

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 13, 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 and Allan Henderson. Councilmember Nick Lavacca had an excused absence.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke 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.

Motion to approve items 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the consent agenda by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (6-0).

Items 1, 2, 5 and 6 were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Motion to approve items 1 and 2 on the consent agenda made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (5-1). Councilmember Kesti opposed.

Motion to approve item 5 on the consent agenda made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion to approve item 6 on the consent agenda made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - October 23rd, 2024

2. Minutes - City Council Study Session - November 6th, 2024
3. Check Register - Regular
4. Check Register - Off-Cycle
5. Appointment to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Cheryl Brue, Damond Morris, Betsy Anorbe, Sandy Kish
6. Appointment to Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority Commission - Kevin Riley
7. Professional Service Agreement - QCC - WWTP On-Call Engineering Support Services
8. American Rescue Plan Act Allocation
9. Settlement Agreement - Glenn Simmons
10. Memorial Park Picnic Shelter Donation - Ordinance 2090-24

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Flock Safety Camera and Real Time Crime Center - Presenter Garret Thomson - Action Requested

Flock Safety Camera and Real Time Crime Center Garret Thompson and Kristen Macleod presented a slide show regarding license plate recognition.

Motion to authorize Chief McIlraith to execute, sign a camera and real-time crime center solution, two-year contract with Flock Safety for \$44,550.00 made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (6-0).

2. K9 Program Presentation

Officer Cody Velthuisen presented a K9 Program slide show.

Motion to approve the (K9) canine program made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (6-0).

3. Opioid Funds for a K9 Purchase - Resolution 1154-24 - 1st Read

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke with council regarding using the opioid settlement funds for the K9 purchase.

Motion to approve Resolution 1154-24 expending opioid funds for K9 purchase made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (6-0).

g. City Administrator Report

1. Affordable Housing RFP - Brief Follow-Up Conversation Regarding Affordability Timeframe

The City Administrator shared information regarding affordable housing and had a brief follow-up conversation with the council regarding affordability and defining permanent

housing timeframe.

No action was taken.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy attended the AWC District Meeting and shared with council Sedro-Woolley was represented along with some other local cities.

Councilmember Kesti spoke about the Sip and Stroll Event scheduled for November 30th, 2024 from 4pm-6pm and shared the list of sponsors involved.

Councilmember Diamond requested an update on the Community Development Grant Program.

Councilmember Henderson shared concern regarding scammers in town going door to door trying to sell jewelry because of a lost wallet, and also stated he had the pleasure of being invited to attend the Loggerodeo quarterly meeting.

Councilmember Cocke thanked all Veterans in honor of Veterans Day, and spoke about safety concerning students crossing HWY 20.

Councilmember Burns shared that constituents are thankful for the crosswalks on Township St and then gave an update regarding the Planning and Business Development Program.

Councilmember Lavacca was absent and had nothing to report.

Mayor Julia Johnson thanked Eric Johnston for all of his work as interim Engineer and then shared with the council he had taken another job and congratulated him.

i. Proclamation(s)

1. Native American Heritage Proclamation

Mayor Julia Johnson presented the Native American Heritage Proclamation to the Council.

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.' until 4:30pm the day before the meeting.

A public comment period was held.

k. Public Hearing(s)

1. Amendments to SWMC 17.24.010: Minimum CBD Commercial/Retail Floor Area - Ordinance 2067-24 - Action Requested

Planner Nicole McGowan shared the revised amendments to SWMC 17.24.010, minimum CBD commercial, retail floor area, Ordinance 2067-24 with the council.

A public hearing was held.

Motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Ordinance 2067-24 made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (6-0).

2. 2024 Budget Amendment No. 3 - Ordinance 2089-24 - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared updates on the 2024 budget amendment No. 3, Ordinance 2089-24.

A public hearing was held.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2089-24, the third amendment to the 2024 budget made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Henderson. Motion carried (6-0).

3. 2025 Utility Rates (Sewer, Solid Waste, Stormwater) - Ordinance 2085-24, 2086-24, 2087-24 - 1st Read

Public Works Director Bill Bullock presented to the council proposed 2025 utility rates for sewer, solid waste and stormwater, Ordinances 2085-24, 2086-24 and 2087-24.

A public hearing was held.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2085-24 related to fees and charges for sewer made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2087-24 related to fees and charges for surface and stormwater made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson. Motion carried (6-0).

No action was taken regarding Ordinance 2086-24 related to fees and charges for solid waste.

The Public Works Director Bill Bullock to bring back options regarding Solid Waste, Ordinance 2086-24 on November 26, 2024, City Council meeting.

I. Unfinished Business

1. Repealing Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 2.41 "Salary Commission" - Ordinance 2088-24 - 1st Read

City Attorney Nikki Thompson shared information with the council regarding repealing Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 2.41 "Salary Commission", Ordinance 2088-24.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2088-24, repealing Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 2.41" Salary Commission" made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmembers Burns and Cocke opposed.

2. Economic Development Action Plan - 2nd Read

City Administrator Charlie Bush gave an update on the Economic Development Action Plan.

Motion to approve the Economic Development Action Plan with deletion of reference to specific business names made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (6-0).

3. 2025 Property Tax Levy - Ordinance 2080-24 - 3rd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared information regarding the 2025 Property Tax Levy, Ordinance 2080-24.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2080-24, an ordinance approving the Sedro-Woolley portion of the property tax levy at an increase of 0% made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (6-0).

4. 2025-2026 Biennial Budget - Ordinance 2082-24 - 2nd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken gave an update on the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, Ordinance 2084-24.

No action was taken.

m. New Business

1. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Chapter 17.100 of SWMC - Ordinance 2083-24 - 1st Read

Community Development Director Thomas Glover gave an update on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Chapter 17.100 of SWMC, Ordinance 2083-24.

No action was taken.

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

q. Closed Session

1. To Discuss A Collective Bargaining Agreement

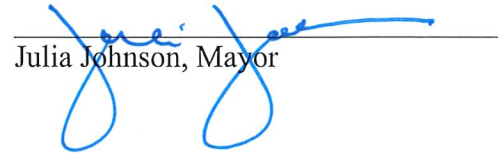
A closed session was held.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor