
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
January 12, 2022– 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmember Brendan McGoffin, Councilmember JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Sarah Diamond, Councilmember Glenn Allen, Councilmember Chuck Owen, 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. Finance - Claims Checks and Payroll Checks
2. Minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held on December 8, 2021
3. Minutes from City Council Work Session held on January 5, 2022
4. Ambulance Transport Fee Resolution
5. Approval of TIB Fuel Tax Agreement 8-2-126(013) - Township Street (SR9), John Liner Rd. Intersection Project
6. Approval of TIB Fuel Tax Grant Agreement 3-W--126(008)-1 Trail Road Overlay SR 20 to Cook Rd
7. Final Acceptance - Small Public Works Agreement No. 2021-PW-23 Award Construction, Inc.
8. Updated Bucko Development Agreement

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

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

1. Rotary Club of Sedro-Woolley – Phil Brockman and Rich Weyrich announced the Rotary has dedicated funding for improvements to the Sound System at the Sedro-Woolley Community Center. Cost will be around \$28,000.00 and looking for a \$10,000 contribution from the city. Councilmember Owen made a motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Rotary for the sound system improvements. Motion seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion carried (7-0).

Staff Reports

Fire Chief Frank Wagner, Police Chief Lin Tucker, Planning Director John Coleman, IT Director Bill Chambers, Finance Director Debbie Burton, City Attorney Nikki Thompson, and City Administrator Charlie Bush, City Supervisor Doug Merriman gave updates for each of their respective departments.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmembers spoke of enthusiasm for upcoming committee assignments, the new cemetery software that is undergoing data migration from the old software, concerns about the semi-truck traffic cutting through town via Reed and Ferry streets, whether there is an anticipated opening date for the new behavioral health facility on Hwy 20 and many thanked the city crews for their hard work and dedication to keeping the streets clear during all of the recent snow. Mayor Johnson thanked Mark Freiburger, Director of Public Works, for all of his amazing work with recent presentations to state legislators, she spoke of the swearing in of Sedro-Woolley's newest police officer, Isaiah VanDam, she also advised that every ten years we go through redistricting and the city council wards might change. Additionally, she spoke of SCAT routes between Sedro-Woolley and Mount Vernon should be a lot quicker now and the route info is available on their website. Lastly, the mayor spoke of FEMA moving into the decommissioned library and possible future uses will be discussed in the future.

Public Comments

6:40 P.M.— Mayor Johnson opened the meeting for Public Comments.

6:40 P.M.— Public comments closed by Mayor Johnson.

Unfinished Business

1. Equitable Investment Resolution – 2nd Read – Will Honea, with Skagit County, spoke about the Resolution and explained this is pertaining to the Skagit River Valley. This is a 50 year license with Seattle City Light. Mr. Honea presented facts about Seattle City Light and the substandard efforts they have made in regards to salmon passage. Based research, it was discovered that Seattle City Light has been contributing 37 times less than the Pacific Northwest regional average for salmon recovery efforts. Local ratepayers are essentially paying 59 times more towards salmon recovery efforts than Seattle City Light contributes. With passage of this resolution, the City of Sedro-Woolley would stand in solidarity with other entities in Skagit County to support a healthier salmon habitat and passage in the Skagit River. A motion was made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve Resolution 1085-22 to commit to the regional equity of the salmon investment in the Skagit River. Motion carried (7-0).

Information Only Items

1. 2022 Transportation Impact Fee Rate Update
2. Fire Department Monthly Data December 2021

Adjournment

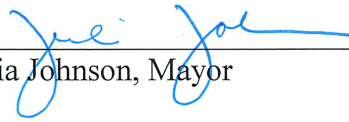
The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

ATTEST:



Debbie Burton, Finance Director

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor

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