

## MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Agliano called the regular council meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

### ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Bratton, Bryson, DuPuy, Sanderson, Taylor and Woodhouse.

City Staff Members Present: Police Chief Cox, Fire Chief Bragar, City Planner Kovach and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

### AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2022
  - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #22176-22186 in the amount of \$36,328.84
  - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26264-26270 in the amount of \$29,151.19
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
  - A. Basketball Court Draft Plaque
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Amendment No. 6 to Contract for Professional Engineering Services – Additional engineering Services Related to the Smokiam Basketball Project
  - B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Declaring a State of Emergency with Respect to City Sewer Pump Station No. 2, waiving competitive Bidding Requirements, Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director, in Consultation with City Engineers, to Diagnose and Contract for Necessary Repairs to Pump Station No. 2
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1337; NEXT RESOLUTION #991**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Performance of a public employee RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

**M/Bryson, S/Bratton;** to excuse Councilmember Rushton from this evening's meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Agliano asked council to add items to the agenda:

Add New Business item (B): A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Declaring a State of Emergency with Respect to City Sewer Pump Station No. 2, waiving competitive Bidding Requirements, Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director, in Consultation with City Engineers, to Diagnose and Contract for Necessary Repairs to Pump Station No. 2. **M/ Bratton, S/Bryson**; to add the resolution to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Add Executive Session for performance of a public employee. **M/Bryson, S/Bratton**; to add an executive session to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Mayor Agliano asked council to nominate a Mayor Pro Tempore for 2023. Councilmember Taylor was nominated by Councilmember Bryson. She received 3 votes. Councilmember Bryson was nominated by Councilmember Sanderson. She received 2 votes. Councilmember Taylor will be acting Mayor Pro Tempore.

The Mayor will be on vacation for the next couple of weeks. Councilmember Taylor will have the cell phone to receive and respond to any incoming calls.

Grant Transit Authority is looking for a representative from Soap Lake to attend once a month meetings. No Councilmembers are interested at this time, so Mayor Agliano will continue in this roll.

An update from Public Works: this past year they worked on water/sewer replacements, the basketball court project, patched potholes, maintained the Parks and cabanas, connected many new construction homes to water/sewer, worked on lift stations and did snow removal.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Parks Committee: Mona Kaiser gave an update on the parks. The Basketball Court had a final inspection on October 21<sup>st</sup>. There were some minor fixes to be finished, but everyone is quite pleased with the final project.

She asked council to review a draft of a plaque that will be installed by the court benches that shows those who donated for the court.

There are a few projects that the parks committee would like to continue working on and applying for grants for the upcoming year. She also asked for community volunteers to reach out if they would like to help in any way.

Economic Development Committee: Councilmember Bryson reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting tomorrow night at 6 PM at the Senior Center for the creative arts district development.

Lake Liaison Committee: Councilmember Bryson said there is no new news right now.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eileen Beckwith, 33 N. Dogwood: Talked about the work done on Lift Station No. 2 on December 31<sup>st</sup>. She urged the Council to repair the Lift Station and thanked the Public Works Employees for their hard work through the holiday weekend.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Amendment No. 6 to Contract for Professional Engineering Services – Additional Engineering Services Related to the Smokiam Basketball Project – **M/Taylor, S/Bratton**; to approve the Engineering Amendment for additional services at the Smokiam Park Basketball Court Project. **Motion carried unanimously.** Most of this additional cost was related to the power pole and line issues and property easements.
- B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Declaring a State of Emergency with Respect to City Sewer Pump Station No. 2, Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements, Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director, in Consultation with City Engineers, to Diagnose and Contract for Necessary Repairs to Pump Station No. 2 – **M/Bratton, S/Bryson**; to approve the resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, declaring a state of emergency with respect to City sewer pump station no. 2, waiving competitive bidding requirements, authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director, in consultation with City engineers, to diagnose and contract for necessary repairs to pump station no. 2. **Motion carried unanimously.** This resolution is necessary to move forward quickly with repairs to the lift station. This resolution is numbered 991.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**City Planner Kovach** – provided Council with an end of the year report. There was a total of 33 permits granted for a total of over \$4.3 million in building evaluations.

Meetings are still in progress with the Department of Ecology and Grant County for the Shoreline Plan Update.

**Fire Chief Bragar** – the Department ran 43 calls last month: 18 were in the City, 14 were EMS, 2 were for service and 2 were fire alarms. Last year they responded to 482 calls.

**Chief Cox** – did a power point presentation for the Departments year in review. The Department had 1643 total calls for service, giving each Officer an average of 328 cases for the year. Other topics were grant monies received, community involvement and training.

### **Next Ordinance #1337; Next Resolution #992**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Performance of a public employee RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

Start: 6:30 PM for 15 minutes

Extended 5 minutes

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End: 6:55 PM

No action taken by Council

### **COMMENTS**

Councilmember Taylor asked about snow plowing schedule. Councilmember Sanderson commented that she felt the public works employees were doing a good job.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**M/Bryson, S/Taylor;** move to adjourn at 6:58 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Leslie Taylor, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant