



Regular Meeting of the City Council
February 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM Hybrid Meeting

a. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Allan Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers JoEllen Kesti, Paul Cocke, Kevin Loy, Joe Burns, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca.

Mayor Julia Johnson and Councilmember Diamond were absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca 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 Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Burns to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - January 22, 2025
2. Check Register - Regular
3. 2025 Wage Schedule Update - AFSCME Bargaining Unit and Non-Represented Staff
4. 2025 Non-Represented Wage Schedule - Resolution 1158-25
5. Purchase - Public Works 7 CY Dump Truck Replacement
6. Rehabilitation Project - 1996 International 14CY Dump Truck
7. Interlocal Agreement - Skagit County - Digital Imagery Agreement
8. Out of State Travel - Community Development Director Tom Glover
9. Contract Supplement No. 3: Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering

Township Street (SR 9) and John Liner Rd/McGarigle Rd Intersection Improvements

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke about a meeting he attended on February 12, 2025, and shared public defense and indigent defense costs are going up this year.

City Administrator Charlie Bush has begun drafting an agreement and suggests partnering with surrounding cities into an interlocal agreement to keep costs down and save money.

Public Works Director Bill Bullock presented the results from the DOE grant, then shared he had also applied for Public Works Trust Funding, and received the funding to the tune of \$750,000 to begin the new sewer plant design.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember Cocke mentioned the McGargile Rd and John Liner roundabout and asked about the timeline of completion and provided a recap of the Planning and Business Development Committee meeting.

Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Diamond was absent.

A motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to excuse Councilmember Diamond from the February 12, 2025, City Council meeting. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilmember Lavacca shared his appreciation of the streets department for keeping roads clear and safe.

Councilmember Lavacca asked about the intersection and overpass improvements, and spoke about the current survey regarding the travel questionnaire.

Councilmember Burns had nothing to report.

Councilmember Henderson shared volunteer opportunities within the city to help raise money for Loggerodeo, who has put out information about running our 4th of July festivities this year and encouraged the council to reach out to clubs and service organizations, including but not limited to Rotary, Lions Club, Eagles, and the Sedro-Woolley Museum.

Councilmember Henderson will be out of state during the February 26, 2025, City Council Meeting and has asked to be excused if he is unable to attend online.

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 was held.

Philip Murray made a public comment.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. Draft Request for Proposal - Affordable Housing Sales Tax - Capital Affordable Housing Projects

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared a draft request for a proposal regarding affordable housing sales tax and capital affordable housing projects, House Bill 1590.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to allow revisions to the RFP regarding alternative affordability requirement to 25 years. Motion carried (6-0).

m. New Business

1. Grant Approval - Transportation Improvement Board

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information about the Transportation Improvement Board grant approval.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Burns to authorize the Mayor to execute TIB grant contracts for Jones / John Liner RR Undercrossing (Contract no. 8-2-126 (014)-1) and overlay program (Contract no. 3-W-126 (011)-1). Motion carried (6-0).

n. Information Only Items

1. Public Works Director Signing Authority Record
2. Letter to Governor Remaining Opposed to BESS Project

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 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