

Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 14, 2024 - 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, Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing the protocol regarding making public comment on zoom.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca.
Motion carried (7-0).

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 to approve the consent agenda made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - Regular Meeting - January 10, 2024
2. Minutes - Regular Meeting - January 24, 2024
3. Check Register - Regular
4. Check Register - Off Cycle
5. Check Register - Off Cycle
6. Reappointment to Civil Service Commission - Commissioner Ken Clark
7. Community Development Grant - Low Auto Sales
8. Purchase - Site Furnishing for the Olmsted Park Development Project

9. Endo Bankruptcy Settlement

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 Loy attended the grand opening of the new convenience store on Cook Rd and stated he is planning on getting the skateboard challenges up and running again for kids.

Councilmember Kesti wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilmember Diamond spoke about increased complaints about speeding on State and Ferry St, and shared concerns about utility rate increases.

Councilmember Henderson spoke about increased complaints regarding utility rate increases and shared with the council that there is a reduction in rates for seniors available if they qualify in Skagit County for reduced or deferred property taxes.

Councilmember Henderson spoke about complaints of speeding on Township St.

Councilmember Cocke shared complaints about the school buses driving down Carter St.

Councilmember Cocke and Councilmember Burns also shared complaints regarding utility rate increases.

Councilmember Cocke spoke about the Evergreen Goodwill and other great local businesses.

Councilmember Burns shared information on Helping Hands events, Loggerodeo design competition, and City Action Days.

Councilmember Lavacca shared information about the Planning and Business Development meeting and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared information about Governor Inslee visiting Sedro-Woolley Highschool and shared that she had been appointed to the AWC board.

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.'

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. Master Fee Schedule - Resolution 1141-24 - 3rd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared updates to Resolution 1141-24 Master Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve Resolution 1141-24 Master Fee Schedule. Motion carried (7-0).

2. 2024 Budget Amendment No. 1 - Ordinance 2066-24 - 2nd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented the updates to the 2024 budget amendment No. 1- Ordinance 2066-24.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the 2024 budget amendment No. 1 - Ordinance 2066-24. Motion carried (6-1). Councilmember Burns opposed.

3. Amendment to Municipal Code to Update Sidewalk Café Regulations and to Possibly Add Regulations for "Streateries" - Ordinance 2065-23 - 2nd Read

Planner Nicole McGowan shared updates and presented version 1 and version 2 of the amendment to the municipal code to update sidewalk café regulations and to possibly add regulations for streateries- Ordinance 2065-24.

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve and adopt version 2 amendment to the Municipal code to update sidewalk café regulations and to possibly add regulations for streateries - Ordinance 2065-24. Motion carried (7-0).

**4. Sidewalk Municipal Code - Ordinance 2064-24 - 2nd Read and Possible Adoption
Sidewalk Replacement Program - Resolution 1136-24 - 2nd Read and Possible Adoption**

Public Works Director Mark Freiberger provided the process, detailed background and summary of the sidewalk municipal code - Ordinance 2064-24.

Councilmember Henderson requested to bring the sidewalk replacement program back to the Public Works committee for discussion to develop a fund and potential funding sources.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2064-24 repealing and replacing the Sedro-Woolley municipal code, chapter 12.28 sidewalks.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Burns.
Motion carried (7-0).

Motion to approve Resolution 1136-24 adopting the sidewalk replacement program and the sidewalk replacement policy documents.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke.
Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. Grant Approval - 2024 RAISE Application Due February 28, 2024

Public Works Director Mark Freiburger shared updates on eight ongoing and completed projects. He also presented information on the grant approval program and shared details regarding the 2024 raise application submission.

Motion to authorize submission of the grant approval 2024 raise application made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).

2. City Council Goal Setting

Mayor Julia Johnson and Councilmembers agreed to discuss city council goal setting at the next Council retreat.

City Attorney Nikki Thompson and Mayor Julia Johnson along with Councilmembers had a discussion regarding online public comment and the first amendment freedom of speech by possibly limiting online public comment to city business only, within our limited public forum.

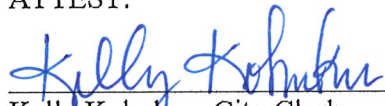
n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

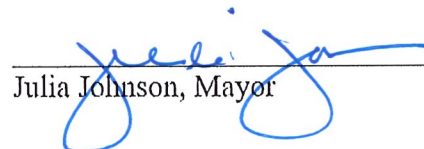
The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnen, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor