



Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 14, 2026 - 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, Nora Pederson, and Allan Henderson. Councilmember Nick Lavacca was absent.

d. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to pull item #2 from Unfinished Business 2025-219-ILA, Skagit County, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, and Burlington, North Star Collaborative agreement. Mayor Julia Johnson breaks the vote for item #2 to remain on the agenda. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmember Henderson and Councilmember Kesti opposed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to approve the agenda items 1 through 19. Motion carried (4-2). Opposed Councilmember Kesti and Councilmember Henderson.

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 Cocke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - City Council Study Session Meeting - December 3, 2025
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - December 17, 2025
3. Check Register - Off-Cycle
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5. Check Register - Regular
6. Out-of-State Travel - Officer Fortuna
7. Out-of-State Travel - Charlie Bush

8. Purchase - Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Renewal
9. Purchase - 2026 Maintenance & Operations Division Utility Truck
10. Purchase - 2026 Waste Water Division Utility Trucks
11. Purchase - 2027 Ambulance
12. Easement - Puget Sound Energy - Power Utility at Olmsted Park
13. Final Acceptance - Contract 2025-PW-02 - 2025 Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements Project
14. Contract Reinstatement and Amendment No. 1 – Quality Controls Corp - SCADA System City Network Isolation
15. Resolution 1174-26 - Sole Source Purchase of Turf Renovator Machine
16. Resolution 1175-26 - Ratifying the Mayor's Emergency Declaration and Ending the Emergency Declaration
17. Resolution 1173-26 - Updating Indigent Defense Standards
18. Resolution 1177-26 - Fire Department Equipment Surplus
19. Resolution 1176-26 - City Council Governance Handbook

f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation

1. Swearing In - Officer James Deakins

Mayor Julia Johnson swore in Officer James Deakins.

g. City Administrator Report

1. December 2025 Winter Storm Report - Flood, Wind, and Rain

City Administrator Charlie Bush, Fire Chief Frank Wagner and Public works Director Bill Bullock shared a PowerPoint about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and gave updates regarding the December 8th through 17th, 2025 winter storm regarding the flood, wind and rainstorm.

Public Works Director Bill Bullock shared issues about the State Street Sewer Pump Station and let the city council members know that the proprietary control panel needs maintenance repairs very soon, and notified the council we would need to seek funding for future repairs.

h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Loy wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped during the flood emergency and asked the Administration about how many volunteers were there during the flood emergency.

Councilmember Henderson wanted to thank Public Works Director Bill Bullock for getting

the light fixed on Hwy 20 and Hwy 9. He also read a statement regarding the NorthStar agreement and his opposing view of the program.

Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Burns thanked city staff and stated that it's been an honor to serve the community over the last four years.

Councilmember Pederson made a comment about the Yoga classes being taught at the Senior Center and stated they have a great crowd. She also mentioned that for approximately nine months she has been gathering information and comments from citizens about how the city can better serve and improve.

Councilmember Cocke welcomed Nora Pederson to City Council and congratulated Councilmember Burns on his new adventure as a Commissioner.

Councilmember Lavacca was absent.

Mayor Julia Johnson recognized city staff and surrounding entities that volunteered and helped the flood victims stay safe. She also thanked Nathan Salseina, staff and volunteers for setting up and taking down the Christmas Tree and Monique Brigham and staff at the Chamber of Commerce for the tree lighting and parade.

Mayor Julia Johnson wanted to thank Ed Odem from Skagit 911 for setting up the digital modem and thanked Councilmember Burns for his service on the 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.

Dennis O'Neil, Karl de Jong and Peter Janicki made public comment.

k. Public Hearing(s)

l. Unfinished Business

1. 2025-224-ILA - Skagit County - STAR Center Startup Funding - 2nd Read

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared a quick recap of the 2025-224, Skagit County, Star Center Startup Funding Interlocal Agreement.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Cocke to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to execute Interlocal Agreement 2025-224-ILA, a STAR Center opioid funding contract with Skagit County allocating 80% of the City's current opioid funding balance. Motion carried (6-0).

- 2. 2025-219-ILA - Skagit County, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, and Burlington - North Star Collaborative - 2nd Read

Motion made by Councilmember Cocke and seconded by Councilmember Pederson to authorize Mayor Julia Johnson to execute the Interlocal Agreement 2025-219-ILA, Skagit County, Anacortes, Mount Vernon, and Burlington, it's the North Star Collaborative for \$0. Mayor Julia Johnson broke the tie vote. Motion carried (4-3). Councilmembers Henderson, Kesti, and Loy opposed.

m. New Business

n. Information Only Items

o. Good of the Order

Call for council members and staff to present items for discussion or for council members to make a motion to add an item to a future council agenda.

p. Executive Session

q. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

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