
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
November 22, 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 Councilmember Nick Lavacca.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Fire Department – Truck Chassis
2. Finance – Check Register – Regular
3. Finance – Check Register – Off-Cycle
4. Finance – Check Register – Off-Cycle EFT Payments

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

Introduction of Special Guests

1. Jeanne Williams, Director – Update on Central Skagit Library. State of the Library was presented by Director Jeanne Williams.

City Administrator Report

No Report tonight

Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Owen had no report tonight but wished the city Happy Thanksgiving. Councilmember McGoffin no report-happy thanksgiving. Councilmember Diamond—ward is excited for the Christmas Tree going up this weekend. Councilmember Kesti---Saturday is shop small Saturday Councilmember Allen- happy thanksgiving Councilmember Lavacca-happy thanksgiving and people are excited for the parade, thanks to staff for communication.

The Mayor reminded those present that the position for planning commission closed today and there was one applicant. Santa will be at Woolley Market and at the Community Center.

Public Comments

6:32 P.M.— Mayor opened the meeting up for public comment.

- Rob Janicki with the RJ Group spoke about the frustration with recent changes in the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code and stated that the City did not inform RJ Group of any changes. Said that if the proposed Amendment is enforced, it will render their live/workspace undesirable.
- Jean Eagleston lives on Ferry St. has been refurbishing the Dr. James and Margaret Mills house at the same address. The home was also Valley Hospital from 1916 to 1929. Needing help from the city with a problem with RCW Chapter 84.26 and the regulations for the special tax evaluation of Historic Properties. Timeline demanded in the code requires that all steps be completed in the same calendar year.
- Phil Murray – Woodworth St – made comment that there was talk about preventing traffic from entering at the library but instead the City paved it instead. He is also concerned because he thinks the City removed the train tracks between Ferry St and State St and has requested documents showing the cost and who owns the property.

6:44 P.M.— the Mayor closed the meeting to public comments.

Public Hearing

1. 2023 Utility Rates – Ordinances 2026-22, 2027-22 and 2028-22 – 2nd Read
Opened hearing at 6:51pm after Mark Freiberger, Public Works Director, presented information about each of the three utility funds the city maintains.
 - Phillip Murray – 101 Woodworth, asking for rates to not be raised because folks cannot afford increased rates.

Motion was made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the sewer rates increase per Ordinance 2026-22. Motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Councilmember Owen and seconded by Councilmember Kesti, to approve Ordinance 2027-22 to update the stormwater rates for 2023. Motion carried (7-0). A motion

was made by Councilmember Kesti, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve the increase to Solid Waste rates, per Ordinance 2028-22. Motion carried (7-0).

Unfinished Business

1. Proposed 2023 and 2024 Budget – Ordinance 2025-22 – 2nd Read. Finance Director Kelly Kohnken spoke with the Council and offered to take questions regarding the proposed budget. After a short discussion, Councilmember Lavacca made a motion to adopt the biennial budget for the years 2023 and 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).
2. Add Chapter 8.50 ‘Littering’ to the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code – Ordinance 2021-22 – 2nd Read. City Attorney Nikki Thompson presented information regarding the proposed addition to the municipal code. Councilmember Owen made a motion that was seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to adopt Ordinance 2021-22. Motion carried (7-0)

New Business

1. New City Prosecution Contract for Service – 1st Read City Administrator Charlie Bush gave a 1st Read to the Council regarding two firms responding to the request for proposals for a new firm to handle the prosecution services for the city. Councilmember Lavacca made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Zachor, Stock & Krepps, Inc, PS for prosecution services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (7-0).
2. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Senior Center Services – 1st Read. City Administrator Charlie Bush presented information including the fact the new agreement changes from one year agreement to two-year agreement but otherwise same exact services in the new agreement. Councilmember Owen made a motion to renew the interlocal agreement with Skagit County for operating the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).
3. Adopting a Salary Schedule for Non-Represented Employees – Resolution 1110-22 – 1st Read. City Administrator Charlie Bush presented information to council regarding the one time inflation bonus of \$2500, paid from ARPA funds, as well as the \$84,000 increase to salary schedule. Councilmember Owen wants to see the comp numbers that helped the contracted firm arrive at proposed salaries. No action taken and council will revisit on 12/14/22.

Information Only Items

1. Finance – October Year-to-Date Financial Summary

Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) The mayor stated she anticipated being in the executive session for approximately 15 minutes, starting at 7:21 P.M. At 7:39 P.M. council and the mayor returned from executive session.

Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Closed Session

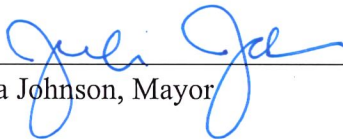
To discuss collective bargaining agreement

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Kelly Kohnken, Finance Director



Julia Johnson, Mayor