



Regular City Council Meeting of the City Council
February 26, 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 Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, Paul Cocke and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Henderson joined via zoom. Councilmembers Kesti and Loy were absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve the agenda adding a closed session. Motion carried (5-0).

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 Diamond to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - February 5, 2025
2. Check Register - Off-Cycle
3. Check Register - Regular
4. 2025 Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Project and Sole Source - Resolution 1159-25
5. Award Project - 2025 City Shops Storage Building
6. Subscription Agreement - iWorQ Systems - Assets Tracking Software

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Project Manager for Skagit County Public Works Devin Willard - Cook Road I-5 Ramps Improvements

Project Manager for Skagit County Public Works, Devin Willard, spoke about and shared a slide show regarding the Cook Road I-5 Ramps Improvements.

2. Director of Operations Rick Schoentrup - Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish, Island and Skagit County, Volunteers of America

Director of Operations Rick Schoentrup spoke about the Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish Island and Skagit County, Volunteers of America.

Program Director for the Dispute Resolution Center, Alicia Berk-Sohn, spoke about the Mediation Center and shared an overview of workplace services.

Restorative Practices Supervisor for the Dispute Resolution Center Ambralee Faisy spoke about restorative practices.

g. City Administrator Report

1. Presentation of Council Materials - Council Feedback

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken received positive feedback with regard to the way the City Council packets are being completed, with cover pages and the public link added.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy was absent.

Councilmember Kesti was absent.

Councilmember Diamond shared community feedback regarding the parking and traffic at the new Starbucks and credit union, and also had concerns about the safety of residents riding electric bikes and scooters in the middle of the road as the weather is getting nicer.

Councilmember Henderson spoke about the Rotary and the Sedro-Woolley Eagles Event hosted for Family Promise, which was held on Saturday, March 1, 2025. He shared it was a tremendous success, and is looking forward to hosting more of these charity events.

Councilmember Cocke gave a report on the North Star Advisory Group and shared information regarding the open house of the new Kinsey Building.

Councilmember Burns attended the Association's WA Cities Action Days and shared an update with the council.

Councilmember Lavacca shared community feedback regarding overflow parking at fields and city parks for spring and summer sports, and mentioned he was impressed with the updates on the Historic Kinsey Building.

Mayor Julia Johnson attended the Association's WA Cities Action Days and shared

transportation updates and disappointments she has been made aware of, and announced the city was awarded the 2025 well city recognition along with reduced insurance rates.

Mayor Julia Johnson attended a day-long conference in Olympia, and spoke with the legislature, and they spoke about the different bills they are presenting.

i. Proclamation(s)

j. Public Hearing(s)

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.

l. Unfinished Business

m. New Business

1. Award Project - 2025 Olmsted Park Site Improvements and Structures

Public Works Director Bill Bullock and City Administrator Charlie Bush shared information regarding the award project, 2025 Olmstead Park Site Improvements and Structures.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to award the 2025 Olmsted Park site improvements and structures base bid, contract 2024-PW-04, to Excavation West Inc. of Sedro-Woolley, WA in the amount of 2,437,616.79 (including sales tax). Plus, Alternate Bid - 1 in the amount of \$336,308.45 and Alternate Bid 2 in the amount of \$237,974.62 with funding from the Special Project Fund of \$338,000.00 and General Fund Reserve in the amount of \$236,283.00. Motion carried (5-0).

2. Draft Interlocal Agreement - Indigent Defense - Cities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Anacortes

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared the draft interlocal agreement regarding indigent defense with the cities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Anacortes and City Administrator Charlie Bush asked the council for feedback.

No action was taken.

n. Information Only Items

1. Building Report for January 2025

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

q. Closed Session

A closed session was held to discuss a collective bargaining agreement.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor