
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
April 26th, 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 Owen. Motion carried (7-0). Approved with the change of placing Proclamation, Vern Sims Day to item f under Presentations.

Consent Agenda

1. Cancel May 3rd, 2023, Study Session
2. Minutes- Study Session- April 5th, 2023
3. Minutes- Regular Minutes- April 12th, 2023
4. Check Register - Regular
5. Federal ARPA Funding Allocation Update
6. Updating AFSME Bargaining Unit Compensation Schedule
7. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment Sedro-Woolley Arts Commission
8. Skagit Conservation District- 2020 Contract Amendment #1
9. Short-Term Professional Services Contract for Interim Community Development Director
10. Interlocal Agreement Joining the Houston- Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried (7-0). Approve with tabling items 5,6,7 and 10 to Unfinished Business.

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

1. Commissioner Reta Stephenson- Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority- not present.
2. Vern Sims Day Proclamation announced by Mayor Julia Johnson

3. Recognition of Planning Director John Coleman's Service to the City of Sedro-Woolley.

City Administrator and Staff Reports

1. Fire Levy Lid Lift- Community Paramedicine.

Finance Director Kelly Kohnken addressed the financial breakdown of adding community paramedicine to the fire levy lid lift. There was discussion between Councilmembers and Senior Management Staff regarding concern of allowing only one Individual treating a patient and going to a residence. There were questions about data gathered to decrease the call volume, staffing issues and what other jurisdictions are doing and the success they have had with a paramedicine employee. Questions arose on HIPPA, patient confidentiality, regarding forwarding info the service organizations. Fire Chief Frank Wagner shared information on other jurisdictions and noted Sedro-Woolley has 6 seats daily, 2- full-time and 4 part time or volunteers employees.

No Action Taken

Councilmember and Mayor's Report

Councilmember Owen had nothing to report; Councilmember Burns – For the love of Sedro-Woolley Workshop went well; Councilmember Diamond – had nothing to report; Councilmember Kesti- announced Wood Fest at Sedro-Woolley Highschool April 30th, 2023 and thanked John Coleman for his service; Councilmember Allen- thanked John Coleman for his service; Councilmember McGoffin - For the love of Sedro-Woolley event went well, lots of people with ideas and discussion; Councilmember Lavacca – SR9 and SR20 traffic showing improvement.

Mayor Julia Johnson announced a brochure is in the works, notified the Council Phase 2 of Skagit County Stabilization Center funding by the County, and North Star Leader Learning Session will be held June 13th, 2023, from 5pm-8pm includes dinner and discussion.

Public Comments –

Dennis O'Neil – 107 Talcott St- Concern with levy lid lift

Connie Miller- 131 State St- Concern with levy lid lift only being suggested it is for public safety.

Cody Hart- April 23rd, 2023- See additional materials.

Public Comment closed at 6:57pm.

Public Hearing(s)

Unfinished Business

1. Community Development Grant Program- Resolution- 1117-23- 2nd read-

Resolution 1117-23 is being tabled for more discussion with the City Council Committees. Councilmember Burns idea was to beautify the city to bring in more people; Councilmember McGoffin noted For the Love of Sedro-Woolley events and supports using one-time federal money to help businesses; Councilmember Diamond was in favor of eliminating individuals from receiving funds, only businesses; Councilmember Kesti was opposed to spend \$140,000 on an art project. City Administrator Charlie Bush recommends reimbursement basis for the development grants.

Motion made to table Resolution 1117-23 for further discussion made by Councilmember Diamond and seconded by Councilmember Kesti. Motion carried (7-0)

Items moved from Consent Agenda to Unfinished Business for Discussion

1. Federal ARPA Funding Allocation - Table to Further Discussion

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.
Motion carried (7-0)

2. Updating AFSME Bargaining Unit Compensation Schedule

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin.
Motion carried (5-2), Councilmember Lavacca opposed. Councilmember Kesti recused herself.

3. Confirmation Mayoral Appointment Sedro-Woolley Arts Commission

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Council Member Burns.
Motion carried (6-1), Councilmember Kesti opposed.

4. Interlocal Agreement Joining the Houston- Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Diamond.
Motion carried (6-1), Councilmember Allen opposed.

5. May 3rd, 2023, City Council Study Session reconsidered with Further Discussion Placed Back on the Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Kesti.
Motion carried (5-2), Councilmember Allen and Councilmember Owen opposed.

New Business

1. Grant Approval- Community Project Funding Grant no. B-22-CP-WA-0940- Olmstead Park Development. Director of Public Works Mark Freiberger gave an update on the Grant Approval and answered questions made by Councilmembers.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen and seconded by Councilmember Owen Motion carries (7-0).

2. Gateway Binding Site Plan Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement.

Director of Public Works Mark Freiberger gave a report and update on the second amendment to the memorandum agreement and answered questions made by councilmembers.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca.
Motion carried (6-1), Councilmember McGoffin recused himself.

3. Amendments to Title 17 SWMC to Address Work/Live Units- Ordinance 2046-23- Action Requested.

Planning Director John Coleman gave a report and update on Ordinance 2046-23 regarding work /live units and answered questions raised by Councilmembers.

No Action Taken

4. Revisions to Chapter 15:04 SWMC, Adopted State Building Codes – Ordinance 2047-23- Action Requested.

Planning Director John Coleman gave an update on Ordinance 2047-23, regarding adopted building codes, and answered questions made by Councilmembers,

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

5. Development Agreement- 820 Trail Road LLC.

Mark Freiberger Director of Public Works gave an update and presented the development agreement with BYK like the agreement with RJ Group regarding making payments on sewer connections in a development for a timed period.

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

Information Only Items

1. Police Department Staff Report

Police Chief Dan Mcilraith reported on the Drug Take Back Day held April 29th, 2023, and continuing safe disposal of unused medicines.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk



Julia Johnson, Mayor

