

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 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, Arnold, Bratton, Rushton, Sanderson, Still and Woodhouse.

City Staff Members Present: City Administrator Tijerina, Police Chief Cox, and Administrative Assistant Siebert. City Attorney available for Executive Session.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2021
 - B. City Council Budget Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2021
 - C. City Council Special Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2021
 - D. Claim EFTs & Claims #21348-21392 in the amount of \$353,650.70
 - E. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26135-26137 in the amount of \$45,024.90
- **PUBLIC HEARING – Ad Velorem Tax**
- **MAYOR’S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Contract with Aspect Consulting
 - B. Ordinance for Ad Velorem Tax
 - C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1320; NEXT RESOLUTION #966**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Current or Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

M/Still, S/Bratton; motion to excuse Councilmember Agliano from this evening’s meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Ad Velorem Tax

Start 5:38 pm

Mayor Kovach explained that this is an annual process for claiming part of the tax collected by Grant County.

No public comments in person or received in writing prior to start of hearing.

Closed 5:39 pm

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Construction has begun at the City Hall and quotes for a new roof are being collected. The Mineral Water pump was pulled and will be reinstalled tomorrow. Phase III for the water and sewer will start with open bids tomorrow. This will involve work on the east side of town for sewer lines and along Main Ave W and by the water well house for water lines. It is expected that work will begin early in 2022.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Still said that surveys were sent out to residents about the .2% sales tax. Councilmember Still also asked that the proposed tax increase be placed on the next agenda.

Megan Gould stated that the Policy Committee is looking for someone to take minutes for their meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kayleen Bryson, 202 Lakeshore Dr. – she is pleased to see the small business events taking place and encourages everyone to help out or participate in this year's Winterfest.

Susan Carson, 114 Gladiola – small business event will be on Nov. 27th. and another is planned for December.

Megan Gould, 49 Gingko S. – commented on pot holes in City streets and also said that their water lines have had a lot of air in them and would like the City to check on this issue.

Amie Fortner, 741 Ward – addressed the City Council about an excessive water bill and ongoing payment issues including late fees.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Contract with Aspect Consulting – **M/Still, S/Bratton**; to accept the contract with Aspect Consulting, not to exceed \$2500.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** This will be for services involving mineral water rights issues. The costs will be reimbursed by local businesses, so there should be little to no cost to the City.
- B. Ordinance for Ad Velorem Tax – **M/Bratton, S/Arnold**; to accept the Ordinance fixing the amount of taxes to be levied in the sum of \$161,580.43 and levying the same upon all taxable property, both real and personal, in the City of Soap Lake, Washington, for collection in 2022. **Motion carried unanimously.** Ordinance is numbered 2021-1320.

- C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – **M/Arnold, S/Bratton**; to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sell or dispose of personal property items in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute the necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously.** The Dodge Charger will be sold directly to Interceptor Auto King dealership. Resolution is numbered 2021-966.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Administrator Tijerina – still working on the budget and audit.

Chief Cox– Fundraiser for Breast Cancer – a donation of \$1300.00 was given to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation. A special SLPD patch was offered to the public for donations.

Walmart will be donating \$1500 toward Shop-with-a-Cop and the Busy Bean will host Tip-a-Cop to raise donations for this event as well.

Next Ordinance #1321; Next Resolution #967

Executive Session – Current or potential litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Start: 6:08 pm for 15 minutes

End: 6:21 pm

No action taken.

COMMENTS

Councilmembers discussed Citizen of the Year. Members said that this is usually handled by the Chamber at their annual banquet.

Councilmember Arnold reiterated the importance of getting the pot holes fixed. He also said that her appreciated the PD and all their hard work.

Chief Cox said that there will be a public hearing at next council meeting for a public works surplus item.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Still, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 6:26 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant