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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
November 9, 2022– 6:00 P.M. Hybrid Meeting

**Call to Order**

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:**

Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmember Brendan McGoffin, Councilmember Chuck Owen, Councilmember JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Sarah Diamond, Councilmember Glenn Allen, Councilmember Joe Burns, and Nick Lavacca.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca seconded by Councilmember Owen to approve the agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

**Consent Agenda**

1. Check Register - Regular
2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations
3. Minutes - Regular Session - October 26, 2022
4. Minutes - Study Session - November 2, 2022

Motion made by Councilmember Burns, seconded by Councilmember Lavacca, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (7-0).

**City Administrator Report**

no report given tonight

**Councilmember and Mayor's Report**

Councilmember Owen spoke of a house at the corner of Ball and Ferry that used to be a hospital and that he was unaware there was ever a hospital at that location.

Councilmember McGoffin recognized Katie Quinn for her friendliness and help when he called recently to inform the city that a stop sign was down in Ward 1.

Councilmember Diamond had no report this evening.

Councilmember Burns stated that Mr. Sapp also contacted him about the restored historic home that used to be a hospital.

Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report.

Councilmember Lavacca thanked Director of Public Works, Mark Freiberger, for his quick attention to a safety concern with some work performed on a road in town. He also

thanked Finance Director Kelly Kohnken for sitting down and having a conversation about the budget and giving more information. Councilmember Allen had nothing to report.

The Mayor reported that the Senior Center has about 729 people who participate in the disability program and of that number, 243 actually live in Sedro-Woolley. She also congratulated Councilmember Kesti on her appointment as Board President at the museum.

### **Public Comments**

6:10 P.M. — Mayor opened the meeting up for public comment.

6:11 P.M. — Seeing and hearing none, the Mayor closed the meeting to public comments.

### **Public Hearing**

1. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Budget - Ordinance 2025-22 - 1st Read. Finance Director, Kelly Kohnken, presented information to the Mayor and Council regarding the Budget for 2023 and 2024 and explained that this be back to Council for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read on November 22, 2022. The Mayor opened up the Public Hearing portion to anyone in attendance at 6:12 P.M. After a comment by Councilmember Lavacca, there was some discussion about the actual figures versus the appropriated figures for future budgets. Hearing no other comments, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 P.M.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Property Tax Budgeted Levy - Ordinance 2024-22 - 2nd Read – Finance Director, Kelly Kohnken presented two options for the Councilmembers to vote to adopt. After some discussion and a question and answer period, Councilmember Burns made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-22 with one percent and the banked capacity. Councilmember McGoffin seconded the motion. That motion did not carry (4-3 against).

Another motion was made by Councilmember McGoffin to approve Ordinance 2024-22 with one percent but no baked capacity. Councilmember Lavacca seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-2 in favor).

2. Amending SWMC 5.04.030, License Fees and Regulations Related to Mobile Vendors - Ordinance 2023-22 - 2nd Read. City Administrator, Charlie Bush, presented information to the Council. Councilmember Lavacca made a motion to Amend the SWMC 5.04.030 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Revising the City Council Governance Handbook - Resolution 1109-22 - 2nd Read. City Administrator, Charlie Bush, spoke with Council and presented a clean version of the handbook. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Kesti made a motion to Revise the City Council Governance Handbook with Resolution 1109-22. Councilmember Burns seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

### **New Business**

1. Repealing and Replacing Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code Chapter 8.04 'Refuse Collection and Disposal System' - Ordinance 2022-22 - 1st Read. City Attorney, Nikki Thompson, presented information to the Council and Solid Waste Supervisor, Leo Jacobs, explained that the code was written in 1968 so this is to just update and modernize the code to match what is actually being done in the city in regards to refuse collection and recycling. Councilmember Lavacca made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-22. Councilmember Diamond seconded. Motion carried (7-0)/
2. Add Chapter 8.50 'Littering' to the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code - Ordinance 2021-22 - 1st Read. No action taken on this item tonight. The Mayor stated that it will come back on November 22, 2022 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read at that time.
3. Utility Rates - Ordinances 2026-22, 2027-22, 2028-22 - 1st Read Proposed Annexation – Hopke & Salt Family Properties. After a lengthy discussion, this item will be brought forth on November 22, 2022 with a Public Hearing.

### **Information Only Items**

1. Fire Department - Monthly Data
2. Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status

### **Adjournment & Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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Kelly Kohnken, Finance Director

APPROVED:

  
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Julia Johnson, Mayor

