

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Mayor Kovach, Agliano, Bratton, Rushton, Still and Sanderson. Councilmember Tweedy joined at 5:37 pm and Councilmember Arnold joined around 6:45 pm.

City Staff Members Present: Police Chief Cox, City Administrator Tijerina, City Planner Piercy and Administrative Assistant Siebert

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2021
 - B. City Council Retreat Minutes – January 11, 2021
 - C. Claim EFTs & Claims #20727-20744 in the amount of \$1,314,762.78
 - D. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26059-26061 in the amount of \$41,168.93
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Community and Senior Center Lease Agreement
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Consultant Agreement for Design Engineering for West Beach Park Access Improvements Project
 - B. NWC Library Report
 - C. Request for Annexation
 - D. Selection of On-Call Engineering Services
 - E. LIVE Nation Police Services Contract
 - F. Acceptance of Wal-Mart Donation of \$1250.00
 - G. SLPD 2020 Year in Review
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1316; NEXT RESOLUTION #948**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

M/Sanderson, S/Agliano; to excuse Councilmembers Arnold and Tweedy from this evenings meeting. **Motion did not pass.** Council Members Rushton, Bratton and Sanderson voted "Nay".

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE Construction update: this is the 40th week of construction and all water, sewer, fire hydrants and water meters are installed. A draft punch list will be completed once the weather warms up. A complete site walk through will be done at this time also. Some concrete work done along Main Ave. has been found unsatisfactory and will be fixed in the Spring. Calibration testing will be done at the City's main well on January 26th.

For updated information on COVID-19 and phase Grant County is in, please check at the Grant County Health District's website: www.granthealth.org

Mayor Kovach mentioned the passing of former Mayor, Marina Romary, who served as Mayor of Soap Lake from 1981-1986.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Policy Committee – Councilmember Agliano gave a summary of last Wednesday's meeting: the chicken ordinance will be reviewed by the City Attorney; discussed youth programs; will be discussing and researching goat ordinance for weed control; will be going through ordinances and resolutions and looking for anything that needs updating.

Park Committee – Mayor Kovach showed graphic, designed by local student, illustrating donations raised for the basketball court. \$18,459 has been raised as of this morning, but some private donations have not been included into this total. The goal is \$23,400.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community and Senior Center Lease Agreement – This item is being reviewed by new City Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consultant Agreement for Design Engineering for West Beach Park Access Improvements Project – **M/Agliano, S/Sanderson**; move to approve the Consultant Agreement for West Beach Park Access Improvements with Gray & Osborne, contingent upon approval from TIB. **Motion carried unanimously.** Surface improvements will be made along Ash Street, 1st Ave. and Division Street. The grant is for \$339, 500.00 and the City's match is \$10,500.00. This is in the 2021 budget. Bid will go out in April and construction should take two months to complete. Mayor Kovach said that this could interfere with summertime beach access and may be delayed to start in September.
- B. NWC Library Report – This report was completed by North Central Reginal Library and was done on all libraries in the area. It shows the recommended improvements for the Soap Lake Library and costs associated with bringing the building up to current code. Recommendations are: repaving parking lot,

updating HVAC system, replace baseboard heaters, install fire sprinkler, replace lights with LED fixtures, and install fire alarm system. Total projected cost is \$197,377.00. Last year, a lease fee of \$7250.00 was paid for use of the building to the City. Council will discuss options for updates at a later council meeting.

- C. Request for Annexation – **M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; move to accept petition for annexation and set public hearing date for February 3, 2021. **Motion carried unanimously**. This parcel is approximately 76.35 acres and is zoned as C2 with expectations of a mix of commercial and multifamily residential development. A Public Hearing will be held on February 3, 2021.
- D. Selection of On-Call Engineering Services – **M/Still, S/Tweedy**; to select Gray & Osborne for On-Call Engineering Services and allow Mayor Kovach to negotiate a contract agreement with the City. **Motion carried unanimously**. Applications were reviewed by Mayor Kovach, City Administrator Tijerina, Public Works Supervisor Fronsman and Councilmembers Rushton, Sanderson and Still.
- E. LIVE Nation Police Services Contract – **M/Rushton, S/Tweedy**; to allow Chief Cox to sign contract between The City of Soap Lake and LIVE Nation Worldwide, INC. **Motion carried unanimously**. Chief Cox explained that he is not sure if the Gorge will be operating this year, but the contract will be in place if needed.
- F. Acceptance of Wal-Mart Donation of \$1250.00 – **M/Tweedy, S/Bratton**; to accept the donation from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$1250.00. **Motion carried unanimously**. This donation went into the benevolent fund and was used for Shop-with-a-Cop.
- G. SLPD 2020 Year in Review – Chief Cox gave presentation which included crime statistics from 2018-2020 for the Soap Lake Police Department, introduced new officers to the department and highlighted community involvement in 2020. Overall, most crime and calls for service were on a downward trend.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Administrator Tijerina – is involved with State audit reviewing grant monies that were received by the City from FEMA, TIB and Emergency Management. Audit is being done remotely and going fairly smoothly. He will keep Council updated on the progress.

Chief Cox – Reminder that school is back in session. Please watch for children in school zones.

City Planner Piercy – Development plans for the old Delancey School site should be submitted soon. A temporary structure may be put into place for the Bus Barn operations until a more permanent solution is found.

Next Ordinance #1316; Next Resolution #948

COMMENTS

Councilmembers Rushton, Tweedy and Sanderson all thanked Chief Cox for the work being done at the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Tweedy, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 6:51 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant