
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 26, 2020– 4:00 P.M. – Via Teleconference

Call to Order

Mayor Julia Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Brenda Kinzer, JoEllen Kesti, Chuck Owen, Brendan McGoffin, Karl de Jong, Jared Couch and Glenn Allen. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Manager Scott, IT Director Chambers, Planning Director Coleman, Public Works Director Freiberger, Fire Chief Klinger, Police Chief Tucker and City Attorney Thompson.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (6-0).

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #193648 to #193738 plus EFT's in the amount of \$593,522.81
 - Payroll Checks #60135 to #60144 plus EFT's in the amount of \$324,457.76

Councilmember Couch moved to approve consent calendar items 1 and 2. Councilmember McGoffin seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Selection of City Councilmember – Ward #2

- Ronald Hyatt
- Amanda Fischer
- Corianne Jensen
- JoEllen Kesti

Mayor Johnson reviewed the process for the selection of City Councilmember Ward 2 to include an executive session.

Each candidate gave an introduction of themselves and answered a series of questions. The meeting adjourned to executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h) for the purpose of discussing the qualifications of the candidates at 4:42 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 5:00 P.M.

Councilmembers presented comments on the great group of candidates, thanking them for their interest in the position and encouraged those not selected to stay involved with their city. Mayor Johnson concurred with Councilmembers statements.

Mayor Johnson called for a roll call nomination.

Councilmember Couch nominated JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Kinzer nominated JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Owen nominated JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember McGoffin nominated JoEllen Kesti, Councilmember Allen nominated JoEllen Kesti and Councilmember de Jong nominated JoEllen Kesti.

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the nomination and selection of JoEllen Kesti for Councilmember Ward 2. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor Johnson administered the Oath of Office to JoEllen Kesti for Councilmember Ward 2.

Councilmember Kesti officially joined the meeting.

Staff Reports

Fire Chief Klinger – welcomed Councilmember Kesti to the Council. He reviewed the most recent COVID numbers and spoke of increased pricing for PPE.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Planning Commission has been busy working on rezones and the Planning Department has been busy with applications. They have also been working on the implementation of an online application submittal. Coleman discussed some of the technical issues that need to happen before the process can be implemented.

Finance Manager Scott – welcomed Councilmember Kesti. She stated she has been preparing for the annual audit. In addition, the checks for the grant award recipients have been processed.

IT Director Chambers – apologized for the clunky meeting schedule. He noted he has been helping the Planning Department with the paperless application process, working on the installation of BIAS cloud hosting and implementation of a new firewall.

City Supervisor Merriman – noted the focus on technology, which is due in part to the pandemic as well as staff creativity. He has also been working on an agenda packet program, Agendeze, that will help to streamline operations. Merriman also reported he has been monitoring finances and the secondary effects. The financial software has been updated for the next budget. He also reported the Library is still on schedule for substantial completion end of September.

Merriman addressed the upcoming annual public records and public meeting training scheduled for September 2. He noted this is a required annual training.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Couch – expressed his welcome to Councilmember Kesti.

Councilmember Kinzer – concurred with Councilmember Couch with a welcome to Councilmember Kesti.

Councilmember Owen – welcomed new Councilmember Kesti and apologized for his technical issues.

Councilmember McGoffin – also welcomed Councilmember Kesti on board and stated he was looking forward to working with her.

Councilmember Allen – concurred with all the Councilmembers welcoming Councilmember Kesti. He stated all the candidates were great.

Councilmember de Jong – expressed his welcome to Councilmember Kesti. He also spoke of the hot housing market and neighborhood comments regarding speeds and traffic on Dunlop after an MVA at the traffic-calming device.

Councilmember Kesti – expressed her gratitude for the appointment to the Council and stated she is looking forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Johnson – reviewed a letter received from the State of Washington, Department of Ecology regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant's receipt of the 2019 Outstanding Performance Award. She credited great leadership in the department and stated Kevin Wynn is now officially the supervisor upon the retirement of Debbie Allen. She also stated she sent a letter to the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group regarding the river enhancement project.

Proclamation(s)

International Overdose Awareness Day – August 31, 2020

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation for International Overdose Awareness Day, proclaiming August 31, 2020 as International Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Public Comments

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

Ordinance to Approve Fiber Optic Franchise Agreement with SkagitNet

IT Director Chambers reviewed the process taken to write the proposed ordinance. He entertained Council questions with no questions presented.

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the ordinance (Ordinance No. 1962-20) for the fiber optic agreement with Skagit Net. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Motion carried (7-0).

New Business

Good of the Order

Executive Session

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with no further business to attend to.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
