
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
September 22, 2021– 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from Regular City Council Meeting - September 8, 2021
2. Minutes from City Council/Planning Commission Joint Study Session - September 1, 2021
3. Finance - Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers
4. Purchase Order 2021-PO-11 Approval
5. Possible Bid Award - Vehicle Storage Building Re-roofing, Siding & Gutters
6. Approval of Out of State Travel for Training Purposes

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

Staff Reports

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

- Finance Director Burton welcomed Chelan Meyer to the Finance Department.
- IT Director Chambers welcomed Woody Tovar-Cano to the IT Department and gave an update on projects.
- City Administrator Merriman discussed recruitment for open staff positions and labor negotiations with AFSCME, beginning the annual review on the utility rates, closing of the library project, and the Public Works/Wastewater building project.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

- Councilmember mentioned improving the downtown perhaps by adding trees.
- Councilmembers spoke about how fast the City is growing, and that our residents like the small town feel.
- Councilmembers discussed COVID and vaccination concerns.

- Councilmembers thanked Public Works staff for the windstorm cleanup, and discussed having a free dump day to encourage residents to take care of storm debris.
- Councilmembers mentioned how great the Northern State Cemetery looks and suggested a camera to be installed to avoid vandalism.
- Councilmembers discussed Phase Two of the Jones/John Liner Rd Project.

Public Comments

6:36 P.M.— Open for Public Comments

- Joe Kunzler, sent an email to Council about implementing a vaccine passport. Requested an emergency message be sent from the Council to citizens to get vaccinated.
- Phil Murray, mentioned concerns about railroad debris cleanup and that the City shouldn't be cleaning the BNSF right of way.

6:40 P.M.— Public Comments closed

New Business:

1. Closeout Request for Completion for the Sedro-Woolley Library Construction
City Administrator Merriman gave an overview of the project.
A motion to approve final acceptance of the Library project as constructed by Valdez Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,879,033.13 (Includes sales tax). Motion made by Councilmember Loy, seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (7-0).
2. Quarterly Financial Report as of June 30, 2021
Finance Director Burton presented the June 30th, 2021 Quarter Financial Report.
3. City Council Compensation: Ordinance 1992-21
City Administrator Merriman presented information regarding establishing City Council compensation. City Administrator Merriman and City Attorney Thompson explained elected official's compensation laws and the formation and role of a salary commission to set salaries for elected officials.
A motion to form a salary commission with members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council was made by Councilmember de Jong and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion carried (7-0).

Information Only Items

1. None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:




