



Regular Meeting of the City Council
July 9, 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, Paul Cocke, Kevin Loy, Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Kesti was absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

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

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - June 25, 2025
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Check Register - Off-Cycle
4. Interlocal Agreements - Skagit County Economic Development Funding (Public Works)
5. Property Surplus of SR9 and John Liner Rd/McGarigle Rd - Resolution 1164-25

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Maximizing the Impact of Lodging Tax - Skagit Tourism Bureau CEO Kristen Keltz

Skagit Tourism Bureau CEO Kristen Keltz shared a PowerPoint and spoke about maximizing the impact of Lodging Tax.

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush passed the report to Police Chief McIlraith.

Police Chief Dan McIlraith made a statement regarding the shooting at the Community Center this past weekend and acknowledged the courage of the first responders and local agencies who responded to assist. This was a traumatic event for those who attended and those who responded.

City Administrator Charlie Bush acknowledged the incredible response from the Police and Fire and his appreciation for the ongoing teamwork that happened after-the-fact, to work through the results of this traumatic event. He then shared that the city will be placing a hold on any new Community Center reservations while the team and council look at the policies and practices regarding any new reservations.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Henderson recognized the police, fire, and public works departments for their hard work over the last week, and said it never goes unnoticed.

Councilmember Cocke feels saddened by the tragic event over the past weekend and said he appreciates the efforts of the first responders, police, fire, and public works who quickly responded to the shooting at the Community Center.

Councilmember Cocke announced Renata Maybrook is working on a survey regarding a building at the Northern State Hospital.

Councilmember Burns said his heart goes out to the families involved in the shooting over this past weekend. Then he announced this was his first year as Parade Foreman, and he expressed how grateful he was to the police and all the volunteers that supported the 4th of July activities.

Councilmember Lavacca said his heart, mind and thoughts go out to the neighbors of the shooting, and then gave an update of the Public Works Committee Meeting.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared with the Council that the city will not be accepting anymore Community Center reservations until the policies and procedures are updated with recommended changes and approved by the City Council.

Mayor Julia Johnson thanked the team for the wonderful celebration of Loggerodeo and 4th of July activities.

Mayor Julia Johnson told the Council the history of the spending of House Bill 1406 & 1590 is available in the packet and mentioned the state auditors will begin their audit very soon.

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.

A public comment was made by Sally Carlson. Judy Haugness, Dennis O'Neil and Elizabeth Friedl.

l. Unfinished Business

1. Business License Endorsement Municipal Code Update - Ordinance 2100-25 - 2nd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented the business license endorsement municipal code update, Ordinance 2100-25.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to approve Ordinance 2100-25 rewriting the business license endorsement section of the municipal code. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Grant Acceptance - Skagit County - Economic Development Funding (Affordable Housing and Boys & Girls Club)

Community Development Director Tom Glover shared information regarding Skagit County Economic Development Funding, affordable housing and Boys and Girls Club Grant Acceptance.

Garrett Michael from the RJ Group shared a PowerPoint regarding the Batey Square and Creekside Commons.

Executive Director of the Home Trust of Skagit County, Felicia Mentos, spoke about how they participate in and support affordable housing.

Volunteers of America Bryan Smith, CEO of Western Washington, spoke about his organization and how they will be partnering with affordable housing and being involved with creative solutions for Skagit County.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Burns to accept the Skagit County Economic Development Public Facility award, and request that Mayor Julia Johnson sign the Interlocal Development Agreement. Motion carried (6-0).

m. New Business

1. Water Service Contract - Skagit Public Utility District - Denny Engberg Memorial Field

Public Works Director Bill Bullock presented the Water Service Contract with the Skagit PUD for the Denny Engberg Memorial Park.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to execute a water service contract with the Skagit PUD to provide potable water at 1555 Chuck Hornbeck Lane, Denny Engberg Memorial Field, and authorize Skagit PUD to install the metering infrastructure required to establish the service. Motion carried (6-0).

n. Information Only Items

1. Updated House Bill 1590 and 1406 Spending Report

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

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Julia Johnson

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Julia Johnson, Mayor