
- Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom Co. for use of Plantation Rifle Range

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Tesarik. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Jamie Lanning – 1312 St. Route 9, Mt. Vernon addressed the Council in the disposition of the donated 1939 Caterpillar which is now in Birdsvie. Lanning stated he would like it back in the City. Lanning also requested to participate in refurbishing of the lightpoles at the old hospital location.

Mayor Dillon requested Councilmember Member work with Lanning on the lightpoles.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of 1999/2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Cook Road/Trail Road Sub Area Plan

Planner Rivera stated this part of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the Transportation Element was put on hold from the last meeting to bring back further information. Rivera reviewed the changes on the map which shows the proper Urban Growth Boundary. Rivera emphasized the plan is a conceptual plan and as development occurs there is a process with the Engineering and Planning staff working with the developers in laying out roads in the best places. Rivera also reviewed additional language in the comprehensive plan.

Rivera reported findings of a 50-foot buffer between development and agricultural use which was brought up during the original review. Rivera reviewed the language that addresses the 50-foot buffer and stated for the most part it addresses residential next to an agricultural operation, it doesn't go into commercial development. Rivera believes when it comes time for development, input should be obtained from the agriculture operator. Rivera believes it best to be handled on a case by case basis.

Councilmember Grandy questioned how right-of-way is acquired in the Sub Area Plan.

Attorney Hayden stated all of the ways noted in the Sub Area Plan may be used at different times. Hayden stated the purpose of the plan is when people do develop the City has the ability to require their development plan conform to the City plan.

Councilmember Miller questioned the type of road and the distance between the roads shown.

Rivera stated the roads would be standard width roads which are 50-foot roads with sidewalks on both sides. Engineer Barnet stated the distance between the roads is unknown. The intent is to divide the area along Trail Road in thirds.

Councilmember Miller also questioned if the roads would take any part of the playfields.

Barnet stated if and when the school would develop that area as a large campus, they would need to get busses from Cook Road to SR20. They would as part of their campus layout somehow put a road through that area. It would be up to them to see what would work best from them. Barnet stressed this plan is only conceptual and it allows the developer the freedom to make the plan work with their project.

Councilmember Meamber questioned the wording of the LID's included in the Sub Area Plan.

Rivera stated the wording is for the future use of LID's as a possibility to build the roads. Rivera stated it is a current policy on every short plat that ULID waivers be signed.

Hayden addressed the ULID process.

Councilmember Lemley questioned the Industrial Buffers decision of the previous meeting and the possibility of revisiting the topic.

Rivera encouraged a joint worksession be held with the Council and Planning Commission to discuss the industrial buffers and other topics including the upcoming impacts of the Endangered Species Act.

Attorney Hayden stressed the Sub Area Plan is a plan and the map is conceptual. He stated the minutes should reflect the map is conceptual. These are proposed general places for the roads but the actual location will depend on the nature of development, the desire and cooperation of property owners. There's a lot of issues we don't know yet and the plan says the map is conceptual. We have already had property owners request the road be moved onto their property because of the benefits to their property. It will be dealt with on a development by development basis. Hayden stated the motion would be to send this on through the process. It will come back for final adoption.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve the 1999/2000 Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the Cook Road and Trail Road Sub Area Plan via the conceptual map attached to be forwarded for the 90-day review. Seconded by Councilmember Miller. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Award of Contract – New Telephone System for City Hall

Supervisor Stendal reviewed information for a new telephone system for City Hall. Stendal stated this system would interface with the police and fire system and because of the interfacing of the system the State auditors recognize under these circumstances it is acceptable to go with the same company. Stendal stated the total bid is \$37,948.88 including tax.

Councilmember Lemley moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Lucent Technology to install the City's new telephone system in the amount of \$37,948.88 including tax. Councilmember Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – Landscaping

Supervisor Stendal reviewed the bids for landscaping at the WasteWater Treatment Plant as a final step to the completion of the project. Stendal stated the project is still within the budget.

Councilmember Grandy moved to award the bid for the landscaping at the WasteWater Treatment Plant to Edwards Landscaping Plus in the amount of \$5,769.98 excluding tax. Councilmember Silves seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution Declaring Certain Property as Surplus

Supervisor Stendal requested Council approval of a resolution declaring certain property as surplus. Stendal reminded Council that the City of Burlington is also joining in on this sale.

Councilmember Meamber moved to approve Resolution #636-00 to surplus certain items and authorize for sale of surplus property. Seconded by Councilmember Lemley. Motion carried.

Housekeeping Code Revisions for New Code Book

Attorney Hayden stated the City is in the process of getting new codebooks that will clean up a lot of items. In this process Book Publishing Company has sent a list of items that needs attention. Hayden stated Sedro-Woolley is a second class City but many of our ordinances refer to rules for third class cities. More ordinances will be forthcoming at the next meeting. Hayden reviewed each proposed ordinance and answered questions prior to motion.

An ordinance amending SWMC Sec. 1.12.100 and 2.08.030, to be consistent with Chapter 2.08 and State Law

Councilmember Meamber moved to adopt ordinance #1354-00 an Ordinance to Amend SWMC Sec. 1.12.100 and 2.08.030, to Conform to Current Law. Seconded by Councilmember Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance amending SWMC Sec. 2.04.020 to provide for 24 hour notice of special meetings.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt Ordinance #1355-00 an Ordinance to Amend SWMC Sec. 2.04.020 to Conform to the Section to RCW 35.21.081 and RCW 42.30.080. Councilmember Silves seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance incorporating the Civil Service rules and regulations into the delegation of authority to the Mayor over police officers.

Councilmember Miller moved to adopt Ordinance #1356-00 an Ordinance Amending the SWMC Sec. 2.20.010 and 2.20.030 to Incorporate the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Tesarik.

Roll Call Vote: Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance designating the City Engineer as “Street Superintendent”, and eliminating obsolete duties of the Street Superintendent.

Councilmember Grandy moved to adopt Ordinance #1357-00 an Ordinance Amending the Chapter 2.32 SWMC Regarding the Superintendent of Streets and Providing for the Office of City Engineer. Seconded by Councilmember Silves.

Roll Call Vote: Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance eliminating the requirement for bonds for City officers.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve Ordinance #1358-00 Providing for the Repeal of SWMC Chapter 2.56 Requiring Bonds for City Officers. Councilmember Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance repealing SWMC Chapter 2.68, which refers to an obsolete retirement system.

Councilmember Silves moved to approve Ordinance #1359-00 an Ordinance Providing for the Repeal of SWMC Chapter 2.68 Providing an Obsolete Reference to a State Retirement System. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy.

Roll Cal Vote: Meamber – Yes, Miller – Yes, Tesarik – Yes, Lemley – Yes, Grandy – Yes, Silves – Yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilmember Silves – received a request for a handicap parking space near the new business “Grapevine Boutique”. She also had a complaint of business owners and tavern patrons being parked for long lengths of time.

Mayor Dillon referred the request to the Street Committee. She also stated enforcement of the parking time limit is scheduled to start soon.

Councilmember Lemley – questioned the status of the request of an ordinance against bird feeding.

Attorney Hayden stated he had not had time to look into any such ordinance.

Councilmember Tesarik – reported on a Parks meeting held for the proposed skateboard park and requested a public hearing be held.

Councilmember Tesarik moved to host a public hearing on April 26, 2000 relating to our public parks. Councilmember Silves seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Miller – requested the crossing at Highway 9 and John Liner road be repainted. Miller also noted some potholes halfway down John Liner Road and again questioned the status of sidewalks up Highway 9.

Mayor Dillon stated the sidewalks are on the project list but there is no funding at this time.

Planner Rivera – reported on a non motorized transportation plan being developed in the County with interaction from the cities. Rivera commented on preliminary ideas and locations.

Police Chief Cooper – reported of a house being moved on Trail Road Thursday at 9:00 A.M. The house is located at the corner of Cook and Trail and will be moved further down Trail Road. Trail Road will be closed for approximately 3-4 hours.

Fire Chief Klinger – presented an update on the ongoing reviews of Thermal Imaging Systems. Klinger stated they would soon be ready to write the specifications for the system with assistance from the City of Bellingham.

Engineer Barnet – reported on the bid opening of the Cook Road project. Barnet stated the apparent low bidder was Wilder Construction. The project is due to start approximately April 3, 2000 and should be completed in August. Barnet also reported on locations of temporary signals to be placed during construction and some obstacles that are being worked on. Barnet also reported that the Trail Road project will begin at the end of April and should be completed at the end of August.

Mayor Dillon commended the County for their efforts in obtaining approval for the temporary signals.

Rivera reported that The Mayor has been working with SKAT on an express shuttle during construction. They have agreed to run one for a month on a trial basis. Rivera also stated there would be a ridership survey placed in the paper to help determine the need.

Laura Pierce – Editor of the Courier Times, questioned publication of meetings with a 24 hour advance notice.

Supervisor Stendal stated notices are faxed to local radio stations and local newspapers as is the practice now. Stendal stated they are not legal notices and are not required to be published.

Jamie Lanning – questioned what is being done for the traffic to the convalescent home. Lanning also addressed research for an overpass to be located at Highway 9 and 20.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:10 P.M. for the purpose of contract negotiations with no decision anticipated.

The meeting reconvened at 8:34 P.M.

Councilmember Tesarik moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Grandy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
