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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY  
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Regular Meeting of the City Council  
July 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, Councilmembers JoEllen Kesti, Glenn Allen, Chuck Owen, and Joe Burns were present. Councilmembers Sarah Diamond and Brenden McGoffin joined via-zoom

Absent: Councilmember Nick Lavacca

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Owen and seconded by Councilmember Allen. Motion carried (6-0).

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes- Regular Meeting- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. Minutes- Regular Meeting- June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
3. Check Register – Regular
4. Check Register- Off Schedule

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (6-0).

**Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

Helping Hands Food Bank, Street Outreach Specialist Lisa Niegowski and Chief Executive Director Rebecca Skrinde shared a PowerPoint including grant based help, rescue, goals, highlights of results, stories, partnerships, and future plans.

**City Administrator Report**

City Administrator Charlie Bush shared the process for City Council confirming of the mayor's personnel appointments under SWMC Chapter 2.02.020 Subsection A.

**Councilmember and Mayors Reports**

Councilmember Owen shared the fireworks were out of control and loud, messy, he was concerned about fire, he has had multiple complaints from residents, he also shared the parade was wonderful. Councilmember Burns thanked everyone for making the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities a huge success. Councilmember Allen shared 4<sup>th</sup> of July was spectacular this year, the carnival and parade were a huge success and that he saw people having fun and smiling. Councilmember McGoffin thanked everyone for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and all the organizations that helped make this 4<sup>th</sup> of July a fun and safe holiday, he also thanked first responders and city staff for putting in the extra hours to make this holiday a huge success. Councilmember Diamond shared Loggerodeo was such a great success, she also thanked police and fire for keeping everyone safe as well as our Public Works Department for keeping things cleaned up before and after the events, she also shared Sedro-Woolley Little League teams are going to state this year and will represent our town of Sedro-Woolley, encourages supporters for the City and community. Councilmember Kesti shared the Riverfront Park concerts begin this coming up Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July from 6-8pm and welcomed everyone to come down and enjoy the festivities. Mayor Julia Johnson thanked Loggerodeo, Lions Club, and Rotary for organizing the events, also thanked police and fire as well as public works for all their hard work to make this holiday such a great success, and also shared the wood carving winners.

## **Proclamation**

## **Public Comments**

Open Public comment 6:41pm

Mayor Julia Johnson and Charlie Bush shared a letter written by Jana Hanson regarding the hiring of the New Community Development Director, see additional materials.

Phillip Murray - 101 W. Woodworth St. - Thanked Lisa Niegowski for her assistance with homelessness.

Dennis O'Neil - 107 Talcott St. - Thanked the Police Department for their support with keeping the fireworks and smoke under control.

Dale Irish - Representing Loggerodeo shared fireworks were being fired off on Murdock and Ferry St. during the parade. He requested for our code to be updated regarding fireworks during the parade.

Allen Henderson- 842 Ferry St - Thanked the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for all their hard work during the holiday, also mentioned a couple different projects road resurfacing on Ball St., the quality of work and timeliness has been fantastic.

Close Public comment 6:52pm

**Public Hearing(s)**

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

1. Pro and Con Statement Committee Appointments - Action Requested

City Administrator Charlie Bush presented the administrative process along with the Skagit County Auditor's Office requirements.

Motion made by Councilmember Burns and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion carried (6-0).

2. Amending SWMC Title 2 'Administration and Personnel' to add Chapter 2.15 entitled "Defense, Indemnification, and Bonding of City Officials, Employees, and Volunteers" - Ordinance No. 2051-23

City Attorney Nikki Thompson presented the amendments to add to Chapter 2.15 and gave clarification to councilmembers.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen and seconded by Councilmember Burns. Motion carried (6-0).

**Information Only Items**

1. Fire Department- Monthly Data

Fire Chief Frank Wagner presented statistics of calls and overlapping of calls 30-40 percent, he also shared accomplishments of the Fire Department. He thanked the Council for moving forward with the levy lid lift.

**Executive Sessions**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Kelly Kohnken, City Clerk



Julia Johnson, Mayor

