
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
October 26, 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 Burns seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to approve the agenda, but removing Item 1, Resolution 1103-22 from New Business. Motion carried (7-0).

Consent Agenda

1. Memorial Park Play Toys & Restroom Surplus Items – Resolution 1107-22
2. Check Register -Regular
3. Minutes – Regular Session – September 28, 2022
4. Minutes – Regular Session – October 12, 2022

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

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Charlie Bush, introduced Finance Director Kelly Kohnken who spoke about the upcoming state audit the city will be participating in.

Police Department Report

Police Chief McIlraith shared with the Mayor, Council and public that there is an upcoming Sedro-Woolley R.I.S.E. event, partnering with WIC, Schaffner Pharmacy, and Skagit County Public Health, for a Drug Take Back Day at City Hall on Saturday, October 29th from 10am to 2pm. Also, 1st ever Family University is coming up. This is comprised of eight must have conversations to have with children about drugs. Nov 3rd 1800-1900 at SW HS Library.

Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Owen – Nothing tonight. Councilmember McGoffin – Skagit County is preparing to do work to install pedestrian crossing to Janicki Fields on Cook Road. Work begins October 31st and will last about two weeks. Councilmember Diamond reported that the Utilities Committee met earlier today to discuss services provided to the community and the budget affecting the utilities. Councilmember Burns – nothing to report. Councilmember Kesti – nothing to report. Councilmember Allen discussed being present for the next meeting but may or may not be able to remote in for November 9, 2022. Councilmember Lavacca – thanked the police department for their continued efforts to keep the community safe. The Mayor announced there will be a position open on the Planning Commission soon and anyone interested may submit a one-page letter of interest to the Planning Department/Planning Director, 325 Metcalf St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284. The Mayor also announced that the City Scene Magazine is still available online and they are looking for anyone that wants to submit a story.

Public Comments

6:08 P.M.— Mayor opened the meeting up for public comment.

- Phillip Murray of Woodworth St – voiced that he feels we do not need any taxes raised and also stated that he felt that all committee meetings should be public and posted in the lobby and online for each meeting.

6:09 P.M.— Mayor closed the meeting to public comments.

Public Hearing

1. Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget and Budget Message – 2nd Public Hearing
Finance Director, Kelly Kohnken, presented information on the budget for the next two years. Slides and documents will be made available online as Late Materials for tonight's meeting. No action taken tonight
2. Property Tax 2023 Budgeted Levy – Ordinance 2024-22 – 1st Read, no action taken tonight
 - Phil Murray of Woodworth St – stated that people cannot afford the proposed 1% property tax increase.
 - Tony Splane of Sapp Road – told Council that he is on a fixed income and doesn't want to see his taxes raised.

New Business

- ~~1. Honoring Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Pola Kelley – Resolution 1103-22 – Removed during approval of Agenda.~~
2. October 28 Designated as Honoring Skagit County's First Responders Day - Resolution 1108-22 – City Administrator, Charlie Bush stated that Skagit County Commissioners honored the 1st Responders, as did Sheriff McDermott. Mr. Bush stated he is hoping council will act on this tonight.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns seconded by Councilmember Diamond. Motion carried (7-0).

3. Fire Hydrant Maintenance Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Public Utility District –City Administrator Charlie Bush and Fire Chief Frank Wagner presented information and answered questions. Currently, our Fire Department is responsible for inspecting and maintaining all fire hydrants in the city. For 28 years, the city has owned about 500 hydrants and the fire department has had to flow them, weed-eat, and check pressure with a two person crew. That is over 1000 hours of labor each year. Crews are excited about the professionals taking care and ensuring that the hydrants are in top condition. Total work is in the ballpark of \$35,000 but is capped at \$50,000 for Skagit PUD to get everything up to spec before they take over the maintenance of the hydrants. Motion made by Councilmember Diamond and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Skagit PUD. Motion carried (7-0).
4. Amending SWMC 5.04.030, License Fees and Regulations Related to Mobile Vendors - Ordinance 2023-22 –City Administrator Charlie Bush stated he tried to meet with business owners in the community, but no one showed up. He provided information about the constraints of businesses obtaining the Mobile Vendor License. 1st Read, no action taken tonight.
5. Amending Master Fee Schedule – Resolution 1106-22—City Administrator Charlie Bush presented information about amending the mobile vendor fee from \$1000 to a lower cost of \$75.00. In looking at the region, the price is average with \$40 in Anacortes and in Burlington, it can be up to \$100. Councilmember Lavacca thinks it will add more to parks and community and bring in a change in flavors. Councilmember Burns thinks it might be nice to have designated spaces in the city that trucks can rent out. Councilmember McGoffin thinks \$75 sound good. 1st Read. Councilmember Lavacca made motion to Amend the Master Fee Schedule, per Resolution 1106-22, seconded by McGoffin. Motion carried (7-0).

Information Only Items

1. Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status 2.
2. PD Staff Reports

Executive Session

At 7:32 P.M., the Mayor announced the start of the Executive Session and anticipated it lasting ten minutes. At 7:41 P.M., everyone returned and the Mayor announced that no action was taken during the executive session.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

ATTEST:



Kelly Kohnken, Finance Director

APPROVED:



Julia Johnson, Mayor