

**MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CORRECTED**

April 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Agliano called the regular council meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Bratton, Bryson, DuPuy, Rushton, Sanderson, Taylor and Woodhouse.

City Staff Members Present: City Attorney Norton, Police Chief Cox, Finance Clerk Wade, City Planner Kovach and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023
 - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #22348-22399 in the amount of \$180,959.58
 - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26307-26313 in the amount of \$31,551.75
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Performance of a public employee
- **MAYOR’S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Council’s Consideration and Decision on the Purple Sage Meadows Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application – Link to all Documents included in the Record:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19MNA9RGkFnuFs9pGBkg_3z_6CzSb99yh
 - B. Lighting for Basketball Court
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Soap Lake Library Mural
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1338; NEXT RESOLUTION #996**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor asked that an executive session be added to the agenda after the consent agenda. Executive session for performance of a public employee was added.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/Bratton, S/Woodhouse; to accept the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION - RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Performance of a public employee

Start 5:32 PM for 15 minutes

Added 5 minutes, Mayor Agliano

Added 5 minutes, Councilmember Bryson

End 5:57

No action taken

MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Mayor received a report from Public Work’s Supervisor Fronsman: the irrigation has been turned on and repairs are being done as necessary; volunteers are painting the restroom building in West Beach to cover recent vandalism; and the bathrooms are on schedule to open May 1st.

There will be two workshops in May (May 24th and May 31st) for Councilmembers to attend. The discussion will center around the City’s current financial state and establishing written comprehensive plan to monitor finances and meet obligations. Time and place for workshops to be determined soon.

Mayor has looked at the ROC grants for bathroom fixes and upgrades, however the City has no funding for the 10% match that is required.

There have been concerns expressed to the Mayor and City Staff about a Councilmember residency issue. The Mayor and Councilmembers do not have the authority to remove a Councilmember from office. This can only be achieved through a recall initiated by citizens.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Park/Rec Committee: Mona Kaiser – she is pleased with Public Works getting the parking space markings corrected. She would also like to thank them for storing the new park benches over winter and oiling them to help keep them in good condition.

Soap Lake Creative District held a meeting and teams were created for various tasks such as: developing mission/vision, contacting potential partners, inventory of current local businesses, promotional document development, list of upcoming events and gathering letters of support. The next meeting will be May 18th at 6:00 PM at the Soap Lake Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Raymond Gravelle, 119 N Fir St.- encouraged the City Councilmembers to approve the land use permit as it will revitalize the community and help solve housing crisis. He stated that there are conditions that the developer will need to meet to move forward and that this is something that the developer, who was present at the meeting, is willing to address.

Kim Randolph-Meaney, 226 4th Ave. – as a local real estate agent, she supports this development as it will provide much needed affordable housing for the area. She feels that many people will be drawn to the area and this will help the local community and businesses.

Susan Carson, 114 N Gladiola –

ABATE: she thanked everyone for their support for the Easter Egg Hunt in the park. She is looking forward to planning the event for next year.

Chamber of Commerce: currently in the process of planning for the Suds-n-Sun event for the 4th of July. The event packet should be ready for submission on May 3rd agenda.

As a resident: she is concerned about the development and the impact it will have on the current City's infrastructure.

Judith Gorman, 207 Ginkgo – she supports the housing development, as she feels this is much needed in the area. However, she encouraged the Council to table this agenda item until the City has an audit approved income/revenue budget format and Councilmembers review the Gray & Osborne Water/Sewer study recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS

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There was much discussion on this agenda item. Nancy Wetch from Gray & Osborne, City Planner Kovach and City Attorney Norton answered questions from Councilmembers and the Mayor. M/Rushton, S/Bratton; move to approve the Purple Sage Meadows Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application.

Motion was amended: **M/Rushton, S/Bratton**; move to approve the Zoning Overlay Land Use Permit for the Purple Sage Meadows Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application. **Motion Passed.** Councilmembers Woodhouse, Du Puy and Taylor all voted Nay.

Discussion continued around water and sewer system requirements and the conditions that need to be met by the developer before moving forward with the permitting process.

- B. Lighting for Basketball Court – **M/Bratton, S/Bryson**; to allow Mona Kaiser to continue with the grant writing process with help from City Staff. **Motion carried unanimously.** The deadline to submit the grant is May 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Soap Lake Library Mural – presentation given by Caleb Hermans as to plans for a mural on the side of the Soap Lake Library building. A concept design was presented – a lava lamp. Cost to the City would be nothing as local artist, Kasey Tupper, will be volunteering his talent and time. Caleb would also like to see local highschool artists participate in some way. **M/Bryson, S/Bratton**; move to allow Caleb Hermans to move forward with the mural project for the Soap Lake Library building. **Motion carried unanimously.** As the project develops, Caleb will bring back any updates to Council.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Finance Clerk Wade – Washington State Treasury gave a final ruling on how ARPA funds can be used, which provides a flexibility for reporting revenues lost during COVID. Use of the funds will be further discussed at the upcoming Council Budget Workshops.

Chief Cox – Nothing to report.

City Planner Kovach – may suggest municipal code changes concerning use of septic tanks within the City. Some current codes are not clear and could cause confusion on the direction that the City would like to take.

Volunteer Code Enforcement Officer Ross – has four active cases: 2 left over from last year and 2 new ones. He is also helping City Hall update and verify business licenses.

Next Ordinance #1338; Next Resolution #996

COMMENTS

Councilmember Bryson reminded all that there is an upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection on April 29th. And, there is a used tire collection event happening:

A free tire collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 21-22 at the Port of Moses Lake. Tires can be brought to the northwest corner of Randolph Road and 19th Avenue. Residents may bring a maximum of 12 tires, up to 35 inches in diameter from passenger cars or light trucks, with or without rims, according to the statement. No commercial or implement tires will be accepted. All loads must be secured. The event, sponsored by Grant County, Grant County Health District, and Washington State Department of Ecology, is free to Grant County residents only. Participants must bring a state-issued ID or a recent utility bill to show residency. More information is available at 509-754-6082 ext. 3508.

Mayor has contacted Consolidated about Spring/Fall cleanups. Details are being worked out and more information will be available mid-May.

Councilmember Bryson thanked Councilmembers for being available by phone for this evening's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Rushton, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Agliano, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant