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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
March 8th, 2023– 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, City Council Members Joe Burns, Sarah Diamond, JoEllen Kesti, Chuck Owen, Glenn Allen, Nick Lavacca, and Brendan McGoffin

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

**Introduction of Special Guests**

1. Roger Schuette, Outreach Manager of Skagit Valley YMCA will be Presenting and Providing Update on the Sedro-Woolley YMCA Recreation Center

Outreach Manager, Roger Schutte and SWRC Site Supervisor Serena Auriemma gave an update on the drop-in center. Ages 12-17 are welcome. They made mention of qualified staffing needs and the need for volunteers, due to the overwhelming need for mental health support, tutoring, allowing time to help with homework, and activities.

2. Cindy Verge of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival presented the 2023 Tulip Poster

**City Administrator Report**

City Administrator, Charlie Bush suggested City Council group email be made available to the public, on our city website, to allow for better communication with citizens and stated he would be out of the office until April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for vacation.

**Councilmember and Mayor's Report**

Councilmember Owen had nothing to report. Councilmember McGoffin had nothing to report. Councilmember Diamond shared information on the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting and their 5-year plan, suggested a crosswalk on Rita St and State St near new library, she also suggested a 2-year term review so they may be able to reach goals during their term. Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Lavacca and Councilmember McGoffin shared information on the Planning and Business Committee Meeting, regarding fostering local business growth and the committee grants. They noted the program was well received by business owners to make Sedro-Woolley a more beautiful place to live including improving infrastructure. There was discussion to allow for more housing. Councilmember Kesti shared information on the Public Safety Committee Meeting and said the levy lid lift was very informational. Councilmember Allen had nothing to report. Councilmember Lavacca suggested better lighting on the lamp post on the two corners at the turn signal located on Township and Moore St.

### **Public Comments –**

1. Dottie Chandler at 10876 Gardner Rd, Doug Wood at 33871 Hamilton Cemetery Rd and Norma Cook made comment about Ordinance 2041-23 and the throwing of candy from moving vehicles during parade and the safety concerns.
2. Phil Murray at 101 W. Woodworth made comment on Ordinance 2044-23 regarding Alcohol Establishments, parking regulations and city right of way.

Public comment closed at 6:54PM

### **Public Hearing(s)**

Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations – Ordinance 2043-23 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Read

Planning Director, John Coleman presented the revised Ordinance 2043-23 regarding accessory dwelling unit regulations, after a lengthy discussion with City Councilmembers, Planning Director, John Coleman answered questions made by Councilmembers.

Phil Murray at 101 W. Woodworth St, made comment concerning traffic, schools, busing, size of lots, population growth, and concern of the increased cost for the elderly.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Burns to amend Ordinance 2043-23 to reflect a cap of 50% of the spec houses constructed in a plat may have an ADU within a spec development. Motion carries (4-3); Councilmember Owen, Councilmember Kesti and Councilmember Allen opposed.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded Burns by Councilmember to adopt Ordinance 2043-23 with amendment to cap ADUs at 50% within a development, amending SWMC 17.100. Motion carries (4-3); Councilmember Owen, Councilmember Kesti and Councilmember Allen opposed.

## **Unfinished Business**

1. Amending Chapter 12.44 'Special Events, Parades and Festivals' of the Sedro-Woolley Municipal Code - Ordinance 2041-23 - 2nd Read

City Attorney, Nikki Thompson answered questions made by Councilmembers on the revised Ordinance 2041-23, after lengthy discussion with Councilmembers.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion failed (5-2), Councilmember Lavacca, Allen, Kesti, Diamond, and Owen opposed.

2. NorthStar Funding Project – Resolution 1119-23

City Administrator Charlie Bush reviewed the updated version of NorthStar Funding Project, City Administrator Charlie Bush and Mayor Julia Johnson answered questions made by Councilmembers.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to approve 40% Allocation to NorthStar Funding Project. Motion carries (5-2) opposed Councilmember Kesti and Councilmember Diamond.

## **New Business**

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between North Sound Region Participating Local Governments and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

City Attorney, Charlie Bush reviewed the MOU with Councilmembers about the Opioid Settlement, framework, oversight and how the monies would allocate.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion carries (7-0).

2. Community Development Grant Program - Resolution 1117-23 - 1st Read

City Administrator, Charlie Bush reviewed Resolution 1117-23 with the Councilmembers and is looking for direction on suggested size of grants for business owners and allocation perimeters, there was discussion on improvements for interior and exterior beautification.

No action taken.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

*Kelly Kohnken*

Kelly Kohnken, Finance Director / City Clerk

*Julia Johnson*

Julia Johnson, Mayor