

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 8, 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 to approve the agenda made by Councilmember Burns 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.

Councilmember Lavacca requested to pull item 3 for further discussion. After discussion, a motion to approve items 1 through 4 on the consent agenda were made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Check Register - Regular
2. Surplus of Fire Department Vehicles - Resolution 1143-24
3. Grant Application Approval - FHWA Safe Streets for All Program
4. ADA Transition Plan Annual Review - 2021 to 2023

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Skagit Public Utility District General Manager George Sidhu

The Skagit Public Utility District General Manager, George Sidhu, presented a PowerPoint regarding building secure future water, temporary water rights transfer and the strategic plan.

2. Volunteers of America Western Washington - VP of External Affairs Kirk Pearson Vice President of External Affairs, Volunteers of America Western Washington Kirk Peterson presented a PowerPoint regarding programs, funding projects and sources.

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke about Cascade Fabrics being awarded a community development grant, and shared that they are revamping their budget for eligibility. He also clarified his response to a public comment on May 1st, 2024, City Council Study Session, regarding Tight Lies LLC, whether they have a business license and if they are indeed eligible for the community development grant. He shared that the application does qualify the way it is written, and it was approved by the Council.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy announced the skate board competition would begin August 17th, 2024.

Councilmember Kesti announced May 18th, 2024 as Armed Forces Day at the Museum. The event begins at 1pm.

Councilmember Henderson gave an update regarding the Public Works Committee, and spoke about crosswalks on Township St and mentioned he is looking forward to grant funding for handicap ramps to be completed.

Councilmember Henderson announced there will be two different car shows coming up in June.

Councilmember Diamond spoke about the fact that traffic is picking up due to warmer summer weather. She mentioned kids out walking around and crossing streets looking at their phones. She shared her concern and wanted people to be aware this is a danger to both pedestrians and drivers that are on the road.

Councilmember Lavacca spoke about the Economic Planning Committee and shared information about the development plan. He would like to have more discussion about the beautification of the entrances into Sedro-Woolley, and also suggested a turn lane at Minkler intersection.

Councilmember Cocke had nothing to report.

Councilmember Burns shared information on the Log Drive, and asked if there is any interest in new cell phones or laptops provided by the city for Council.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared information about the AWC notice, offering several boards looking for volunteers and Skagit Builders will be having a work party this coming Saturday and they are also looking for volunteers.

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.'

A public comment period was held.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. List of Authorized Positions - Create a Part-Time HR Analyst Position and Expand an Accounting Technician Position to Full-Time

City Administrator Charlie Bush gave an update and answered questions regarding the authorized positions in regard to the part-time HR analyst and full-time Accounting Technician.

Motion to approve the part-time HR analyst and expand an Accounting Technician Position to full-time. Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke.

Motion was denied (2-5) with Councilmember Burns and Cocke in favor.

Motion to approve the part-time HR analyst position. Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. Professional Services Agreement - Volunteers of America Regarding House Bill 1590 Housing Funds

No action was taken.

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

1. Discussion with Legal Counsel About Current or Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)).

At 7:58pm, the Mayor, Julia Johnson, announced the City Council along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Police Chief Dan McIlraith and City Administrator Charlie Bush would be in an executive session for 5 minutes.

Mayor Julia Johnson returned and announced there was no decision made regarding current or potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)).

The executive session concluded at 8:04pm.

p. Adjournment

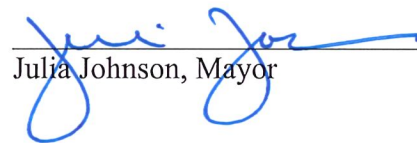
The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor