

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Mayor Kovach, Agliano, Arnold, Bratton, Bryson, Rushton, Taylor and Woodhouse.

City Staff Members Present: Police Chief Cox, Fire Chief Sheppard, City Planner Piercy and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2022
 - B. Public Meeting Council Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2022
 - C. Claim EFTs & Claims #21530-21554 in the amount of \$379,685.60
 - D. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26152-26155 in the amount of \$33,870.44
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Adoption of Updated Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Critical Areas Ordinance
 - a. City of Soap Lake Comprehensive Plan 2019 Update
 - b. City of Soap Lake Title 17 Zoning
 - c. An Ordinance Creating Soap Lake Municipal Code Chapter 14.12 Entitled "Critical Areas"
 - d. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake Affirming Completion of the City's Periodic Review Under the Growth Management Act and Adopting Updates to the Comprehensive land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Critical Areas Ordinance for the City of Soap Lake
 - B. Committee Review and Appointments
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Lift Station No. 1 & No. 2 Upgrades Study
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1324; NEXT RESOLUTION #971**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The new tablets for Councilmembers are in and will be distributed next week.

The City is still negotiating with the owners of the Spa about the mineral water. Currently, the owners are looking for an agreement that includes being able to pump water from the lake and store it on site.

The electrician should be able to start working on the City Hall update next week.

Mayor encourages everyone to vote on February 8th.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Kayleen Bryson said that around 600 mailers were sent out with information last week about the 0.2% TBD Sales Tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Adoption of Updated Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Critical Areas Ordinance
 - a. City of Soap Lake Comprehensive Plan 2019 Update – Planner Piercy gave a brief summary of how the Comprehensive Plan was developed after input from public hearings and came to its current form.
 - b. City of Soap Lake Title 17 Zoning
 - c. An Ordinance Creating Soap Lake Municipal Code Chapter 14.12 Entitled “Critical Areas”
 - d. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake Affirming Completion of the City’s Periodic Review Under the Growth Management Act and Adopting Updates to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Critical Areas Ordinance for the City of Soap Lake
M/Arnold, S/Bratton; to approve the ordinance creating Soap Lake Municipal Code Chapter 14.12 Entitled “Critical Areas” (becomes Ordinance No. 2022-1324) and an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake affirming completion of the City’s periodic review under the Growth Management Act and adopting updates to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Critical Areas Ordinance for the City of Soap Lake (becomes Ordinance No. 2022-1325). **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Committee Review and Appointments
Tourism Committee: no changes

Lake Liaison Committee: **M/Rushton, S/Taylor**; to appoint Councilmembers Arnold and Bryson to the Lake Liaison Committee. **Motion Passed**. Councilmembers Arnold and Bryson did not vote.

Parks Committee: no changes

Policy Committee: no new appointments, but still looking for a secretary. Council Member Agliano resigned.

Emergency Preparedness Committee: Council Member Agliano resigned. **M/Bryson, S/Bratton**; to appoint Councilmember Taylor to the Emergency Preparedness Committee. **Motion Passed**. Councilmember Taylor did not vote.

Economic Development Committee: **M/Bratton, S/Taylor**; to appoint Councilmembers Agliano and Bryson to the Economic Development Committee. **Motion Passed**. Councilmembers Agliano and Bryson did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lift Station No. 1 & No. 2 Upgrades Study – **M/Arnold, S/Agliano**; to approve the amendment to study upgrades to the City’s lift stations and force mains. **Motion carried unanimously**. Nancy Wetch from Gray & Osborne gave a brief explanation of the lift station's current condition and limited maintenance over the years. The study will include funding options for this work.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Police Chief Cox – Sgt. Nulph and K-9 Billy were able to help out on two drug cases in the last two days by assisting Chelan County and Adams County.
The department started using AXON body cameras.

Fire Chief Sheppard – **M/Arnold, S/Bratton**; to allow the Mayor and City Attorney to review the current SLMC for fireworks on New Year’s Eve and parking by fire hydrants for compliance with Washington State RCW and bring recommendations back to City Council for review and approval. **Motion carried unanimously**. Chief Sheppard discussed his concerns with the City Council about fireworks and parking in front of fire hydrants in the City.

He gave statistics for calls in 2021: 464 total calls, 208 were in the City. In January of 2022 they ran 34 total calls, 21 in the City, 18 were EMS calls, 2 were structure fires and 1 was smoke investigation.

The Fire District’s EMS program has an average yearly cost of \$55,000 - \$64,000. These funds come out of the department's fire protection budget. The District is looking for solutions to this funding problem and is considering a levy.

City Planner Piercy – presented a spreadsheet for 2021 building permits that included over 39 applications totaling just under \$6 million in project value. The City has already received 6 permits in January.

Public Works - January started off with a snow storm, and roads were plowed. Work was coordinated with the Columbia Basin Water District along Daisy Street. Public Works is working with Gray & Osborne as a plan will be developed to address the lift stations and sewer treatment

plant. Phase III of the Sewer/Water Plan is starting. The City's water meter reader failed to read some meters in January. This will cause only a base rate for billing in January.

Next Ordinance #1326; Next Resolution #971

COMMENTS

Councilmember Taylor – the Columbia Basin Foundation grants are open; deadline is March 15th. Scholarships are also available.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Bratton, S/Agliano; move to adjourn at 6:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant