



Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 8, 2025 - 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, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Diamond had an excused absence.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti 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 Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve items 1 through 7 on the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve item 8, council committees as presented. Motion carried (5-1). Councilmember Burns opposed.

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - November 26, 2024
2. Minutes - Study Session City Council Meeting - December 4, 2024
3. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - December 11, 2024
4. Check Register - Regular
5. Out of State Travel – Public Works Director William Bullock
6. Surplus IT Equipment - Resolution 1157-25
7. Program Application - WWTP Upgrade Facility Plan and Initial Design

8. Council Committees

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush had nothing to report.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Diamond was absent.

Councilmember Henderson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Cocke shared information on BESS and gave an update about public comment acceptance through Sunday.

Councilmember Burns gave a report on the Public Works Committee and announced his appointment to the Skagit Transit Commission.

Councilmember Lavacca welcomed the new year, with lots of opportunity and growth.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared Alysnn Everbeck began her assignment in December as Executive Director for the 911 Board and thanked Chief McIlraith and Chief Wagner for their participation in the hiring process.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared information about the Skagit Transit being awarded a 19.5 million dollar grant through the (RAISE) Rebuilding American Structure with Sustainability and Equity.

Mayor Julia Johnson announced current Librarian Rachel McDonald gave her resignation, and shared she had been offered another wonderful opportunity and wished her well.

Mayor Julia Johnson welcomed new hires Raul Gonzales, Nathaniel Davis, Noah Cook, Chad Roberts and Cleo Felix.

Mayor Julia Johnson congratulated Councilmember Joe Burns for earning his Advanced Municipal Leadership Certificate.

Mayor Julia Johnson had a request from committee member Susan Robarge involved with NCFCA Christian Speech and Debate requesting two Council volunteers for January 18, 2025.

i. Proclamation(s)

j. Public Hearing(s)

1. Amendments to Chapters 12.40 and 17.50 SWMC, Street Tree Regulations - Ordinance No. 2093-24 - 2nd Read

Assistant Planner Ashton Sandoval Oaks presented Ordinance 2093-24 amendments to chapters 12.40 and 17.50 updating street tree regulations.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2093-24 adopting amendments to chapters 12.40 and 17.50 to update street tree regulations made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti, Motion carried (6-0).

k. 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.

Public comment was made by Denise Bateman.

l. Unfinished Business

1. Amendments to Chapter 2.90 and Title 17 SWMC, Murals and Signs - Ordinance 2091-24 - 2nd Read

Assistant Planner Ashton Sandoval Oaks presented Ordinance 2091-24 amendments to chapters 2.80 and title SWMC, murals and signs.

Ordinance 2091-24 amendments to chapters 2.80 and title SWMC, mural and signs will be brought to Planning and Business Development Committee for review.

No action was taken.

m. New Business

1. Appointment of the Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Julia Johnson requested council nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore, the two nominees were Councilmember Henderson and Councilmember Loy.

Motion to appoint Councilmember Henderson to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for the calendar year 2025. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmember Burns and Cocke opposed.

2. Zoom Bombing - Discussion

A discussion was held.

No action taken.

n. Information Only Items

1. November Permit Report

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnen, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor