
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 8, 1998 – 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, Beitler, Pearson and Crosby. Staff Members: City Supervisor/Clerk Treasurer Stendal, City Attorney Hayden, Police Chief Cooper, Fire Chief Klinger, City Planner Rivera, City Engineer Keiser.

Consent Calendar

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Finance

- Claim Vouchers #34390 to #34494 for \$68,867.44
- Payroll Warrants #20328 to #20407 for \$96,314.98

Councilman Anderson moved to approve the consent calendar. Seconded by Councilman Pearson. Motion carried.

Items from the Audience

Glenn Allen – 316 Talcott Street. Commented on the grass clippings program. He stated that it was a worthwhile program and is glad to see that the city is continuing the service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Comprehensive Plan – Comments Received

The Public Hearing opened at 7:10 P.M.

City Planner Rivera reviewed recommendations for dealing with issues that were raised from correspondence and public comments received on the Comprehensive Plan. The changes are proposed to take place in three different time lines. The first time line would be completed this month for minor issues. The second time line would involve issues regarding Northern State Hospital public land designation and the open space south of the city and would be addressed by the end of July. The July date was established by the Growth Hearings Board. The third time line would involve issues that require more study and research. Those issues would be incorporated in the annual update.

One of the issues commented on by the State Department of Commerce was the issue of distances between duplexes. They recommended that any distance be removed from the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Beitler spoke against removing the distance between duplexes.

Councilman Anderson requested more information on the Northern State issue. Rivera stated the county would still maintain ownership of this property. Some of the plans the county has for this land could be an economic benefit to the city. The comments against it has been that it would not be characterized by urban development. Rivera stated it was the City's intent to keep it as a recreational area. Rivera stated this was one of the areas to be addressed by the July deadline. She will bring back more information on this topic. Councilman Crosby questioned zoning for the Northern State property within the urban boundaries whether this could have light industrial located on it.

Brett Jackson – 1955 Delvan Hill Road. Cautioned the council of challenges he felt would arise should the duplex distances not be removed.

Glenn Allen –316 Talcott St. requested clarification of the Northern State property in regards to industrial uses. Rivera stated that no one has approached the Planning Department with this issue.

Public Hearing closed at 7:25 P.M.

The comprehensive plan will be brought to the next council meeting for a vote of direction on the changes.

OLD BUSINESS

Award of Consultant Contract for the Design of Trail Road Street Improvements

City Engineer Keiser presented background regarding the funding of the Trail Road Street Improvement Project and the federal guidelines required.

Councilman Crosby moved to allow the mayor enter into agreement with CH2M Hill for Design of the Trail Road Street Improvements not to exceed \$65,250.00. Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Establishing Revised Cemetery Fees

Councilman Beitler requested this item be tabled to the next council meeting.

Rowland Road

Rivera presented background on a recent meeting held with Rowland Road property owners. She stated that this was the result of a recent short plat which addressed Rowland Road as a private road. The property owners were not in favor of having the city take the road over. A sign will be placed on the road indicating it is a private road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Councilman Anderson – Requested a response be placed in the paper on a recent Letter to the Editor for a job done by one of Lee Johnson’s sub contractor’s. City Attorney Hayden will take care of this.

Councilman Beitler – Questioned the High School parking lot bypass. Keiser stated that she has the blueprint on this issue and has met with the Skagit Surveyors. She has some concerns that need to be addressed and is in the process of writing a letter stating these concerns to the appropriate persons. Beitler questioned the right turn lanes on Highway 20. Mayor Walley stated that he has contacted the local DOT and they will be coming out to review the area with him. After review there is a process through Olympia to follow. The process will take at least 60 days. Beitler then requested permission to improve a cemetery plot and place a plaque on the grave belonging to a former Sedro-Woolley Police Officer killed in the line of duty in 1933. He proposed to try to do this with private donations.

Councilman Pearson moved to allow Councilman Beitler to proceed with soliciting private organizations to provide a memorial to the slain police officer Carl Strom. Seconded by Councilman Crosby. Motion carried.

Councilman Pearson – Read a letter from P.A. Hegg regarding raising the garbage rates.

Councilman Pearson moved to have City Attorney Hayden draw an ordinance against Lewd Conduct and Entertainment. Seconded by Councilman Crosby. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:04 P.M. for discussion on acquisition of property with a possible decision.

The meeting reconvened at 8:12 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 12 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
