

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 21, 2023 - 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, Glenn Allen, Chuck Owen, Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, and Brendan McGoffin. Councilmember Nick Lavacca was absent.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve Councilmember Lavacca's absence. Motion carried (6-0).

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember McGoffin and seconded by Councilmember Owen 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.

Councilmember Kesti recused herself from Item No. 5 on the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Diamond recused herself from Item No. 6 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Regular Meeting - November 1, 2023
2. Minutes - Regular Meeting - November 8, 2023
3. Check Register - Regular
4. Planning Commission Appointment - Cassandra Sexson

5. Community Development Grant - Sedro-Woolley Museum
6. Community Development Grant - Tight Lies LLC
7. Community Development Grant - Cascade Fabrics
8. Contract Extension - APP dba World Fuel Services
9. Interlocal Agreement - Skagit Conservation District and City - NPDES Permit

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush had nothing to report.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Owen wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember McGoffin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember Diamond asked permission to be excused from the December 6th, 2023, City Council Study Session.

There were no objections made by the Council members. Mayor Julia Johnson declared quorum.

Councilmember Diamond shared December 2nd, 2023, as Free Yard Waste City Cleanup Day and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember Burns also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. Councilmember Kesti shared that it is Shop Small Saturday and encouraged everyone to shop locally and come down and watch the volunteers put up the Christmas tree in the center of town. Councilmember Allen had nothing to report. Mayor Julia Johnson shared information on the city and county leaders' work session on November 29th, 2023, put on by Northstar and encouraged all Council members to join. Mayor Johnson shared information on the elected officials' essential workshop for 2023 in Mount Vernon.

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.'

Amy Wood spoke about November being Transgender Visibility Month.

k. Public Hearing(s)

1. 2023 Budget Amendment No. 3 - Ordinance 2063-23 - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken gave an explanation and review of the 2023 Budget Amendment No. 3 Ordinance 2063-23.

No action was taken.

l. Unfinished Business

1. 2024 Budgeted Levy - Ordinance 2059-23 - 2nd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken gave an explanation and review of the 2024, Budgeted Levy - Ordinance 2059-23.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2059-23, an ordinance approving the property tax levy at an increase of \$0.8165 per \$1,000 of property value.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.
Motion carried (5-1). Councilmember Allen opposed.

2. 2024 Utility Rates - Ordinances 2060-23, 2061-23, 2062-23 - 2nd Read

Motion to approve Ordinance 2060-23, an ordinance amending chapter 13.30 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to update the 2024 fees and charges for the use of the sanitary sewer system.

Motion made by Councilmember McGoffin and seconded by Councilmember Allen.
Motion carried (6-0).

Motion to approve Ordinance 2061-23, an ordinance amending chapter 8.04 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to increase 2024 solid waste utility rates and charges.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion to approve Ordinance 2062-23, an ordinance amending chapter 2.45 of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code to update the 2024 fees and charges for use of the storm and surface water utility system.

Motion made by Councilmember Diamond and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.
Motion carried (6-0).

m. New Business

1. Amendment to Municipal Code to Remove Statement in Intent Section Restricting R-15 Zoning Designations - Ordinance 2058-23 - 1st Read

Interim Community Development Director Hiller West provided background and shared information about the statement intent section restricting R-15 zoning designations adopted by the City Council in 2004. At that time, there was a major concern regarding multifamily housing being established in Sedro-Woolley. The Amendment to the Municipal Code is to implement the removal of the statement intent restricting R-15 zoning designations.

Interim Community Development Director Hiller West recently shared an issue with a proposed rezone brought before the Planning Commission and shared that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the removal of the statement intent restricting R-15 zoning designations, and further explained the Municipal Code should not include this language restricting multifamily housing, due to the region-wide housing crisis across the country.

No action was taken.

n. Information Only Items

1. 3rd Quarter 2023 Strategic Plan Update
2. Planning and Business Development Committee - August 23, 2023 Minutes
3. Police Department Staff Report

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

q. Closed Session

1. To Discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement

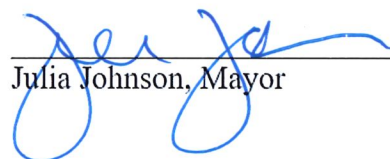
Councilmember Kesti recused herself from the Closed Session to Discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohlen, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor