

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023
 - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #22174-22234 in the amount of \$80,782.55
 - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26278-26284 in the amount of \$30,165.62
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. An Ordinance of the City Council of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending Section 13.18.110 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to Require Separate Water Meters for Mix Commercial and Residential Use Properties; Containing a Severability Provision; and Setting an Effective Date
 - B. Creative District
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Fuel Tax Agreement for Main Avenue West Project
 - B. Soap Lake Police Department Extra-Duty Police Services Contract
 - C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Sunnyside PD
 - D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Rushton PD
 - E. Port of Ephrata Use Agreement - EVOC
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1337; NEXT RESOLUTION #992**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor asked that New Business items B, C, D & E be presented after public comment. **M/Rushton, S/Bratton**; to move agenda New Business items B, C, D & E after public comment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Bryson asked that a correction be made to Council Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2023. On page 2, under Reports of Standing/Special Committees change “Developing Arts District” to “Creative Arts District”.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Mayor Agliano has arranged for future Council Meetings to be held at the Soap Lake Community & Senior Center starting the March 1, 2023 Meeting.

Applications for the Billing Clerk for City Hall are available on the City’s website. This position is full time, M-TH, 8am-4pm.

Mayor Agliano shared a letter she received from Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee. The FLGC expressed support for the establishment of a Creative Arts District in Soap Lake.

The Grant County Transit Authority is holding local meetings to evaluate their services. Information on the location and times of the meetings can be found on their website: www.granttransit.com

ARPA funds: the City received a total of \$446,000.00 between 2021 and 2022. The City currently has a balance of \$332,822.35.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Economic Development Committee: Councilmember Bryson said the next meeting is tomorrow at 1:00 PM at the Community & Senior Center.

Ad Hoc Decorating Committee will be taking the lights down on February 16th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Burr Beckwith, 33 N. Dogwood: encouraged the Council to use some of the ARPA funds to fix the lift stations as it is a critical concern for residents.

Alan Lundberg, 20113 Delta Rd NW: would like the dumpster that is in the street between Daisy/Division to be moved back closer to the sidewalk. It is creating a road hazard.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. An Ordinance of the City Council of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending Section 13.18.110 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to Require Separate Water Meters for Mix Commercial and Residential Use Properties; Containing a Severability Provision; and Setting an Effective Date – **M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; to accept the ordinance of the City Council of Soap Lake, Washington, amending section 13.18.110 of the Soap Lake Municipal Code to require separate water meters for mix commercial and residential use properties; containing a severability provision; and setting an

effective date. **Motion carried unanimously.** This ordinance is numbered 2023-1337. Mayor Agliano asked that notices be sent out to those residence/commercial properties that are affected.

- B. Creative District – Councilmember Bryson gave a presentation from the survey results. She then asked for Councilmember’s support to proceed with the Creative Arts District. Councilmembers all agreed to move forward with developing a Creative Arts District in Soap Lake.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fuel Tax Agreement for Main Avenue West Project – **M/Bratton, S/Bryson**; to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Fuel Tax Agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the Main Avenue West, Cherry Street to Ginkgo Street Project. **Motion carried unanimously.** This project is 100% grant funded.
- B. Soap Lake Police Department Extra-Duty Police Services Contract – **M/Bryson, S/Bratton**; to approve the Soap Lake Police Department Extra-Duty Services Contract between the Soap Lake Police Department and Live Nation Worldwide, INC for 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Sunnyside PD – **M/Bratton, S/Taylor**; to authorize the Mayor or her designee to sell the personal property items in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Items will be sold directly to Sunnyside PD for \$400.00. Resolution is numbered 2023-992.
- D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Rushton PD – **M/Bratton, S/Bryson**; to authorize the Mayor or her designee to sell the personal property items in any commercially reasonable manner and to execute necessary documents to complete the sale and conveyance of the personal property items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Items will be sold directly to Rushton PD for \$250.00. Resolution is numbered 2023-993.
- E. Port of Ephrata Use Agreement – EVOC – **M/Rushton, S/Bratton**; move to allow the agreement between the Soap Lake Police Department and the Port District No. 9 of Grant County Use Agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Chief Cox – The department is holding interviews for entry level officer on Tuesday. This will update the hiring list.

City Planner Kovach – received one permit for a single-family development in January. Already has applications coming in for February since the weather has been mild.

On Friday, February 10, 2023, the City Council will hold a Special Meeting at 2:30 PM at the Soap Lake Community and Senior Center. This meeting is open to the Public and will have representatives from the Conservancy, Dept. of Ecology and Lake Liaison Committee. They will be discussing the Shoreline Master Plan Update.

The property that was boarded up across from Lauzier Park has gone into probate status. Right now, the City can not move forward with any clean up on the property until there is permission from the probate court.

Next Ordinance #1338; Next Resolution #994

COMMENTS

Councilmember Rushton passed out complaint forms and encouraged residents to file the forms with the Grant County Sheriff's Office Code Enforcement unit for the property on the corner of the highway and Division St.

Councilmember Bryson announced her commitment to the Creative Arts District so she will be stepping down from a position on the Lake Liaison Committee. The Garden Club will be meeting on Monday, Feb. 13th at 1:00 at the Soap Lake Community and Senior Center.

Councilmember Sanderson said that the Tourism Committee will be reviewing applications for funding for 2023 events. Right now, the fund has around \$35,000.00 and the committee has received over \$60,000.00 in requests.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Rushton, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 6:22 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Agliano, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant