



Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 22, 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 Burns and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Check Register - Regular
2. Minutes - City Council Study Session Meeting - October 1, 2025
3. Contract Reinstatement and Amendment No. 1 – PACE Engineers - Comprehensive Plan Chapter 7.08 Sewer System

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Community Action of Skagit County - Director Bill Henkel

Skagit County Community Action Director Bill Henkel shared a PowerPoint regarding the 2024 Community Needs Assessment, which includes housing being affordable to people who live and work in Skagit County, nutritious food, mental and behavioral health, living wage jobs and affordable childcare, with the beginnings of a path to stability, success and strong communities.

g. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush had nothing to report.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Kesti, Councilmember Loy, Councilmember Diamond, Councilmember Henderson, and Councilmember Burns had nothing to report.

Councilmember Cocke received complaints of speeding on Independence Blvd after school was out, and he mentioned the car prowls on Widmor and Gateway Heights are becoming more frequent.

Councilmember Cocke attended the League of Woman's Voters Forum.

Councilmember Lavacca spoke about the positive response heard from the community regarding the clean-up project on Talcott St, and also received positive feedback in regard to council allowing sales to continue at the Senior Center and has received lots of positive feedback regarding the John Liner roundabout.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared three letters received thanking the city for the cleanup on 11th St, and she thanked all departments involved.

Mayor Julia Johnson shared the pit count (point-in-time count) and shared an event happening on January 29, 2025, for sheltered and unsheltered that will have survival supplies available, and she also shared its National Pedestrian Safety Month.

i. Proclamation(s)

1. National Responders Day

Mayor Julia Johnson shared the Proclamation, National Responders Day.

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.

Mike Anderson, Audrea Woll, Sally Carlson, Judy Haugness and Dennis O'Neil made public comment.

l. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 2105-25 - Community Center - 3rd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented the third read for Ordinance 2105-25, Community Center updates.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded Cocke to approve Ordinance 2105-25 revising the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code 12.36.030 Community Center and 12.36.090 Sedro-Woolley Senior Center with the additional amendments changing the AV Equipment refundable deposit from \$1,000 to \$100 and if alcohol is present or consumed, the refundable deposit will remain at \$1,000. Motion carried (7-0).

2. Resolution 1168-25 - Master Fee Schedule Update - 2nd Read

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken presented Resolution 1168-25, Master Fee Schedule updates.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to approve Resolution 1168-25, Master Fee Schedule update with the additional amendments changing the AV Equipment refundable deposit from \$1,000 to \$100. If alcohol is present or consumed, the refundable deposit remains at \$1,000. Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. 2025-219-IA - Skagit County, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Burlington, North Star - 1st Read

Mayor Julia Johnson, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, Administrators and City Council had discussion and collected feedback for 2025-219 - Interlocal Agreement, Skagit County, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, and Burlington, regarding North Star program.

No action was taken.

2. Funding Recommendation - House Bill 1590 Capital Proposals

City Administrator Charlie Bush presented a funding recommendation of House Bill 159 Capital Proposals and recommends authorizing Mayor Julia Johnson to enter into a funding contract with RJ Group and the Skagit Home Trust of Skagit for \$611,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to enter into a funding contract with RJ Group and the Skagit Home Trust of Skagit for \$611,000. Motion carried (6-1). Councilmember Cocke opposed.

3. Construction and Maintenance Agreement - BNSF - Jones/John Liner Railroad Underpass Project

Public Works Director Bill Bullock presented the construction and maintenance agreement, BNSF, the Jones and John Liner, Railroad Underpass Project.

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Henderson to

approve authorization for Mayor Julia Johnson to execute a contract with BNSF for the Underpass Construction and Maintenance Agreement (BNSF, File No. BF-2054592), and commence with the final construction of the Jones/John Liner underpass RR bridge, including the cost of permanent and temporary easements and ownership transfer fee to BNSF for lifespan maintenance of the bridge. Council authorizes administrative changes in the Easement Agreement to the governing law of agreement interpretation location as negotiations may allow. Motion carried (7-0).

4. Grant & Development Agreement - RJ Group - Skagit County Economic Development

Community Development Director Tom Glover presented the Grant and Development Agreement, RJ Group, Skagit County Economic Development.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson, or designee, to execute the grant and development agreement between the City of Sedro-Woolley and the RJ Group to allow the distribution of economic development funds awarded by Skagit County for the infrastructure construction that supports the Batey Square project. Motion carried (7-0).

5. Contract Supplement No. 1 - David Evans & Associates - Jones John Liner Railroad Undercrossing

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared Contract Supplement No 1, David Evans & Associates, Johnliner Railroad Undercrossing.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to authorize Mayor, Julia Johnson, to execute the first supplement to the professional services agreement between the City of Sedro-Woolley and David Evans & Associates, Inc (DEA), a supplement not to exceed \$259,955.00. Motion carried (7-0).

n. Information Only Items

o. Executive Session

p. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kohnken

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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Julia Johnson

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Julia Johnson, Mayor