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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Glenn Allen, Nick Lavacca, Brendan McGoffin, and Chuck Owen.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

1. Updating Petty Cash - Resolution 1122-23
2. Update Meal Per Diem Rate - Resolution 1123-23
3. 2023 Chip Seal Project Reimbursable Job Order Approval
4. Check Register - Regular
5. Surplus Technology Equipment - Resolution-1125-23
6. Minutes - Regular Session- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Motion made by Councilmember McGoffin and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried (7-0)

**Introduction of Special Guests**

1. Sedro-Woolley Academy  
Speakers JoDee Morales, Tony Finch, Chris Carley, and Marcel Quenga spoke of their experience and thanked the staff involved for putting it together.
2. General Manager George Sidhu, Skagit County Public Utility District Update  
Power Point presentation included under additional materials for more information.  
General Manager George Sidhu provided an update on Skagit PUD including being voted best water tasting award, strategic plan, fire hydrant maintenance, capital investments, and the average bill of a resident, upon other items. The new Skagit PUD administration

office is being built on the PUD property they already occupy. He also shared that public tours of Judy Reservoir will begin in May; public official tours will open later in the year.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **1. Fire Levy Update**

Fire Chief Frank Wagner gave a summary of how a community paramedicine program could operate in the City of Sedro-Woolley. The goal is to reduce call volume for repeat patients by providing additional service after a call by paramedical staff member. The current levy lid lift is for four firefighters/EMTs, this program would add more full-time FTE. The City of Burlington estimated costs at \$160,000 per year. Councilmember Burns, Councilmember Kesti, Councilmember Diamond, and Councilmember McGoffin in favor of more information.

The city will further explore adding dollars to the fire levy lid lift to include a community paramedicine program.

### **Councilmember and Mayor's Report**

Councilmember Owen had nothing to report; Councilmember Burns - reminder on Planning and Business Development meeting will be held April-13-2023; Councilmember Diamond - constituents report sidewalk needs improvement in and around Senior Center and mentioned traffic at the new Starbucks reported people driving in and out the wrong way; Councilmember Kesti had nothing to report; Councilmember Allen had nothing to report; Councilmember McGoffin - Public Works Committee meeting was held prior to the meeting to discuss project update and a recycling analysis; Councilmember Lavacca – forwarded a message to Public Works Director Mark Freiberger from constituent requested a stop sign or speed bumps in Cambridge area.

Mayor Johnson notified the Council that Planning Director John Coleman put in notice and will be accepting a job with the City of Anacortes.

### **Public Comments –**

Corrin Hamburg - 620 Township St - Thanked our Police Department for their professionalism and response.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

1. Memorial Park Sidewalk Project Contract Award.

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

2. Ordinance No. 2045-23 Repealing and Replacing SWMC Chapter 2.44 "Sedro-Woolley Arts Commission"

Motion made by Councilmember Allen and Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.  
Motion carried (7-0).

3. Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County Regarding the Allocation and Expenditure of housing sales tax (House Bill 1590) Funding.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.  
Motion carries (4-3). Opposed Councilmember Diamond, Councilmember Kesti, and Councilmember Owen. It was decided the agreement will be revised year to year. Councilmember Diamond opposed tax dollars being spent on programs with zero percent success rate.

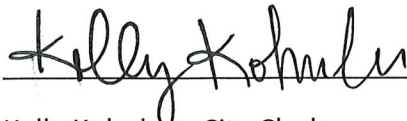
#### Information Only Items

1. Fire Department Monthly Data
2. Director of Public Works Signing Authority Record
3. PD Staff Report: Staffing Update
4. Economic Development Focus Group Notes

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk



Julia Johnson, Mayor

