
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 25, 2021– 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:44 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The late start was due to unforeseen technical difficulties due to the hybrid meeting format.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmember Brendan McGoffin, Councilmember JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Sarah Diamond, Councilmember Glenn Allen, Councilmember Chuck Owen, Councilmember Karl de Jong, and Councilmember Kevin Loy.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember McGoffin made a motion to add Ordinance 1986-21 back onto the agenda under Unfinished Business. Councilmember Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-3. Approval of the agenda also carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from City Council Meeting – August 11, 2021
2. Accounts Payable Check Register for August 25, 2021 and Payroll Checks
3. Ordinance 1990-21: Change City Supervisor title to City Administrator
4. Ordinance 1991-21: Authorization to sign documents – LOCAL program

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

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

1. Sedro- Woolley Central Skagit Library Report with Jeanne Williams, Director

Staff Reports

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

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmembers spoke about the recent celebration for Pat's Playground, Governor Inslee's vaccine mandate, recent ribbon-cutting at Winnie Houser Park, the possibility of raises for some councilmembers, road improvement projects, ADA ramps at Township & State Street and the recycling program.

Mayor Johnson spoke about the upcoming dedication for the new library, COVID testing will be resuming at the Skagit County Fairgrounds as of August 30th, demonstration to stop the vaccine mandate in Mount Vernon, and County Commissioner meetings in regards to the 2020 Census.

Public Comments

7:38 P.M.— Open for Public Comments –

Joe Burns -908 Talcott St.- Thanked Police and Fire Departments. Asked that City Council to find funds to increase the budgets of those departments.

Nick Lavacca -721 Evans Dr.– thanked City Council for their time and dedication to helping the community and spoke about the recent vaccine mandates.

7:40 P.M.— Public Comments closed

Unfinished Business

1. Agreement with Waste Management of Washington, Inc. for acceptance of recyclable materials. Motion was made by Councilmember Diamond and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to approve the recycling agreement with Waste Management of Washington, Inc. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business

1. Ordinance 1986-21 -- after discussion, motion was made by McGoffin and 2nd by Owen. McGoffin to approve Ordinance 1986-21. Motion carried (4-3) in favor of the city retaining control of tax monies collected.
2. Possible Bid Award – WWTP Laboratory/Operations Building and Public Works Building Project. Motion made by Councilmember Diamond and seconded by Councilmember Allen to both authorize PW Director to announce and to authorize Mayor Johnson to sign agreement. Motion carried 7-0.
3. 1ST Read: Resolution No 1074-21: Approval of indirect control of a telecommunications franchise.

Information Only Items – none

Good of the Order -- none

Executive Session

At 8:20 P.M. Council and Mayor Johnson took time for an Executive Session

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
