MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 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, Arnold, Bratton, Rushton, Sanderson, Still and Tweedy.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- ➤ **CONSENT AGENDA**
    - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2021
    - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #20838-20861 in the amount of $113,026.83
    - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26071-26073 in the amount of $38,769.55
- ➤ **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- ➤ **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- ➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- ➤ **OLD BUSINESS**
    - A. Municipal Court Clerk Inter Local Agreement
    - B. Soap Lake City Hall Update
- ➤ **NEW BUSINESS**
    - A. Chamber of Commerce – Update and Request for Funds
    - B. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof
    - C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Direct Sale to Mr. Public Safety Equipment, LLC
    - D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Direct Sale to Dark Owl EVT
- ➤ **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- ➤ **NEXT ORDINANCE #1317; NEXT RESOLUTION #954**
- ➤ **COMMENTS**
- ➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE Design for the West Beach Entrance is being finalized and should be ready to go to bid in May with completion of the project projected to be in August. Gray & Osborne will begin Phase III of the water and sewer improvements soon. Surveying and archeological study of the area for the new basketball court has started. Because Public Works still has an employee on administrative leave, the street sprayer for weed control is not available. When residents are using the cardboard recycling, if the bin is full please do not put cardboard on the ground. The bin is emptied on Tuesday. Also, please keep the lid closed to help keep cardboard contained in the bin and not blowing away in the wind.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES
Policy Committee – committee is meeting every two weeks. At the next meeting, committee will be joined by the Parks/Rec Director for Ephrata. Public is invited to join the Policy Committee on March 31st for their input on a volunteer youth program director.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Burr and Eileen Beckwith, 33 Dogwood N. – the Beckwith's encouraged City Council Members to do a comprehensive assessment of cost for renovating the existing City Hall Building. They also expressed caution for the purchase of a modular building because of potential unforeseen added expenses.

OLD BUSINESS
    A. Municipal Court Clerk Inter Local Agreement – no update
    B. Soap Lake city Hall Update – Mayor Kovach plans on having comparison costs available for the next council meeting. The rough quote on the modular building did include foundation and prevailing wages for contractors. Sill needed are costs for site prep and utility hook-ups. Councilmember Arnold asked if the old building could be demoed while leaving the old Chamber area intact. Mayor Kovach said that engineers had advised against this approach as a shared wall would become unstable.

NEW BUSINESS
    A. Chamber of Commerce – Update and Request for Funds- Debra Noah and Cindi Rang gave an update on capital improvements made to the building. The meeting room now has a large table, maps, and brochures. An Open House is being planned soon. A job description was submitted to the City to hire a part-time receptionist. Total funding request for this is $7500.00 for a 1099 contract. Volunteers will also help at the Chamber. They are also beginning to plan local events. Smokiam Days or Suds & Sun Event will be planned for July and a Lake & Land Race Day will be held in August. **M/Still, S/Sanderson**; to fund paid position at the Visitor Information Center at this time for the amount of $7500.00 and to address funding for planned events as they are presented at a later time. **Motion carried unanimously**. The RCW that governs tourism fund usage is 67.28.1815.

B. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – **M/Tweedy, S/Agliano**; to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sell the personal property items in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously**. This is numbered Resolution 2021-954.

C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Direct Sale to Mr. Public Safety Equipment, LLC- **M/Tweedy, S/Agliano**; to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sell the personal property items in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. Items will be sold directly to Mr. Public Safety Equipment, LLC. **Motion carried unanimously**. Resolution is numbered as 2021-955.

D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Direct Sale to Dark Owl EVT- **M/Tweedy, S/Agliano**; to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sell the personal property items in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. Items will be sold directly to Dark Owl EVT. **Motion carried unanimously**. Resolution is numbered as 2021-956.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Chief Cox – Will be looking at planning National Night Out in August. This event is held nationwide and builds on community interactions with the local Police Department and other First Responders. Interviews will be held next week for open position.

Next Ordinance #1317; Next Resolution #954

COMMENTS
None

ADJOURNMENT
M/Tweedy, S/Agliano; move to adjourn at 6:17 PM. **Motion carried unanimously**.

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Alex Kovach, Mayor   Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant