

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

Topic: 2020 Sedro-Woolley City Council Study Session

Time: September 2, 4:00 PM

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VISION STATEMENT

SEDRO-WOOLLEY IS A FRIENDLY CITY THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY CITY GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A PROSPEROUS, VIBRANT AND SAFE COMMUNITY

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH CREATE A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CHOOSE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

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AGENDA**

**September 2, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Sedro-Woolley Municipal Building  
Public Safety Training Room  
220 Munro Street/325 Metcalf Street**

1. City Council Review of Goals and Objectives
2. Department Introductions: 2020-2021 Budget

**Next Meeting:**

**Council Meeting**

**4:00 PM**

**Zoom Conference**

**September 9, 2020**



# 2019 City Council Goals and Work Plan

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## ***Vision Statement:***

*Sedro-Woolley is a friendly City that is characterized by City Government and Citizens working together to achieve a prosperous, vibrant and safe Community.*

## ***Our Mission as a City:***

*Is to provide services and opportunities which create a Community where people choose to live, work and play.*

## **Goal 1: Expand public safety services in and around Sedro-Woolley**

In 2012 the people of Sedro-Woolley voted to increase sales tax by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% for law and fire equipment. In 2014 the council increased utility taxes to fund two new patrol officer positions. The community has been overwhelmingly supportive of the Sedro-Woolley police department and much like 2012 and 2014, the SWPD is short-staffed to manage current call volumes and provide the level of service the community desires. The council decided to expand the Sedro-Woolley fire department in 2018 by adding eight new paramedic/firefighter positions. This expansion has increased the level of service in and around Sedro-Woolley and requires additional effort to fully integrate. Providing a safe community is the city council's top goal.

## **ACTION STEPS:**

1. Complete the police department's strategic plan.
2. Participate in the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs' (WASPC) Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program (LEMAP) to obtain a peer review of the department's current structure.
3. Participate in training regarding effective staffing models and implement the best staffing deployment model for the department.
4. Ask voters to approve funding to add additional officers to the department to both provide general patrol coverage and add new services such as proactive enforcement, a school resource officer (SRO) or canine handler.
5. Partner with the Sedro-Woolley School District to share the costs of a SRO.
6. Support the fire department with adequate funding for staff and equipment.
7. Develop a succession plan for leadership in the police and fire departments.

## **Goal 2: Promote economic development**

Sedro-Woolley has invested significant resources in infrastructure to support growth and development. The city's time has now come and growth is happening everywhere from downtown to highway mixed commercial to residential areas, including newly annexed and annexing areas. As the city grows residentially, the council believes that it is vitally important for family-wage jobs and businesses that provide an adequate tax base also locate in Sedro-Woolley.

### **ACTION STEPS:**

1. Conduct community meetings with residents and businesses about growth and a shared vision for a future Sedro-Woolley.
2. Partner with the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC) to provide economic development support including business recruitment.
3. Help the Sedro-Woolley Downtown Association (SWDA) obtain state accreditation as a Main Streets program and then provide tax-credit eligible funding to support the revitalization of the city's historic downtown.
4. Continue publishing City Scene magazine and include more focused articles relevant to economic development.

## **Goal 3: Improve city infrastructure**

Sedro-Woolley has been very successful at obtaining state and federal funding for major infrastructure projects and the community has benefitted from safer, more efficient vehicle and pedestrian mobility through and around the city. Local streets, sidewalks and parks have been more challenging to fund and the general feeling in the city is that the city is falling behind on local access infrastructure (i.e., neighborhood streets and sidewalks and Memorial Park). The council believes that safe, accessible and modern infrastructure is critical to achieving the city's mission.

### **ACTION STEPS:**

1. Review street and sidewalk condition assessments and project rankings to understand the scope of need.
2. Consider local improvement districts (LID) as a possible funding mechanism for certain high-priority projects.
3. Promote the city's sidewalk partnership program.
4. Engage the community in developing a plan for the "old" library building in anticipation of its availability in summer of 2020.
5. Complete the design for the new public works facility in preparation for construction in 2020.
6. Build the new Central Skagit Sedro-Woolley Library.
7. Complete the capacity study of the waste water treatment plant.
8. Seek funding for the Jones/John Liner/Trail Road corridor project.

## **Goal 4: Enhance the city's parks and provide recreational opportunities**

Sedro-Woolley's parks department has yet to fully recover from the great recession and without the hard work and dedication of a few employees and the Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club, the city would be in desperate need today. The city is fortunate to have a number of high quality parks and many opportunities to expand and enhance outdoor and recreational experiences. The city council believes that public parks and recreation opportunities are essential for the Sedro-Woolley community.

### **ACTION STEPS:**

1. Working with the Parks Commission and the public, develop a parks plan that identifies specific projects within each park and prioritizes those projects.
2. Develop a community clean-up day in the parks.
3. If funded by the state, complete improvements to Houser Field.
4. Complete phase one improvements to Olmsted Park in partnership with the Port of Skagit; complete design work for phase two.
5. Develop a partnership with another entity such as the YMCA to delivery recreational opportunities within and around the city.