

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 21, 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, City Planner Piercy, and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2021
 - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #20903-20922 in the amount of \$50,563.95
 - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26079-26080 in the amount of \$39,112.75
- **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
 - C. An Ordinance of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending Chapter 6.07 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to Update Provisions Related to the Number of Authorized Chickens, Licensing Requirements, Living Conditions, and Penalties for Violations; Including a Severability Provision; and Setting an Effective Date
 - D. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Establishing Fees Related to Licenses for Keeping Chickens in the City Limits
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Marina Romary Plaque and Street Naming
 - 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 Dark Owl EVT
 - D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Direct Sale to Cosmopolis Police Department
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1317; NEXT RESOLUTION #957**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Consideration of Sale of Real Estate, RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
- **COMMENTS**

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE The Mayor asked Councilmembers to state their name before speaking to help identify who is talking for those who are attending the meeting online.

Twenty-four students and three teachers from RISE Academy contributed over 66 hours of volunteer time to paint the park benches. Alison Gooding helped coordinate this and others from the community prepped the benches by getting them sanded. Many thanks to everyone that participated in this project and the benches look great.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marsha Neihart, 419 W Main: Area of road by her residence was paved over and is much better.

Ella Rowan, 213 Lakeshore Dr.: Shared her concerns that City Planner Piercy and the City Councilmembers have violated her rights by prohibiting her public comment during the April 7th Council Meeting which caused her to miss the comment deadline for the SEPA review, by not providing enough time for public to comment before Council decides on agenda items, by failing to listen to Citizens concerns over some Councilmembers conflicts of interest, and by allowing "cookie-cutter" housing permits to be issued. She also expressed concern that Councilmembers are misinformed over utility costs passed onto residence and recent parcel purchases made by the City.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Municipal Court Clerk Inter Local Agreement – still not received anything official
- B. Soap Lake City Hall Update – Councilmembers just completed a Council Retreat and were able to walk through the building. **M/Rushton, S/Sanderson;** to approve the agreement with Gray & Osborne to complete the final proposal drawings and start the bid process for Phase I of the City Hall renovation. Councilmember Agliano voted "nay". **Motion carried.** Councilmember Still asked if the funds were available in the budget. Councilmember Arnold wanted to know if only Gray & Osborne would be able to do this. The Mayor explained that Gray & Osborne are City's Engineers and are familiar with the project and would be able to expedite the plans and get the project out to bid quickly.
- C. An Ordinance of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending Chapter 6.07 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to Update Provisions Related to the Number of Authorized Chickens, Licensing Requirements, Living Conditions, and Penalties for

Violations; Including a Severability Provision; and Setting an Effective Date – After discussion, Council Member Arnold asked that this agenda item be tabled.

- D. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Establishing Fees Related to Licenses for Keeping Chickens in the City Limits – as this related to the above (Item C) ordinance, this agenda item was also tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Marina Romary Plaque and Street Naming – Council Member Still has been working with community members and Romary family members on this memorial. Basalt pillars already near the old Don’s Restaurant will be used to place bronze plaque memorial to Marina Romary. **M/Sanderson, S/Bratton**; to move forward with final design of memorial plaque and fundraising efforts through social media. **Motion carried unanimously.** Estimated cost of the bronze plaque is \$960 and Council Member Still believes that social media fundraising goal will be easy to reach. There was discussion about street being renamed. One suggestion is to rename the street Marina’s Drive. Mayor Kovach will be researching the renaming process for any time limitations or other requirements. Plans for a proclamation day and unveiling event will be made at a later date.
- B. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – **M/Tweedy, S/Arnold**; to authorize the Mayor or his designee to sell the personal property item in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Resolution is numbered 2021-957.
- C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – **M/Arnold, S/Tweedy**; to authorize the Mayor or his designee to sell the personal property item in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously.** These items to be sold directly to Dark Owl EVT. Resolution is numbered 2021-958.
- D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – **M/Bratton, S/Arnold**; to authorize the Mayor or his designee to sell the personal property item in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously.** These items to be sold directly to Cosmopolis Police Department. Resolution is numbered 2021-959.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Administrator Tijerina – State SAL audit has been completed. The City will be refunded on 29 hours, as an audit was done on Banner Bank Loan, but funds have not yet been used.

Met with Travis Clark and toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They are working on updating the emergency plan for the City. Also, there are a couple pieces of equipment needing replacement or replacement parts that may have been discontinued. A report will be brought to Council with estimated cost for replacement/repair of these items. A financial report for the first quarter was sent to Council Members.

Chief Cox – SLPD Officer and Grant County Deputies were involved in lengthy standoff with barricaded suspect last evening.

Officers will participate in taser/firearms training with updated virtual training provided by Axon virtual reality headset. This training provides more interaction and live training scenarios. Chief will be gone to training for the next two weeks and Admin. Assistant will be on vacation next week, so the PD office will be closed for a week.

Sgt. Nulph was gone this week to supervisor training.

Chief hopes to hold interviews for entry level officer next month.

City Planner Piercy – The Public Hearing for the SEPA permit for the temporary rock crushing at the proposed RV site will be held on April 29th. Written comments may be received now through April 29th.

Planner Piercy met with the County to discuss the annexation of property along Grant St. The interlocal agreement is currently being reviewed by the Prosecutor’s Office pursuant to RCW 35A.14.296.

Planner Piercy is also working with City Staff to review the permitting process to make it easier to identify permitted locations. In May he will present a report for areas building activity. The construction value of the buildings permitted so far this year exceeds \$2 million.

Next Ordinance #1317; Next Resolution #960

Executive Session – Consideration of Sale of Real Estate, RCW 42.30.10(1)(b)

Research needed for this session has not yet been obtained. Session will be held at a later Council Meeting.

COMMENTS

Council Member Sanderson has met with property owners affected by the West Beach street and sidewalk project. She suggested bringing forward a more detailed plan for residents to view at a future Council Meeting.

Council Member Rushton believes the RV developer is no longer interested in the proposed annexed property along Grant St. If the City follows through with annexation, this parcel may be used for residential development.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Tweedy, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 6:25 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant