



Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 26, 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 late arrival following approval of the consent agenda.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Diamond 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 made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve items 1-12 on the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Kesti recused herself from voting on the consent agenda, item number 13, the 2025 Lodging Tax Grant Recommendations, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve item 13 made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - November 13, 2024
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Professional Services Agreement - Family Promise House Bill 1406 - Scope of Work Amendment
4. Professional Services Agreement - Mountain Law, PLLC - Indigent Defense, 6-Month Contract Extension

5. Interlocal Agreement Renewal 2025-2026 - Skagit County - Sedro-Woolley Senior Center
6. Interlocal Agreement - NW ESD and Skagit County School Districts and Law Enforcement Agencies - Handle with Care
7. Interagency Agreement - Washington Traffic Safety Commission - 2025 Region 11 Target Zero Task Force
8. Agreement Extension - Skagit County EMS and Sedro-Woolley Fire Department - Training Hub
9. 2025 Non-Represented Employee Salary Schedule - Resolution 1152-24
10. 2025 Mayor Salary - Ordinance 2092-24
11. Professional Services Agreement 2021-PS-02 Contract Amendment
12. Out-of-State Travel - Canine Purchase
13. 2025 Lodging Tax Grant Recommendations - Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Director of Strategic Initiatives for North Star Monica Negrila

Director of Strategic Initiatives for North Star, Monica Negrila, gave a presentation regarding durable governance staffing and funding, an effective community-based system of care, and stable, safe housing for everyone.

Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki was also present.

g. City Administrator Report

1. Interlocal Agreement Update - Fire District 8

City Administrator Charlie Bush and Fire Chief Frank Wagner shared updates on the Fire District 8 Interlocal Agreement.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy, Councilmember Diamond, Councilmember Burns and Councilmember Lavacca wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Kesti shared with the City Council that Saturday is Shop-Small Saturday and reminded everyone about the Sip and Stroll Event down town that begins at 4pm at the Museum and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Henderson asked to be excused from the December 4th, 2024 workshop because he will be traveling outside the country.

Councilmember Cocke asked Police Chief Dan Mcilraith if we had an emergency alert system and if we were part of the code-red with Skagit 911.

Police Chief Dan McIlraith stated that we are part of the code-red with Skagit 911 and do have an emergency alert system and that the School District also has easy alert.

Councilmember Burns shared that the Christmas Parade and Christmas tree lighting will be December 7th, 2024 and also that the Sedro-Woolley Lions Club will be selling Christmas trees.

Councilmember Lavacca encouraged the council to attend the high school play titled Young Sherlock on December 3rd, 2024.

Mayor Julia Johnson had nothing to report.

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

A public comment period was held.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. 2025 Solid Waste Utility Rates - Ordinance 2086-24 - 2nd Read

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to adopt Ordinance 2086-24 related to fees and charges for solid waste. Motion carried (7-0).

2. 2025-2026 Biennial Budget - Ordinance 2082-24 - 3rd Read

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve Ordinance 2082-24 for the 2025-2026 Biennial budget. Motion carried (6-1). Councilmember Lavacca opposed.

m. New Business

1. Chapter 2.90 and Title 17 SWMC - Murals and Signs - Ordinance 2091-24 - 1st Read

Assistant Planner Ashton Sandoval Oaks presented updates to Chapter 2.90 and Title 17 SWMC, Murals and Signs, Ordinance 2091-24.

No action was taken.

2. 2025 Master Fee Schedule - Resolution 1155-24 - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared a detailed background and summary regarding the 2025 Master Fee Schedule, Resolution 1155-24.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to stay past the 8pm hour to complete the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Contract Amendment - Zachor, Stock & Krepps, Inc., P.S. - Prosecution Services - 1st Read

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared the contract amendments regarding Zachor, Stock & Krepps, Inc., P.S., Prosecution Services.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Burns to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract amendment with Zachor, Stock & Krepps, Inc., P.S, to adjust the financial terms of the contract in response to market factors. Motion carried (7-0).

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 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