

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 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, Fire Chief Sheppard, City Planner Piercy, and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2021
 - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #21046-21075 in the amount of \$237,396.53
 - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26098-26102 in the amount of \$73,837.60
- **PUBLIC HEARING** – Amending the 2021-2026 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Resolution to Amend 2021-2026 STIP
 - B. Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1319; NEXT RESOLUTION #961**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Amending the 2021-2026 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Start 5:33 PM
No comments
End 5:34 PM

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The 4th of July weekend brought extreme heat which cancelled the Suds N Sun Event. Having two designated areas for lighting fireworks at the beach this year helped keep cleanup area contained for volunteer cleanup crew that assisted Public Works employees. A water well pressure switch failed due to the extreme heat. Funding from a CBGD grant could be used to upgrade the cooling system to help prevent this from happening in the future. Gray & Osborne engineers met at the City Hall to check site conditions and review plans for Phase I construction. Bid documents should be ready to go out at the end of the month. Gray & Osborne is also advertising for bids for the West Beach park entry improvements which will be brought to council for approval by August. And the Mayor discussed with Gray & Osborne about obtaining potential TIB grants to address lesser traveled streets that need repairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Still gave an update on the fundraising for Marina's Memorial. The goal of \$1500 was met. Funds will be used for the bronze plaque that will be mounted on the basalt pillar, the new street sign, and some flower plantings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to Amend 2021-2026 STIP- **M/Tweedy, S/Agliano**; to adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, amending and updating the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and directing the Public Works Director (or designee) to file the Six-Year Transportation Plan and this resolution with the Secretary of Transportation and the Transportation Improvement Board for the State of Washington. **Motion carried unanimously.** Resolution is numbered 2021-961.
- B. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof - **M/Tweedy, S/Bratton**; to approve a resolution declaring certain personal property surplus and authorizing the sale and or disposal thereof. **Motion carried unanimously.** Items will be sold directly to Dark Owl EVT and Mr. Public Safety. This resolution is numbered 2021-962.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Administrator Tijerina – Mayor Kovach gave an update: a new public works employee will start on the 16th and three interviews were conducted for the City office assistant position.

Chief Cox – Only a couple of fireworks calls over the holiday weekend. Having the designated areas for lighting fireworks allowed more control of the area. A fire did start on a light pole and there were several dumpster fires as people were putting “hot” debris in them. Officer Peek is progressing on FTO and will enter Phase II of training soon. Officer Gallaher will be attending a class at Big Bend to obtain a FAA license for drone operation. A drone could be used to search lake area and to map collision/crime scenes. Chief proposed a plan to the Council for next years 4th of July. He would like to organize a community event that would include food vendors, public safety booths, the Suds n Sun parade in the evening and ending with a public fireworks show over the lake. City Councilmembers were interested in this idea. Chief Cox and Sgt. Nulph will present a briefing to the public and Council at the next Council meeting on changes to Law Enforcement due to House Bills 1310 and 1054. Councilmember Still asked about jail booking restrictions and Chief confirmed that they are still in place.

Fire Chief Sheppard – He brought in a new style of helmet that the firefighters will be wearing. A grant was used to purchase these new helmets for most of the staff. A \$10,000. grant was also obtained to purchase new pagers for all staff. Last month they responded to 63 calls, 43 EMS calls of which 15 were in the City. There were 20 fire calls of which 14 were in the City. Chief gave his support for Chief Cox’s community event idea for next year and encouraged the City Council to ban fireworks within the City limits and support a public fireworks display over the lake.

M/Arnold, S/Tweedy; to authorize Chief Cox to proceed with the planning of a community event for next year’s 4th of July celebration and for the City Attorney to present a resolution that would ban fireworks within the City limits. **Motion carried unanimously.** Councilmember Tweedy asked if the new helmets included built in communications. The Fire Chief explained that they still needed to use their radios for communication. They are currently working on a \$145,000. grant to replace the air packs that are used during firefighting.

City Planner Piercy – the grading permit application for the RV park is currently under review. Conditions that the City would like include limited hours of operation and watering for dusty conditions. This would mitigate concerns that were brought up before by nearby residents. He will bring an updated report on permits that were issued by the City as of July to the next meeting.

Next Ordinance #1319; Next Resolution #963

COMMENTS

Councilmember Sanderson is excited to see the plans for next year’s community fireworks event. Councilmember Still said that she and the Mayor are working on a volunteer database that would list volunteer and the skill they could provide to help with future City projects/needs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant