



Regular Meeting of the City Council  
January 28, 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, Allan Henderson, and Nick Lavacca.

**d. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to approve the agenda by adding item 2025-219-ILA the NorthStar, the Skagit County, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Anacortes collaborative agreement that passed on January 14, 2026, to new business for termination of the agreement. 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 Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve the consent agenda items number 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7. Pulling item number 4 for further discussion. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion made by Councilmember Pederson and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve item number 4, Resolution 1178-26, updating the 2026 non-represented salary schedule. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Minutes - City Council Study Session Meeting - January 7, 2026
2. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting - January 14, 2026
3. Check Register - Regular and Off-Cycle
4. Resolution 1178-26 - Update 2026 Non-Represented Salary Schedule
5. Ordinance 2112-26 - 2026 Mayor Salary
6. 2026-245-IA - Fire District 8 - Interlocal Agreement Amendment Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Joint Operation of Facilities

7. Resolution 1179-26 - Sole Source - State St. Pump Station Generator Control Panel

**f. Introduction of Special Guests and Presentation**

1. Sedro-Woolley School District Renewal Levy Educational Programs and Operations (EPO)

Brett Greenwood, Assistant Superintendent of Sedro-Woolley School District Education Programs and Operations, shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the renewal of the two education levies.

**g. City Administrator Report**

City Administrator Charlie Bush spoke with City Council regarding upcoming projects that can be accessed online on the City of Sedro-Woolley public website.

**h. Councilmember and Mayor's Report**

Councilmember Henderson spoke about several complaints he had received about a property on Talcott St and then shared that a citizen was pleased with our Solid Waste Recycling Center and how easy it is to bring items down to separate and drop off.

Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pederson shared with council that she had taken a trip to Olympia to meet with some of our representatives to advocate for our city's legislative priorities. She spoke about the budget and funding regarding the wastewater treatment plant, the need for a new police station and the John Liner project.

Councilmember Pederson wanted to thank AWC for covering some of the cost of sending her to Olympia and having this opportunity.

Councilmember Cocke shared with council that he attended a Skagit Transit Board meeting and another meeting regarding the restoration of the HUB building which he found very interesting.

Councilmember Loy had nothing to report.

Councilmember Lavacca had nothing to report.

Mayor Julia Johnson had nothing to report.

**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](mailto:finance@sedro-woolley.gov) Attn: 'Public

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

A public comment period was held.

Karl de Jong and Philip Murray made public comment.

**k. Public Hearing(s)**

**l. Unfinished Business**

**m. New Business**

1. Procedure - Filling Council Vacancy

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken shared with city council the procedures regarding filling the city council vacancy position that is in the governance handbook.

No action was taken.

2. Ordinance 2115-26 - Adopt the Comprehensive Plan - 1st Read

Community Development Director Tom Glover spoke with city council about the background and summary information regarding Ordinance 2115-26, for adopting the comprehensive plan.

No action was taken.

3. NorthStar Burlington, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and Anacortes collaborative Interlocal Agreement 2025-219-ILA.

Motion made by Councilmember Henderson and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to terminate the NorthStar 2025-219-ILA with Skagit County, Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, Mount Vernon and Anacortes collaboration interlocal agreement. Motion carried (4-2). Councilmember Pederson and Councilmember Cocke opposed.

**n. Information Only Items**

1. 2025-2026 Budget Highlights - 2025 Accomplishments

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken announced a PowerPoint would be shared with the city council. Directors Bill Bullock, Tom Glover, Woody Tovar-Cano, Police Chief Dan McIlraith and Fire Chief Frank Wagner would share department accomplishments along with future and completed projects throughout Sedro-Woolley.

**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.

No items were discussed.

**p. Executive Session**

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

At 7:35pm Mayor Julia Johnson announced the city council, City Attorney and the City Administrator would be in executive session to discuss with legal counsel about potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) for 15 minutes to return at 7:50pm.

At 7:49 Mayor Julia Johnson extended the executive session by 5 minutes to 7:54.

At 7:54 Mayor Julia Johnson and the city council returned.

No action was taken.

**q. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

ATTEST:  
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Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk

APPROVED:  
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*Julia Johnson*

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Julia Johnson, Mayor