



Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 9, 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 Lavacca 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 Diamond and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve items 1 through 5. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Lavacca pulled item number 6 for discussion. After discussing item number 6, the request for proposal (RFP) guiding principles, House Bill 1590 funding, was approved by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (7-0).

Motion to make City Attorney Nikki Thompson's email from the October 2nd, 2024, work session regarding 1590 funding, public. Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - Regular Meeting - September 11, 2024
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Check Register - Off-Cycle
4. Purchase - 23SLCGP Server

5. Apartment Lease Amendment - Thomas E. Glover - 82 Murdock Street

6. RFP Guiding Principles - House Bill 1590 Funding

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

1. Fire District 8 Negotiations Update

Fire Chief Frank Wagner and City Administrator Charlie Bush shared the Fire District 8 negotiation update.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy shared additional information about Big Rock Park and the Indian name to be Yubwast.

Councilmember Kesti suggested a crosswalk be added on Cook Rd across Trail Rd by the new gas station.

Councilmember Diamond also addressed a crosswalk need for the Cook Rd Trail Rd area.

Councilmember Diamond wanted to share publicly she has not had private meetings with Puget Sound Energy about the BESS project and shared that she has had requests for a CPR / First Aid Class available to the public. Fire Chief Wagner shared that there are sign-ups on our city website for CPR and First Aid classes quarterly year-round with limited class space.

Councilmember Henderson wanted to share publicly that he had not had any private meetings with Puget Sound Energy regarding the BESS project, and he shared a safety concern at Winnie Houser Park restroom regarding people sleeping in there and possibly doing something illegal.

Councilmember Henderson shared updates regarding the Public Works Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Cocke had questions about when the new school resource officer (SRO) would be starting. Police Chief Dan McIlraith spoke about the SRO position and plans to fill the position when the Police Department is up to full staffing.

Councilmember Cocke made a comment that his thoughts and prayers go out to people affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton and spoke about Emergency and disaster preparedness.

Councilmember Burns shared he met with Robert Knolls of Puget Sound Energy regarding the energy storage facilities and expressed his concerns and encouraged them to come speak with the entire council.

Councilmember Burns also shared traffic concerns regarding roundabouts. He wants Sedro-Woolley to consider lighted crosswalks, especially in roundabouts.

Councilmember Lavacca shared he met with Robert Knolls of Puget Sound Energy regarding the energy storage facilities, and he also expressed his concerns and encouraged them to come speak with the entire council.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared that Puget Sound Energy is not prepared to meet with the City Council yet.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared that she attended a Mayor exchange conference which shared staff concerns in cities since Covid, and Mayor Johnson also had the opportunity to visit State Street High School to see their music studio, and she complemented Dr. Mickelson and Tim Mchugh for their hard work.

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 - 2nd Public Hearing

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared information regarding general fund expenditures, special purpose, and reserve funds (federal ARPA monies), public records requests, FTE count, position requests and other budget notes. Discussion only, no recommended action required.

Motion to decline the two following position requests from the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget: the Mayor from a part-time to a full-time position and the HR Analyst from a half-time to a three-quarter time position. Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti. Motion carried (6-1) Councilmember Burns opposed.

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

1. Interlocal Agreement - Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit Task Force

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to execute and sign an interlocal agreement with the Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit Task Force (SCIDUE). Motion carried (7-0).

2. Final Acceptance - Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements Project - Contract 2024-PW-03

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve final acceptance of the 2024 Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements Project Contract 2024-PW-03 as constructed by SRV Construction of Anacortes, WA for the amount of \$1,328,852.31 (including sales tax). Motion carried (7-0).

3. Professional Services Agreement – Amendment No. 7 Mark E Christ Architect – Final Design and CM Support

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve authorization for Mayor Julia Johnson to execute Contract Amendment No. 7 with Mark E Christ Architect to perform the Final Design and CM Support Services in the amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 and extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2025. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Temporary Moratorium - Electricity Storage and/or Generating Projects

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve a temporary moratorium on approval of projects involving storage and or generation of electricity. Motion to hold a public hearing on October 23rd, 2024, regarding an ordinance on projects involving storage and / or generation of electricity. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Property Tax - Ordinance 2080-24 - 1st Read

No action was taken.

6. Economic Development Action Plan

No action was taken.

The City Council requested the Economic Development Action Plan to be brought back next month for discussion.

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

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

At 8:57pm, Mayor Julia Johnson, announced the City Council along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson and City Administrator Charlie Bush would be in executive session for 5 minutes to return at 9:03pm.

At 9:03pm, Finance Director Kelly Kohnken extended the executive session to 9:09pm.

At 9:10pm, Mayor Julia Johnson returned and announced there would be no decisions made.

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor