



Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 11, 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 Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson 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 Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Special City Council Meeting - January 28, 2026
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - January 28, 2026
3. Check Register - Regular

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Central Skagit Library Director Dan Owens and Board of Trustees Chair Heather Swenson

Central Skagit Library Director Dan Owens and Board of Trustees Chair Heather Swenson presented a PowerPoint to the City Council regarding the history of the library, offered programs and services, operating expenses and operating revenue for 2025, along with future plans looking ahead, then more discussion on the levy rate for 2026.

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush had nothing to report.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Kesti stated the city will do what's right for our seniors, and they will be taken care of, and then mentioned the Sedro-Woolley basketball ball game is at 7pm, and encouraged people to come and support them.

Councilmember Loy shared that he had resigned from the Skagit Umpire Association and the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that he has been involved with for years.

Councilmember Henderson thanked the public works department for all the hard work they put in and shared. He also attended the county commissioners workshop regarding meals on wheels, the Senior Center nutrition program and stated the senior programs should not be interrupted.

Councilmember Pederson shared that she met with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe to hear about their history and shared that she also attended the County Commissioners' meeting regarding the Senior Center nutrition program, and thanked those who sent in public comments.

Councilmember Cocke thanked Councilmember Loy for his service to the city, and shared that he had attended the meeting with the county commissioners regarding the Senior Center nutrition program. He stated that seniors need to be supported with the cost of living rising and affordability.

Councilmember Lavacca shared discussions he has had with residents regarding the Senior Centers and asked what the city's responsibility, financial impact and plan is and requested we put the information on our website. He shared information regarding a constituent who was concerned about our utility billing increases. He had heard positive feedback regarding the John Liner Rd roundabout.

Mayor Julia Johnson attended the listening work-session with County Commissioners regarding the Senior Center and nutrition program, and shared that there is more information to come and shared the ribbon-cutting for Family Promise that will take place on February 28th, 2025, from noon to 2pm, 14 short-term homes that they will be building. On the 23rd of February, from 10am to 1pm, there is a walk and roll at the library, hosted by the University of Washington.

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.

Karl de Jong and Joe Kunzler made public comment.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

1. Site Host Agreement – Amperage Group - Electric Vehicle Chargers

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to authorize the mayor, or designee, to approve the assignment (sale) documents of the EV charging equipment (ownership, maintenance, and operation) at the 900 Metcalf St EV charging site between EV Charging Solutions (EVCS) and the Amperage Group, LLC subject to any revisions recommended by the City Attorney. Motion carried (6-0).

n. Information Only Items

o. Good of the Order

Call for council members and staff to present items for discussion or for council members to make a motion to add an item to a future council agenda.

Good of the Order requested by Councilmember Lavacca to know the financial impact and timeline of the Senior Center nutrition program services. Councilmember Henderson would like to see if Talcott St and 4th St could possibly qualify for changing the designation of the streets, with options for eligible state funding for repairs. Councilmember Pederson wants the city to reach out to the school district for discussion in regard to the locked gate on Talcott St for Central Elementary and possible re-opening.

These items are to be brought forward on future council agendas.

p. Executive Session

q. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

Julia Johnson, Mayor