



Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 25, 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 by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve the agenda. 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 made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve items 1, 2, and 4 on the consent agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Henderson pulled item number 3 for discussion. After discussion at the start of unfinished business, item number 3, the check register, was approved by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - Joint City Council Study Session and Planning Commission - August 20, 2024
2. Minutes - City Council Study Session Meeting - September 4, 2024
3. Check Register - Regular
4. IT Equipment Surplus - Resolution 1150-24

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

1. Marketing Video

City Administrator Charlie Bush presented the City of Sedro-Woolley Marketing Video to the City Council.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy spoke about being Chairman of the County Parks Board, they finished number 1 in the state for the latest RCO grant and would be able to turn the small Big Rock Park into an 89- acre park and are planning new trails they want to build.

Councilmember Kesti spoke about being present at the 2024 Best of the Best in Skagit Valley and shared that the Museum was voted the best Museum in the county, and she listed many Sedro-Woolley businesses that were also voted 2024 Best of the Best.

Councilmember Diamond congratulated the participants in the 2024 Best of the Best in Skagit County, and spoke about inappropriate behavior happening at the skate park and encouraged police presence once in a while and shared feedback regarding the marketing video.

Councilmember Henderson gave feedback regarding the crosswalk on Township St, and shared comments regarding the BESS project. Councilmember Henderson shared comments about the video not capturing the essence of why people live in Sedro-Woolley.

Councilmember Cocke gave an update on the Finance and Information Technology Committee meeting and congratulated Councilmember Loy on Big Lake Park.

Councilmember Burns shared comments about the crosswalks and BESS project.

Councilmember Lavacca shared he had the opportunity to go to two openings for local businesses this past weekend, and another being the Backspin. Councilmember Lavacca asked Woody Tovar-Cano, our Information Technology Director, about the list of computers being distributed and when that would be completed.

Mayor Julia Johnson encouraged everyone to attend the Homecoming Parade on September 27th, 2024, at 5:45pm and the game following at 7:00pm. She also recognized September as suicide prevention month.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared that Sheriff McDermitt and Law Enforcement from Skagit County put out a letter to representative Rick Larson to consider funding to end fentanyl trafficking and support our local task force.

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)

1. 2025-2026 Biennial Budget - Revenues

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken spoke about the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget regarding the objective: inflation and property tax calculation, sales tax revenues and general fund expenditures.

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken explained how to read the budget and provided clarification to the City Council.

Mayor Julia Johnson closed the public hearing.

l. Unfinished Business

1. Revised Guiding Principles - Housing Bill 1590 Funding and October 2 Special Meeting

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke about the revised guiding principles, House Bill 1590 funding and the October 2 City Council Study Session, in hopes to gain clarity on the consent for a request for proposals (RFP) to be issued regarding House Bill 1590 funding.

No action was taken.

2. Comment Letter - Goldeneye BESS Project

Motion to approve the Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage Facility (BESS) comment letter opposing the project made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Interlocal Agreement - City of Burlington - Mobile Integrated Healthcare Services

Motion to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to execute and sign Mobile Integrated Healthcare Services interlocal agreement with the City of Burlington made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. Labor Contract - Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild Police Department Support Staff - 2025-2027

Motion to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to sign a 2025-2027 labor contract with the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild related to Police Support Staff made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson. Motion carried (7-0).

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

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

At 8:45pm, Mayor Julia Johnson, announced the City Council along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson and City Administrator Charlie Bush would be in executive session for 10 minutes to return at 8:55pm.

The executive session was extended to 9:00pm.

At 9:00pm, Mayor Julia Johnson and the Council returned to the public meeting. Motion to not opt in to the 3rd party rite-aid bankruptcy case. Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (7-0).

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

q. Closed Session

1. To Discuss A Collective Bargaining Agreement

A closed session was held.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor