

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 11, 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, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Council members Joe Burns and Kevin Loy joined via zoom.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

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 Henderson to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4, 7 and 8. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Henderson pulled item number 5 to add the Appointment of Jessica Jasper to New Business and Councilmember Lavacca pulled item number 6, the Fire Department Stryker Pro Stretcher for more discussion. After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve item number 6, the Fire Department Stryker Pro Stretcher. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - August 14, 2024
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Check Register - Off-Cycle
4. Check Register - Off-Cycle
5. Appointment of Jessica Jasper to Planning Commission

6. Purchase - Fire Department Stryker Pro Stretcher
7. Community Development Grant Program - Howmac Dimensional Graphics Amendment 1
8. Lodging Tax Changes Referred to Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Swearing In of Police Officer Joseph Eggert

Mayor Julia Johnson swore in Officer Joseph Eggert.

2. Swearing In of Firefighter / EMTs: Devon Heckard, Jacob Braaten, LaRen Gevaart-Rossie, Jack Cole, Dillon Russell, Drew Jenkins, Bobby Castilleja, and Sean O'Neill
Swearing In of Firefighter / Paramedics: Brandon Paulson and Philip Chong

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3. Central Skagit Library District Director Rachel McDonald

Director of Central Skagit Library District Rachel McDonald accepted the Library Card Sign up Month Proclamation and shared the 2024-2025 Strategic Plan Implementation and Overview.

g. City Administrator Report

Public Works Director Bill Bullock presented a PowerPoint regarding the utility rate study discussion, structure and frequency.

City Attorney Nikki Thompson provided an example of legal costs and gave an example of the Horse Heaven Wind Project, in regard to intervening with BESS and shared that environmental lawyers would be three times the amount. City Council requested management reach out to Skagit County and the Skagit Indian Tribe and report back.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy spoke about the success of the skateboarding challenge and complimented Councilmember Henderson and Councilmember Lavacca for organizing the food vendors and wanted to thank Hidden Wave, who ran the event.

Councilmember Loy accepted Puget Sound Energy(PSE) Robert Knolls' invitation for a meeting.

Councilmember Kesti shared with the Council that she requested Robert Knolls from Puget

Sound Energy to come and speak with the entire City Council instead of individual meetings.

Councilmember Diamond congratulated the Police and Fire for swearing in under oath.

Councilmember Diamond shared frustration and feedback from constituents regarding the Housing Forum.

Councilmember Diamond shared concerns with children biking down the middle of Ferry and Metcalf Street and shared concern about traffic and speeding again after school.

Councilmember Diamond shared frustration from residents about events that have not been included on the city's calendar, and that the Olmsted groundbreaking was not advertised to the public. Mayor Julia Johnson shared that it was an invitation only from Larson's office.

Councilmember Diamond spoke about safeguarding industrial zoning within the city limits to prevent structures such as BESS from being implemented.

Councilmember Henderson congratulated the first responders on being sworn in today and thanked them for their service and sacrifice. He spoke about the meeting request from Robert Knolls of PSE and asked him to speak with the entire Council instead of individual meetings as well.

Councilmember Henderson recognized today as being the 23rd anniversary of 9/11.

Councilmember Lavacca gave an update on the Strategic Planning and Business Development Committee Meeting, and shared that he accepted PSE Robert Knolls' invitation for a meeting and also recognized today as being the anniversary of 9/11.

Councilmember Burns recognized the first responders regarding the anniversary of 9/11 and thanked the Business Development Committee regarding the ease of the updated permitting process. He also shared updates from the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Councilmember Burns shared his excitement regarding the groundbreaking of Olmsted Park.

Councilmember Cocke spoke about the congestion at the Cook Rd exit south bound and was seeking comments about the future of I-5.

Councilmember Cocke recognized the anniversary of 9/11.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared that Skagit 911 is looking for an Executive Director and spoke about the AWC 2025 Legislative priorities that were located under information only on the agenda.

i. Proclamation(s)

1. Library Card Sign-up Month

Mayor Julia Johnson presented the Proclamation, Library Card Sign up Month.

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.'

A public comment was held.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. Professional Services Agreement (Amendment No. 2) – KLJ Financial Consulting – 2025 Sewer Rate Study

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to postpone conducting the sewer rate study until fall of 2025. Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. Housing Forum Discussion

Consent agenda Item number 5 was pulled by Councilmember Henderson to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jessica Jasper to the Planning Commission and be addressed within New Business. After discussion, a motion to approve the confirmation of Jessica Jasper to the Planning Commission was made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson. Motion carried (7-0).

Housing Forum Discussion, no action was taken, discussion only.

2. House Bill 1590 Funding - Request for Proposals

City Administrator Charlie Bush moves to support that the attached guiding principles within the agenda be reflected in a requested proposal (RFP) to be sent out regarding House Bill 1590 and housing funds to be delayed until 2025 to allow for clarity of policy goals resulting from the City's Comprehensive Plan update.

No action was taken, discussion only.

3. Professional Services Agreement - Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering Inc - John Liner Arterial Improvement Project

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve authorization for Mayor Julia Johnson to execute a contract with Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering Inc for engineering, design, and right of way services for the John Liner

Arterial Improvements project in the amount not to exceed \$357,204.09. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Surplus Vehicle/Equipment - Resolution 1148-24

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve authorization for the Mayor Julia Johnson to surplus Unit 409 Ford E-450 TV Van, Unit 8 Chevy Astro Van, and Unit 144 John Deere GX 345 Mower. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Agreement - Waste Management Inc. - Recycling Processing

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve authorization for Mayor Julia Johnson to execute a contract with Waste Management Inc (WM) for recycling processing services. Motion carried (7-0).

n. Information Only Items

1. 2025 Legislative Agenda - AWC Board of Directors - Legislative Priorities Committee

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

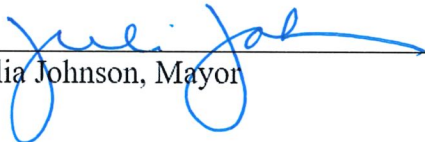
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor