



Regular Meeting of the City Council
March 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 Cocks, Kevin Loy, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Nora Pederson joined online.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocks 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 was made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 4, 2026
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - March 11, 2026
3. Check Register - Regular
4. Final Acceptance - Contract 2025-PW-01 - City Shops Storage Building
5. Participation Agreement - Six Remnant Defendants - Opioid Settlement

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Recognition of Community Impact - Stiles & Lehr Inc.

Mayor Julia Johnson recognized Stiles & Lehr Inc. for their 75 years of service to the community and the remarkable impact they have had on the community.

2. Recognition of Community Impact - Loggerodeo President Dottie Chandler Mayor Julia Johnson recognized the 15-years of service of the Loggerodeo President Dottie

Chandler and the community impact of Loggerodeo events.

3. Recognition of Community Impact - Skagit Trail Builders

Mayor Julia Johnson recognized Skagit Trail Builders and the positive impact they have had on the community.

g. City Administrator Report

1. Riverfront Ballfields Relocation — Option 2

Public Works Director Bill Bullock discussed possible options for the Riverfront Ballfields relocation with the City Council.

2. Senior Services Update

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared an update on the senior services nutrition meal program.

3. Recognition of Mayor Johnson

City Administrator Charlie Bush and Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented Mayor Julia Johnson with a letter of acknowledgment for her accomplishments to the community and the City of Sedro-Woolley as well as presented a plaque of appreciation.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Lavacca announced the 250th anniversary of Loggerodeo 4th of July parade and also wanted to thank the Skagit Trail Builders.

Councilmember Lavacca gave a heartfelt thank you to Mayor Julia Johnson for her compassion during a very difficult time in his life.

Councilmember Loy announced he is retiring from the Skagit County Parks Board after 25 years of service.

Councilmember Kesti announced the Welcome Home Veterans' parade would be on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at 11 am then invited the councilmembers and staff to the museum for the grand opening of the military exhibit.

Councilmember Pederson attended the Skagit Housing Consortium and the Northstar meetings and then attended the ribbon cutting for Olmsted Park and Star Center.

Councilmember Pederson thanked Mayor Julia Johnson for her long service to the community and said what an honor it was to begin her personal term working alongside Mayor Julia Johnson.

Councilmember Henderson mentioned the programming of the West Ferry St light needs to

be adjusted. Also, there was a man living in his car on Ferry Street, and he has received complaints and concerns from residents living in the area and requested we take a look at ordinances related to this situation.

Councilmember Henderson attended the ribbon cutting for Olmsted Park and requested we place the opening day on Facebook to eliminate the confusion.

Councilmember Cocke attended the ribbon cutting of Olmsted Park and Star Center.

Councilmember Cocke thanked Mayor Julia Johnson for her leadership as an elected official.

Mayor Julia Johnson thanked everyone for making her last meeting and special evening, and she felt blessed and honored. Mayor Julia Johnson attended the ribbon cutting for Olmsted Park and Star Center, Representative Rick Larsen attended both as well.

Mayor Julia Johnson recommended having the public meeting at Olmsted Park to receive feedback from the public. The Star Center will be opening soon.

Mayor Julia Johnson thanked the council for the funding allowance for Olmsted Park.

Mayor Julia Johnson followed up on the BESS letters sent out. AWC is looking for a board member in our district to serve on the AWC legislative board,

Mayor Julia Johnson had a concern about speeding on North Fruitdale and asked Chief Mcilraith about options as a resolution.

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.

Chester Allhouse and Joe Kunzler made public comments.

k. Public Hearing(s)

1. Unfinished Business

1. Offer Acceptance - 827 John Liner Rd.

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared with City Council the offer for property at 827 John Liner Rd.

Motion to accept the offer for sale of 827 John Liner and authorize Mayor Julia Johnson or designee to execute all documents to close the transaction, with any minor updates to documents necessary made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Pederson. Motion carried (6-0).

m. New Business

1. Purchase Award - WWTP Dewatering Equipment - Action Requested

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared with City Council the purchase award regarding the de-watering screw press for the Wastewater Plant.

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson, or designee, to award the purchase of the de-watering screw press for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was submitted by Huber Technologies Inc. for the total bid amount of \$413,561.83. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Applicant Interviews - Ward 6 Vacancy

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken spoke to the City Council about the steps for how to proceed with the applicant interviews for the ward 6 vacancies, according to the governance handbook.

Karl de Jong, Anne Laue and Elysia Stout were interviewed by the City Council to fill the position with a Ward 6 council member.

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to suspend the rule from the governance handbook to go into executive session to discuss applicant interviews. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Henderson, nominated to appoint Karl de Jong to fill the Ward 6 vacancy. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmembers Cocke and Pederson opposed.

Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Pederson, nominated to appoint Anne Laue to fill the Ward 6 vacancy. Motion failed (2-4). Councilmembers Henderson, Kesti, Loy and Lavacca opposed.

Mayor Julia Johnson swore in Karl de Jong as Ward 6 Councilmember.

n. Information Only Items

1. Goldeneye BESS Opposition Letters

o. Good of the Order

Bill Bullock shared the Jones; John Liner Bridge will begin construction. April 9-14, 2026

will be in full steam ahead to start construction in 2027 and SR9 & SR 20 is re-opened.

Mayor Julia Johnson thanked the citizens and shared she had found coverage for all the boards she sits on. Mayor Julia Johnson suggested Paul Cocke to become the new Mayor and read about his qualifications to the City Council.

Councilmember Karl de Jong thanked the council for the nomination and also thanked his wife for her support.

Executive Session

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Signed by:

JoEllen Kesti

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JoEllen Kesti, Mayor