

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 15, 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, Bratton, Rushton, Sanderson, Still and Woodhouse.

City Staff Members Present: City Administrator Tijerina, City Planner Piercy and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2021
 - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #21429-21445 in the amount of \$105,847.71
 - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26142-26144 in the amount of \$69,859.29
- **PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 Budget**
- **PUBLIC HEARING – Purple Sage RV Agreement**
- **MAYOR’S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Acceptance of 2022 Budget
 - B. Acceptance of Purple Sage RV Agreement
 - C. Grant Transit Authority Appointment to Board of Directors
 - D. TIB maintenance Grant Fuel Tax Agreements
 - E. City Council Computers
 - F. Grant County Health District
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1321; NEXT RESOLUTION #967**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

M/Bratton, S/Agliano; to add Old Business item (A) Report from Tourism Committee to the agenda for tonight’s meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 Budget

Start 5:35 pm

Mayor Kovach and City Administrator Tijerina gave brief reviews of revenues and expenditures and upcoming projects and reimbursements. There were no public comments submitted in writing or in person. This hearing will remain open and continue at a special budget meeting sometime next week.

Purple Sage RV Agreement

Start 5:46 pm

Mayor explained that the documents were not ready to be reviewed by both parties. There were no written or in person comments. This hearing will remain open and continue at the next Council Meeting on January 5, 2022.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Mayor Kovach participated in webinar about the ARPA funds and how the funds can be used. He will be discussing these options with the City Administrator.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Sanderson presented the fund status for the Tourism Committee to the Council: current balance is \$54, 036.00. Applications were received and the following will be disbursed upon Council approval:

- SLPD for the 4th of July 3-day event: \$6500.00
- ABATE: \$2500.00
- Masquers Theater: \$2500.00
- Hydro Races: \$4000.00
- Marshall’s Signs: \$300.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kayleen Bryson, 202 Lakeshore Dr.: wanted to thank Councilmembers Still and Sanderson for their service on the Council and in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Report from Tourism Committee – Councilmember Sanderson gave presentation on the Tourism Funds during the reports of standing committees. **M/Bratton, S/Agliano**; to approve the tourism committee’s selection of the following fund distributions: SLPD \$6500.00, ABATE \$2500.00, Masquers Theater \$2500.00, Hydro Races \$4000.00 and Marshall’s Signs \$300.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Council Member Still noted that the Chamber of Commerce had not submitted an application yet as they had in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance of 2022 Budget – there will be a special council meeting scheduled soon for this agenda item.
- B. Acceptance of the Purple Sage RV Agreement – the public hearing for this agenda item was continued to the January 5, 2022 council meeting.
- C. Grant Transit Authority Appointment to Board of Directors – **M/Still, S/Bratton**; to reappoint Council Member Agliano to the board position with Grant Transit Authority. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. TIB Maintenance Grant Fuel Tax Agreement – **M/Rushton, S/Sanderson**; to accept both project agreements as presented between the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board and the City of Soap Lake. **Motion carried unanimously.** One grant for \$15,000.00 will be used toward crack sealing of streets. The other grant for \$871,739.00 will be used for street improvements along Marina’s Drive and 1st Ave. NE.
- E. City Council Computers – **M/Agliano, S/Sanderson**; to approve the City’s administration to review and purchase tablets for City Council use not to exceed \$7000.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** ARPA funds will be used for this purchase. The City Councilmembers use tablets for connecting remotely to meetings when needed and to help reduce paper usage by eliminating the need for printed agenda packets. The current Councilmember laptops will no longer support updates by this coming June.
- F. Grant County Health District – the Mayor received a letter from Grant County Health District asking about interest in any Councilmember to sit on their board of representatives. No one expressed interest.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Administrator Tijerina – Still working on the State Audit. This should be completed within the next couple of weeks. FEMA and USDA audits will be conducted after the first of the year.

City Planner Piercy – Attended a county meeting yesterday regarding the City’s comprehensive plan. Documents should be ready for Council review and approval at next Council Meeting.

Next Ordinance #1321; Next Resolution #971

COMMENTS

Councilmember Rushton thanked Councilmembers Still and Sanderson for their service on the City Council.

Councilmember Sanderson will remain on the Tourism Committee and Ad Hoc .2% Tax Committee. She is confident in the abilities of the newly elected Councilmembers. And, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Still echoed Councilmember Sanderson’s comments. She said it has been enjoyable serving on the Council and in the Community.

Councilmember Woodhouse reminded everyone that there will be a Last-Minute Christmas Event this Saturday at local businesses. She is coordinating a local business coalition that will be a non-profit with a goal of promoting local businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Bratton, S/Agliano; move to adjourn at 6:18 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Alex Kovach, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant