

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 14, 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, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca.

d. Approval of Agenda

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

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - April 23, 2025
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Surplus of Tasers for Destruction
4. Police Duty Firearms Purchase
5. Ratification of Contract Awards as Sole Source Consultants - John Liner Arterial Improvements & SR20/Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 2A
6. Professional Services Agreement - Family Promise - House Bill 1406 Funding
7. Professional Services Agreement Amendment - Family Promise - House Bill 1590 Operating Funds

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Sedro-Woolley Building Inspector Lowell Ausmus Presentation

Sedro-Woolley Building Inspector Lowell Ausmus shared a presentation regarding building safety.

g. Proclamation(s)

1. 2025 Building Safety Month Proclamation

Mayor Julia Johnson shared a Proclamation recognizing the month of May as Building Safety Month.

h. City Administrator Report

1. Downtown Painting Follow-Up

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared updates on the downtown painting of buildings as a result of the awarded Community Development Grant.

2. Update on Indigent Defense

City Administrator Charlie Bush gave updates on the Indigent Defense Agreement.

i. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Kesti spoke about concerns on social media regarding the Special Events Ordinance and how it was presented.

Councilmember Diamond announced she had attended the Business and Development Committee Meeting, and shared complaints of Christmas decor still up in or around the windows of businesses in town.

Councilmember Diamond spoke about concerns from constituents regarding Trail and Cook Rd traffic, and also shared complaints regarding the Special Events Ordinance and how it was presented to the public.

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember Henderson spoke about a roadway concern on 4th St and Warner St.

Councilmember Cocke attended the Planning and Business Committee Meeting and shared information regarding murals.

Councilmember Burns spoke about 7th and Talcott St being closed for Central Elementary and asked why it stays closed year round, and then mentioned it being Police Officer Memorial Day and thanked the police for their service.

Councilmember Lavacca spoke about the Special Events Ordinance and comments received from constituents.

Mayor Julia Johnson commented on the 1590 House Bill available on our website and received news from a company called Safewise that completes safety surveys, and Mayor Julia Johnson was pleased to announce that Sedro-Woolley was rated #2 in the safest city report.

j. Public Hearing(s)

1. 2025 Budget Amendment No. 1 - Ordinance 2098-25 - 1st Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented the 2025 Budget Amendment No. 1, Ordinance 2098-25.

No action was taken.

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.

Brenda Suryan Sem, Dottie Chandler, Bonnie Irish, and Germaine Kornegay made a public comment.

l. Unfinished Business

1. Special Events Code Discussion

City Administrator Charlie Bush, City Attorney Nikki Thompson and City Council had a discussion regarding the Special Events Code, including provision for the city to recover its costs. There was further discussion regarding Lodging Tax award data and options for potential revisions to the SWMC.

m. New Business

1. Contract Supplement No. 4: Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering - Township Street (SR 9) and John Liner Rd/McGarigle Rd Intersection Improvements

Public Works Director Bill Bullock presented the Contract Supplement No. 4, Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering, Township Street (SR9) and John Liner, McGarigle Rd Intersection improvements.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Burns to amend the professional services agreement with Reichhardt & Ebe (R&E) to cover construction management services required for the Township Street (SR9) and John Liner Rd, McGarigle Rd Intersection. Motion carried (7-0).

2. Comp. Plan Update - DRAFT Chapter 1 - Introduction

Community Development Director Tom Glover and Donna Keeler from Facet introduced Draft Chapter 1 of the Comp Plan Update and shared a PowerPoint.

3. Comp. Plan Update - DRAFT Chapter 2 - Land Use Element

Community Development Director Tom Glover, Donna Keeler and Matt Covert from Facet introduced Draft Chapter 2 of the Comp Plan Update and shared a PowerPoint about the Land Use Element.

4. Comp. Plan Update - DRAFT Chapter 3 - Housing Element

Community Development Director Tom Glover and Donna Keeler from Facet introduced Draft Chapter 3, Comp Plan Update and shared a Powerpoint about the Housing Element.

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

1. Discussion with Legal Counsel About Current or Potential Litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

At 9:50pm, Mayor Julia Johnson announced the City Council along with City Attorney Nikki Thompson would be in executive session for ten minutes to return at 10:00pm.

At 10:00pm Mayor Julia Johnson announced the Executive Session would be extended for five minutes, to return at 10:05pm.

At 10:05pm Mayor Julia Johnson announced the Executive Session would be extended for five minutes, to return at 10:10pm.

At 10:10pm Mayor Julia Johnson along with the City Council members returned.

No action was taken.

p. Adjournment

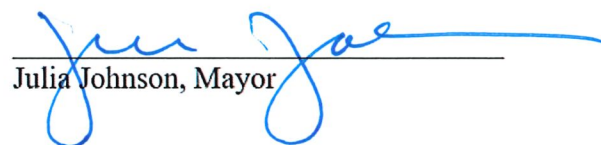
The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor