
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
December 8, 2021– 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmember Brendan McGoffin, Councilmember JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Sarah Diamond, Councilmember Glenn Allen, Councilmember Karl deJong and Councilmember Nick Lavacca. Councilmember Owen was absent at time of Roll Call.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Kesti, seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to approve the agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from Regular City Council Meeting held November 23,2021
2. Finance - Claims Checks and Payroll Checks
3. Professional Services Agreement with Sound Law Center for Hearing Examiner Services
4. Professional Services Agreement with LC Lee & Associates for Third Party Environmental Review Services
5. Professional Services Agreement with 7K Environmental for Third Party Environmental Review Services
6. Ordinance No. 2000-21 Amendment to SWMC Chapter 2.12 City Attorney and City Prosecutor
7. Resolution No. 1080-21 Surplus of fire department equipment
8. Ambulance Purchase Agreement
9. City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County Fire District 8 Interlocal Agreement Renewal
10. 2022 Legislative Priorities

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

1. The Sedro-Woolley Rotary – no one appeared during the meeting from the Rotary.
2. The Mayor conducted the swearing in of Joe Burns, elected to Ward 6 of the Sedro-Woolley City Council. His term begins with the January 5, 2022 Council Work Session.

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 Charlie Bush, City Supervisor Doug Merriman gave updates for each of their respective departments.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmembers and the Mayor thanked Councilmember Karl deJong for his service to his community and to Ward 6 during his time on the City Council. Councilmember deJong thanked the city, the citizens and other Councilmembers for their support and encouragement over the past 4 years.

Public Comments

6:21 P.M.— Mayor Johnson opened the meeting for Public Comments.

6:21 P.M.— Public comments closed by Mayor Johnson.

Public Hearing(s)

1. Ordinance No. 2001-21 PSE Franchise Agreement Renewal. After some discussion, Councilmember Owen made a motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Diamond to adopt Ordinance 2001-21. Motion carried (7-0)
2. Bucko Survivor's Trust Development Agreement – Motion made Councilmember Allen and seconded by Councilmember Owen to move this item from New Business into the section for Public Hearings. Motion carried (7-0). After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember deJong made a motion that was seconded by Councilmember Owen to authorize the Mayor to sign the development agreement with the Bucko Survivor's Trust. This initial motion was voted down (4-3). A motion to amend the agreement by removing section 9A and authorizing the Mayor to sign the amended agreement was made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember deJong. Motion carried (7-0)

New Business

1. 2021 Budget Amendment #2 -Ordinance No. 2003-21. After a brief presentation by Finance Director Debbie Burton and some discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Lavacca and seconded by Councilmember Diamond to adopt Ordinance 2003-21 amending the 2021-2022 biannual budget. Motion carried (6-1).
2. Recommendation from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for the 2022 Lodging Tax Grant Program. After a presentation of information and some discussion with Councilmembers, a motion was made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to approve the recommendations of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Motion carried (7-0).
3. Supplemental Agreement 3 to Agreement 2019-PS-11 with Transportation Solutions, Inc. for additional design and right of way services. Discussion occurred between Public Works Director Mark Freiberger and the Councilmembers. A motion was made by Councilmember Owen and seconded by Councilmember Kesti to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Supplemental Agreement 3 to Agreement 2019-PS-11 with Transportation Solutions, Inc. for additional design and right of way services and extending the completion date to December 2023. Councilmember McGoffin asked to abstain from voting on this matter. Motion carried (6-0).
4. Supplemental Agreement 4 - Agreement 2019-PS-11 Transportation Solutions, Inc. After some discussion, Councilmember Allen made a motion that was seconded by Councilmember Diamond to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Supplemental Agreement 4 to Agreement 2019-PS-11 for construction phase services. Motion carried.
5. 2022 Salary Ordinance 2002-21. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Kesti and seconded by Councilmember Allen to adopt the 2022 Salary Ordinance 2022-21. Motion carried.
6. Updated Retainer Agreement for Legal and Support Services. After a discussion on the topic, a motion was made by Councilmember Owen and seconded by Councilmember McGoffin to recommend approval of the Updated Retainer Agreement for Legal and Support Services. Contract with Mountain Law for Public Defense Services. Again, after some discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Owen and seconded by Councilmember Lavacca to authorize the Mayor to sign a Contract with Mountain Law for Public Defense Services. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:32P.M.

ATTEST:

Debbie Burton

APPROVED:

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