



Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 8, 2026 - 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

a. Call to Order

Mayor JoEllen Kesti called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present: Mayor JoEllen Kesti, Councilmembers Paul Cocke, Kevin Loy, Nora Pederson, Allan Henderson, Karl de Jong, and James Cox. Councilmember Nick Lavacca was absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to move item number 5 from the consent agenda to new business for further discussion. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmember de Jong and Councilmember Cox opposed.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to approve the agenda with moving item number 5, Resolution 1189-26, adoption of the Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Annex 8 to New Business. 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 Pederson to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 4. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - June 10, 2026
2. Check Register - Regular
3. ERR Purchase - Front Mount Mower
4. Resolution 1184-26 - Master Fee Schedule Update - 2nd Read
5. Resolution 1189-26 - Adoption of the Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Annex 8 - 2nd Read

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority

Current Chair Debra Landcaster of the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority, Commissioners Daniel Hasenoehrl and Danielle Fontaine, along with Senior VP of Housing Management of the King County Housing Authority Penny Bradley presented an overview and future direction of the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority.

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush introduced intern George Cox and noted he is a Public Relations major that walked for his graduation at Western University and said he is doing amazing work for us and stated to council that we have a huge need for communication assistance. George has also been doing website work and working on other projects with our senior management team.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Cocke wanted to acknowledge the 4th of July activities and said they turned out great and gave thanks to the many selfless volunteers and staff members that made these events take place. He attended the county commissioners' public comment and work session discussion of the city's proposal to build ball fields at the county-owned Northern State Recreation Area.

Councilmember Cocke spoke about the tragic loss of 19-year-old Anahi Rose Mendoza, a pedestrian struck by a car on July 4, 2026. Sedro-Woolley Police quickly tracked down the driver who, according to their police Facebook page, is facing vehicular homicide. His appreciation goes out to first responders who had to respond to this very tough situation and his heart goes out to Anahi Rose Mendoza's family and friends.

Councilmember Cox thanked the police and fire for their quick response to the accident that happened on July 4, 2026, and wanted to thank them for all they do. He said the Loggerodeo was wonderful and thanked all the volunteers and stated it was a wonderful festive weekend.

Councilmember Lavacca was absent

Councilmember Henderson shared that he really enjoyed the 4th of July activities. He attended the parade and some of the other celebrations. He stated it was really cool seeing the woodcarvings this year, lots of good stuff down there, and thanked the police, fire and public works departments for their hard work and professionalism.

Councilmember Pederson also spoke about the tragic loss on July 4, 2026, and wanted to thank our first responders who do a great job every day and said she was thankful that the police caught the perpetrator involved in this tragic accident.

Councilmember Pederson thanked the volunteers for participating and making this a successful Fourth of July.

Councilmember Pederson shared that she was able to get out, meet constituents and have lunch with a few. She was able to get out and see a lot of friendly faces.

Councilmember Pederson attended a North Star Housing Task Force Meeting and one of their Community Recovery Forums. She met with Finance Director Kelly Kohnken to study up for the upcoming Budget Workshop in Leavenworth.

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember de Jong reiterated the tragic loss on July 4, 2026, and said his heart goes out to the family and friends who were affected by the loss. He also wanted to recognize the police, fire and public works and all the volunteers that attended the 4th of July activities.

Councilmember de Jong represented the City of Sedro-Woolley at the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference in Spokane. He was Sedro-Woolley's voting delegate, and he recognized City Administrator Charlie Bush for his participation in the Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference and stated he did a great job representing Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember de Jong shared that the Sedro-Woolley Concert Series begins Sunday, July 19, 2026, and encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy these events.

Mayor JoEllen Kesti said her thoughts and prayers go out to Anahi Rose Mendoza's family and friends and thanked the police and fire for this 4th of July and said she is so grateful for everything they do as well as the public works, Loggerodeo and all the volunteers. Mayor Kesti thanked the staff, Councilmember de Jong and everyone who took time to show up and support what she calls the Veterans Plaza Playfields Project, and also thanked the Sedro-Woolley School District, the Upper Skagit Tribe, Sedro-Woolley Little League, Sedro-Woolley Mammoths, Louis Requa, Dan Sims and State Senator Keith Wagoner and the majority of council who were instrumental in the Veterans Plaza and support this.

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 Allshouse made public comment.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

1. Grant Agreement - Washington State Military Department - Flood Recovery

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information regarding a grant agreement with Washington State Military Department, and Flood Recovery.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to authorize the mayor or designee to execute a grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department for the December 2025 flood recovery and authorize the mayor and city staff to execute contracts, certify project completion, request payments, and other activities to obtain reimbursement from the Washington State Military Department and FEMA. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Ordinance 2124-26 - Intent to Annex and Join the Central Skagit Library District - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared Ordinance 2124-26 with information on the Intent to annex and join the Central Library District.

No action was taken.

3. Resolution 1191-26 - Ballot Proposition for Library District Annexation - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared Resolution 1191-26, the ballot proposition for library district annexation, and gave an explanation about Resolution 1191-26 being the language used on the ballot proposition in November.

No action was taken.

4. Purchase Agreement- Braun Northwest - Ambulance Replacement

Fire Chief Frank Wagner spoke about the purchase agreement with Braun Northwest, for an ambulance replacement.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember de Jong to allow staff to sign an agreement and allow remount of the current ambulance box onto a new chassis. Motion carried (6-0).

5. Moved from Consent: Resolution 1189-26 - Adoption of the Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Annex 8 - 2nd Read

Moved from Consent Agenda to the first item discussed in New Business.

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution 1189-26 adopting the 2026 Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan including Annex 8 Sedro-Woolley as written. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmember

Pederson and Councilmember Cocke opposed.

n. Information Only Items

1. TIB Application Certification Form - 2027 Metcalf Sidewalk Improvements
2. TIB Application Certification Form - 2027 Township Street
3. Public Works Director Signing Authority Record for 2025
4. Public Works Director Signing Authority Record for 2026

o. Good of the Order

p. Executive Session

q. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember Cox to adjourn the July 8, 2026, City Council meeting at 7:33pm. Motion carried (6-0).

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

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JoEllen Kesti, Mayor