



Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 17, 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 Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond 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 Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (7-0). Councilmember Kesti recused herself from the consent agenda item #7.

1. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - November 25, 2025
2. Check Register - Regular
3. Out-of-State Training - Sergeant Lowe
4. Out-of-State Training - Sergeant McCombs
5. 2022-PS-05 - Mark Christ, Architect - Amendment No. 8
6. Appointment to Arts Commission - JoAnn Lazon and Kim Schlimmer
7. 2026 Lodging Tax Grant Recommendations
8. Interlocal Agreement - Skagit County - Source Control Inspections
9. Interlocal Agreement - Skagit Conservation District - Public Outreach
10. Professional Service Agreement - Paulsen Realty LLC - Real Estate
11. Contract Supplements - Semrau Engineering & Surveying, Epic Land Solutions Inc

and DKG Inc - Cascade Trail 2A

12. Resolution 1172-25 - 2026 Non-Represented Staff Salary Schedule
13. P-W-126(P06)-1 - Transportation Improvement Board - Cascade Trail West Extension Phase 2A
14. Contract Supplement No. 5 - Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering - Township Street (SR 9) and John Liner Rd/McGarigle Rd Intersection Improvements
15. Renewing Planning Commission Terms - Joe Fattizzi & Patrick Huggins

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

g. City Administrator Report

1. City Council Goal Setting for 2027-2028

City Administrator Charlie Bush introduced the City Council goal setting for 2027-2028, and asked for input and timelines from the City Council.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy announced it's good to be back.

Councilmember Kesti gave recognition to Sarah Diamond for her service on the City Council and showed appreciation for working alongside her.

Councilmember Diamond thanked the community members that have stood strong during the flooding. She also thanked the crew that put up the Christmas Tree.

Councilmember Diamond had complaints from constituents about city hall being closed for two days during flooding when not on the flood plain, and continues to receive complaints about the phone tree, especially when someone may be in crisis. She also announced Sedro-Woolley Little League sign-ups beginning in January 2026.

Councilmember Henderson offered words of encouragement to our neighboring cities; Concrete, Lyman, Hamilton and Burlington, regarding the flooding and damage they sustained. He also requested better info and terminology next time regarding the 100-year flood plain. He attended a town hall meeting in Burlington that was focused on concerns and complaints and suggested maybe Sedro-Woolley should offer a town hall meeting as well, so that our residents can voice their concerns and complaints as well.

Councilmember Henderson gave a huge thanks to our first responders and the National Guard for coming out to help with boots on the ground and thanked Councilmember Diamond for her service on the City Council.

Councilmember Cocke thanked Councilmember Diamond for her service on the City Council. He gave kudos to Public Works Director Bill Bullock. He was responsible for some of the work on the flood wall in Mount Vernon, and it held and then thanked the first

responders and the National Guard for their assistance and keeping people safe and assisting with emergencies.

Councilmember Cocke says that Skagit County flood maps are 40 years old and should be updated and mentioned houses were built where they should not have been built. He attended the North Star Steering Committee.

Councilmember Burns thanked city staff for their response during the flood. He was able to see it firsthand, everyone working together to keep people safe and how organized they were. He was grateful to the first responders and the National Guard for all their support during this crisis. He mentioned the Christmas parade was fantastic and complimented Monique Brigham for all her hard work putting it together. He shared a concern with Trail Rd and Cook Rd regarding garbage cans being placed where you cannot see around them to safely enter the roadway.

Councilmember Lavacca mentioned the Christmas Parade and how wonderful it was, and thanked city employees, first responders and the National Guard. He also stated the flooding was very serious and said releasing the map was very helpful. Councilmember Lavacca thanked Councilmember Diamond for her service on the City Council and announced that the upcoming 4th of July parade will be the 250th Anniversary.

Mayor Julia Johnson thanked Monique Brigham for the wonderful Christmas Parade and all the volunteers. Mayor Julia Johnson asked Public Works Director Bill Bullock for an update on Hwy 20 and Hwy 9 closure. At this time, no update from BNSF was given, and then she read a flood statement of compassion to those that were affected and of her appreciation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff. Mayor Julia Johnson thanked Sarah Diamond for her service on the City Council.

i. Proclamation(s)

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' until 4:30pm the day before the meeting.

A public comment period was held.

Philip Murray made a public comment.

k. Public Hearing(s)

1. Ordinance 2110-25 - 2025 Budget Amendment No. 4

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared updates of Ordinance 2110-25 - 2025, Budget Amendment No. 4.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2110-25, approving 2025 Budget Amendment No. 4 made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Henderson. Motion carried (7-0).

l. Unfinished Business

1. Ordinance 2083-25 - Amending SWMC Chapter 17.100 Accessory Dwelling Units

Community Development Director Tom Glover gave updates on Ordinance 2083-25, Amending SWMC Chapter 17.100 Accessory Dwelling Units.

Motion to amend Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code 17.100 Accessory Dwelling Units to allow no more than two accessory dwelling units (ADU) per lot in all zones where single-family homes are permitted was made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).

m. New Business

1. Funding Acceptance - Department of Ecology - WWTP Facility Plan

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared information about the Funding Acceptance, Department of Ecology, and the WWTP Facility Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson, or designee, to execute the funding contract with the Department of Ecology (DOE) for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan accepting an award of \$500,000 for the WWTP Facility Plan (Engineering Report). Motion carried (7-0).

n. Information Only Items

1. Economic Development Action Strategy Annual Update

o. Oath of Office

1. Oath of Office - City Council - JoEllen Kesti, Joe Burns, Nick Lavacca, and Nora Pederson

Mayor Julia Johnson swore in the Oath of Office for Councilmembers JoEllen Kesti, Joe Burns, Nick Lavacca and Nora Pederson.

p. Executive Session

q. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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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