



Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 25, 2026 - 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

a. Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers JoEllen Kesti, Paul Cocke, Kevin Loy, Nora Pederson, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve the agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

e. Consent Agenda

Note: Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine in nature and may be adopted by the Council by a single motion, unless any Councilmember wishes an item to be removed. The Council on the Regular Agenda will consider any item so removed after the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - City Council Study Session - February 4, 2026
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - February 11, 2026
3. Check Register - Regular
4. Resolution 1180-26 - IT Equipment Surplus

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. NW Innovation Resource Center Executive Director Diane Kamionka

Northwest Innovation Resource Center Executive Director Diane Kamionka and Andiamo Start-Up Founder Brendan McGoffin presented a PowerPoint that shared a brief background of partnership relationships with government and industry, with post-secondary education, and they spoke about the 2026 Events at IRC Lab-Swift and shared a summary of the Andiamo program about mobility with meaning.

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush had nothing to report.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Henderson shared that the Sedro-Woolley Basketball Team was just shy of making it to State but wanted to say they did a great job! He mentioned researching funding for our Police and Fire Departments and potentially having their own drones for footage for services.

Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pederson attended the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority's first meeting of the year and also attended the walk and roll.

Councilmember Cocke spoke about the Skagit Valley Herald using drones to study the flooding.

Councilmember Cocke said when he worked at the University of Washington, they did not have programs such as NorthStar or other types of programs to help with mental illness, and the UW was not equipped for that.

Councilmember Loy shared that he will begin to work on the skateboard challenge next week for 2026 competitions to get the work out in Seattle and surrounding areas.

Councilmember Lavacca shared positive feedback regarding switching the baseball and basketball fields and spoke about an incident in the roundabout where a semi was driving too fast and hit a yield sign and almost hit a pedestrian. He wants people to be very careful and aware it can be dangerous, watch your surroundings.

Mayor Julia Johnson encouraged City Councilmembers to attend the Olmsted Park and the Star Center ribbon cutting along with a ceremony scheduled for March 20, 2026. Mayor Julia Johnson thanked Councilmember Pederson and Assistant Planner Ashton Sandoval Oaks for attending the walk and roll event and said it was quite successful.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared that the bus stop located on Borseth and Ferry St has a dangerous dip in the grass that could be a tripping hazard and wanted to make Public Works Director Bill Bullock aware, so that it can be dealt with.

Mayor Julia Johnson reminded the City Council that Community Development Director Tom Glover had requested changes and comments regarding the comprehensive plan iodate and the comments and requests are due today, February 25, 2026.

Mayor Julia Johnson announced the City of Sedro-Woolley received the AWC wellness award and said the Department of Emergency is located upstairs in our training room to help with applications and assistance to those affected by flooding.

i. Proclamation(s)

j. Public Comments

Please keep comments to three minutes or less. Because State law prohibits the use of city facilities for the purpose of supporting or opposing a campaign or ballot proposition, we respectfully request that public comment not make reference to such matters.

Written comments will be accepted by letter or via email at finance@sedro-woolley.gov Attn: 'Public Comment' until 4:30pm the day before the meeting.

A public comment period was held.

Ed Bishop, Chester Allhouse, Karl deJong and Brendan McGoffin all made public comments.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. Offer Acceptance - 900 McGarigle Road

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared the offer acceptance for the city's property at 900 McGargile Rd.

Motion by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to authorize the Mayor, or designee, to negotiate sales agreements, accept offers and execute all documents necessary to close the transaction to sell 900 McGargile Road and 827 John Liner Road at the best value to the city, with a minimum sales price no less than the current listing price. Motion carried (6-0).

m. New Business

1. Climate Planning Grant Award

Community Development Director Tom Glover shared information and updates regarding the Climate Planning Award Grant.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to sign the contract with the Department of Commerce. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Contract Services Agreement - Amendment No. 3 - Facet

Community Development Director Tom Glover shared updates to the contract services agreement, amendment No. 3, with Facet.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to continue working with Facet moving forward. Motion carried (6-0).

3. 2024-177-ILA - Skagit County - Amendment 1 Senior Services - 1st Read

City Administrator Charlie Bush and Sarah Himnam from Skagit County presented the changes and amendment proposed regarding senior services.

No action was taken.

n. Information Only Items

o. Good of the Order

Councilmember Henderson would like to discuss the purchase of drones for our Police and Fire Department at a future meeting.

p. Executive Session

q. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

ATTEST:
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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:
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Julia Johnson

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Julia Johnson, Mayor