
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 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 Beitler, Tesarik, Miller, Anderson, Crosby and Silves. Staff Members: City Supervisor/Clerk Treasurer Stendal, City Attorney Hayden, Police Chief Cooper, Fire Chief Klinger, City Planner Rivera, Acting City Engineer Barnet.

Consent Calendar

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Finance

-- Claim Vouchers #35085 to 35204 for \$378,214.45

-- Payroll Warrants #20825 to #20913 for \$99,416.36

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Adult Entertainment Establishment Ordinance

Mayor Walley opened the Public Hearing.

City Planner Rivera presented an overview of the process for adopting the ordinance and an overview of the ordinance.

Councilman Anderson requested that the requirement of no establishments within 750 feet from schools also be applied to off premises signage.

Councilman Beitler requested the issue of no windows be changed so windows are blacked out. He felt allowing no windows could be a potential safety hazard.

Councilman Miller addressed behavior in parking lots. He felt that activities could potentially be carried over from inside of buildings into the parking lots. He felt Section 5; Use Restrictions would be the appropriate place to address this issue.

David Blankenship – owner of Liberty Café, 707 Metcalf, stated there is an EPA regulation stating no drinking or eating establishments may be within so many feet of a hazardous waste or materials site. He suggested this be looked into before putting into an industrial zoning. He believes the definition “any establishment excluding minor children” is talking about bars and everything. Requested taking out “excluding adult children in section 1. He felt if that language was deleted then the ordinance would read correctly, because by law children aren’t allowed in certain areas.

Daniel Panter – Pastor of Valley Baptist Church, 710 John Liner Road, felt any form of adult entertainment allowed in Sedro-Woolley is taking a step in the wrong direction. He stated it should not be allowed anywhere because it only leads to the detriment of the family. Also speaking for himself and on behalf of his church family he stated they are opposed to allowing adult entertainment and support the letter to be read by Mayor Walley from Jim Brown.

Lois Blankenship – owner of Liberty Café questioned what is being classified as adult entertainment. She stated she understands the dancing part is adult entertainment but also believes anyone coming in to the lounge to play pool or watch a ball game in an adult establishment can be classified as adult entertainment.

Rivera responded under the proposed code of adult entertainment is listed in Sections B & C, which describes what activities can take place.

Blankenship again requested a clarification on what is adult entertainment.

City Attorney Hayden stated the ordinance addresses sexual activity or entertainment that has a sexual entertainment aspect to it. Hayden read the list of what was included. Hayden stated the ordinance is very specific in what is considered as adult entertainment.

Blankenship questioned how it affects her business. Hayden responded that it depends what the business is. If you want to engage in this type of activity you would have to comply with the zoning code and get any proper permits required.

Fred Ovenell – 712 Trail Road, believes there is no need for this type of entertainment.

Mayor Walley read into the record a letter opposing any type of adult entertainment from Jim Brown.

Ann Melder – 608 Ferry Street, stated although she is not a member of the Pastor Panter’s church she supports his views.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Request for Annexation

Mayor Walley opened the Public Hearing.

City Planner Rivera presented background and the staff report for the Gentry & Suryan annexation request which recommends approval, subject to conditions as listed in the staff report.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Councilman Anderson moved to adopt Resolution #618-98. Seconded by Councilman Silves. Motion carried.

Impact Fees

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Walley.

City Planner Rivera reviewed the Impact Fees proposed. Rivera indicated that commercial developments would not be assessed a school or park impact fee. They would be assessed a per trip fee. From the workshops held it was the direction of the Council the trip fee would be reviewed after one year.

Councilman Beitler discussed the school impact fee and stated he thinks it is too high.

Kendall Gentry – 504 E. Fairhaven, Burlington, questioned whether there were developer credits permitted in the process being proposed. Attorney Hayden stated when the ordinance is written the City would be using a neighboring city's as a guide and they do have provisions for credits. Gentry stated Mt. Vernon has a very workable ordinance and encouraged the city to include the provision for developer credits.

Don Van Etten – 517 Fidalgo, a member of the planning Commission has recommended in their hearings to consider raising the excise tax in order to relieve the buyer of the impact fee.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Six- Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Walley opened the Public Hearing.

Acting City Engineer Barnet presented the Six Year TIP and resolution adopting the plan. He stated the Six Year TIP is a planning effort done by cities to identify the projects that are on a current and future list of projects the City is planning to do.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Silves moved to adopt resolution #619-98 Six Year TIP. Councilman Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Request to Appoint Doug Barnet As City Engineer

Councilman Miller moved to appoint Doug Barnet as City Engineer. Seconded by Councilman Beitler. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Establishing Requirement Relating to Short Plat Street Improvements

Supervisor Stendal presented background on the Short Plat Street Improvements and recommended this issue to be postponed and a Public Hearing be scheduled for a future meeting on this issue.

Councilman Beitler moved to hold a public hearing on the short plat street improvements on August 12, 1998. Councilman Tesarik seconded. Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding

Mayor Walley requested the Council to consider a motion for a public hearing on the Memorandum of Understanding with Skagit County for July 22, 1998.

Councilman Miller moved to hold a public hearing on the Memorandum of Understanding on July 22, 1998. Councilman Crosby seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing for a Request to Vacate Fairhaven (Graves) Street

City Planner Rivera presented background on a petition to vacate Fairhaven (Graves) street, located between Alexander Street and the alley to the south. The petition has been submitted by Gary Wright.

Councilman Crosby moved to adopt resolution #620-98 setting a public hearing for August 12, 1998 on the Graves street vacation. Seconded by Councilman Miller. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Mayor Walley stated on August 22, 1998 the Taste of Sedro-Woolley will be held along with a classic car show at the parking lot at State and Murdock streets. The parking lot will be closed on that day.

Councilman Anderson – complimented on how well the Loggerodeo and activities were this year. The police did a good job with traffic control at the fireworks and all other events were enjoyable.

Councilman Miller – stated he had never seen the town looking so good and gave his compliments to everyone.

Councilman Silves – agreed with Anderson on the success of Loggerodeo. She also commented on the condition of the Wicker Road repaving.

Councilman Beitler – requested the City Engineer look at the repaving of Wicker Road and OrthWay to see if it is acceptable.

Police Chief Cooper – stated Fire Chief Klinger and himself met with the project engineer at the Public Safety Building and the Police Department is tentatively set to move on July 21, 1998.

Fire Chief Klinger – invited everyone to come by and look at the landscaping at the Public Safety Building. The volunteer firemen have done an excellent job in landscaping the site. The move will be done with the help of volunteers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:12 P.M to discuss litigation with no decision expected.

The meeting reconvened at 8:31 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
