

## MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 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: City Administrator Tijerina, Police Chief Cox, Fire Chief Sheppard, and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

### AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2022
  - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #21696-21720 in the amount of \$39,594.12
  - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26175-26176 in the amount of \$63,889.92
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. An Ordinance of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.28 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to Eliminate Provisions Related to Residential Mineral Water Service; containing a Severability Provision; and Setting an Effective Date
  - B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Establishing Fees Related to Commercial Mineral Water Service.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Amendment to the Agreement for Phase III Sewer Improvements Project
  - B. Fredrick Slough Complaint
  - C. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Suds and Sun Celebration Event Permit
  - D. Review of Fireworks Ordinance
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1326; NEXT RESOLUTION #975**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Basketball Court update: the Mayor met with Gray & Osborne and the advertisement for bids for this project should go out within the next two weeks. A final bid should be able to be brought to Council in June for approval. The PUD has received the request for the powerline to be re-routed and the City is waiting for this to be scheduled.

The City Attorney is continuing to work on the Mineral Water Agreement.

A reminder that this Friday, the Council will hold a retreat at the Soap Lake Spa Resort Banquet Hall at 1:00 PM.

### REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Judith Gorman gave an account of the Lake Liaison Committee members meeting with the manager of the Bureau of Reclamation out of Ephrata. She explained that the meeting went well and there will be more meetings scheduled for the future. They discussed the Bureau's 5-10-year plan for the Lake and testing that is done/has been done on the mineral content of the Lake.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Marsha Neihart, 419 W Main – would like to know what to do about her neighbor's barking dog.

Susan Carson, 114 N Gladiola – The Business Coalition will be sponsoring an Earth Day Sidewalk Sale with various activities this weekend along Main Street. Local businesses have an advertising page in the Grant County Travel Magazine.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending Chapter 13.28 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to Eliminate Provisions Related to Residential Mineral Water Service; Containing a Severability Provision; and Setting an Effective Date – **M/Bratton, S/Arnold**; to approve the ordinance of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, amending Chapter 13.28 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to eliminate provisions related to residential mineral water service; containing a severability provision; and setting an effective date. **Motion carried unanimously.** The amendments are from the recommendations of the Lake Liaison Committee. This ordinance is numbered 2022-1326.
- B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Establishing Fees Related to Commercial Mineral Water Service – **M/Arnold, S/Agliano**; to approve the resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, establishing fees related to commercial mineral water service. **Motion carried unanimously.** This resolution is numbered 2022-975.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Amendment to the Agreement for Phase III Sewer Improvements Project – **M/Arnold, S/Agliano**; to approve the amendment to the Agreement for the Phase III Sewer Improvements with Gray & Osborne. **Motion carried unanimously.** Nancy Wetch from Gray & Osborne explained that there are left over funds from the

- current sewer improvement plan. The funds total to over \$314,000.00. The agreement's amendment will allow for 1100-1200 more feet of sewer upgrades to be done along Evergreen, Fir and Hemlock and for additional cultural resource survey services. If the funds are not used, they are sent back to the funding agency.
- B. Fredrick Slough Complaint – **M/Arnold, S/Taylor**; to amend the City's Dispute Resolution Policy in the Soap Lake Municipal Code to add an appeal process. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Slough was contacted by the City and is working through this dispute.
  - C. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Suds and Sun Celebration Event Permit – **M/Agliano, S/Taylor**; to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Suds and Sun Celebration Event Permit. Councilmembers Arnold and Woodhouse voted "Nay". **Motion passed.** The City is working with the Chamber of Commerce to put this event together. The event will be over two days, Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Events will include kids' activities, food vender booths, Soap Box Derby, beer garden, Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Show, a parade, live band and fireworks over the Lake on Sunday evening.
  - D. Review of the Fireworks Ordinance – discussion tabled by Councilmember Arnold.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**City Administrator Tijerina** – still working on the audit. The internet was down at the City offices today, so not much could be done, but hoping to have everything complete by end of the month.

**Police Chief Cox** – Attending Law Enforcement Liaison training for the Traffic Safety Commission in Wenatchee this week. There was a demonstration of the Seat Belt Convincer at the Police Department on Monday, which simulates a crash at low speeds and emphasizes the importance of wearing a seat belt. Councilmember Taylor asked about the recent taggings around town over the last week. Chief Cox said that these are being investigated and there is a person of interest.

#### **Next Ordinance #1327; Next Resolution #976**

#### **COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bryson said that many of the public bus routes are free and may interest those trying to save on high gas prices as an option for traveling.

Councilmember Arnold commended the volunteer firefighters for spending their own gas money getting to the department for call outs and training.

Mayor Kovach announced a Trash Mob for this Friday from 9:00-11:00 am. Meeting at the Post Office and continuing along Main Street.

Councilmember Arnold asked about progress on the dump vouchers. Mayor said they will discuss this during the upcoming retreat as it effects the budget.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**M/Arnold, S/Bratton**; move to adjourn at 6:23 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Alex Kovach, Mayor

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Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant