

## MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 1, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Temp Taylor 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 Baker, Finance Clerk Wade, City Planner Kovach and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

### AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2023
  - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #22245-22271 in the amount of \$82,284.68
  - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26292-26299 in the amount of \$31,325.54
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Funding for Park Bathroom maintenance/Cleaning and Garbage Removal
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1338; NEXT RESOLUTION #994**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

**M/Woodhouse, S/Bratton;** motion to excuse Councilmember Rushton and Mayor Agliano from this evening's meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Pro Temp Taylor reminded everyone that there is a meeting this Friday at 5 PM at the Soap Lake Community and Senior Center to discuss the manufactured home condominium development.

### REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Park/Rec. Committee – Mona Keiser gave an update: the plaque has been ordered and will be installed once the benches are placed; two garbage cans will be in the basketball court per the contract; repair of the wooden play equipment will begin again soon; painting of the sun shelters will also start once the weather is good; the wooden picnic tables should be replaced, she would like to see metal tables installed at the cost of \$1500. apiece; and the bathroom at Smokiam Park needs a complete redo. The cement one ordered in 2016 for Lauzier Park had a total cost of \$61,500.00 (a grant covered this cost).

Economic Development Committee – City Planner Kovach said that there will not be a meeting on Thursday, but will be next week on the 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 PM at the Soap Lake Community and Senior Center. Discussion will focus on team building on the Creative District with tiers available for those interested to help in the following areas: finance, steering committee, coalition members and volunteers.

Lake Liaison Committee – the water quality project manager for the Department of Ecology would like to give a presentation to the City Council. It was decided that the presentation would be during the April 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Carson, 114 Gladiola St N – shared concerns with the Council about homeless persons using commercial buildings to sleep/live in. Would like to see a full time Code Enforcement Officer.

Kim Casey, 327 Hemlock – the Soap Lake Parents for Kids will have an auction on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Ephrata. The auction is a fundraiser to fund field trips, senior trips and camps. Cost for tickets: \$35/ individual, \$60/couple.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Funding for Park Bathroom Maintenance/Cleaning and Garbage Removal – this will be discussed during the Park/Rec Committee meetings to find the best solution. Councilmember Taylor asked Chief Cox to provide costs for stainless steel fixtures. Councilmember Bryson has information on available grants from AARP.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**City Planner Kovach** – for the month of February the City received: 5 permits for residential family homes, 1 permit for storage unit, 1 permit for a deck addition and 1 permit for a chicken coop.

A reminder for the public hearing that will be Friday at 5 PM at the Soap Lake Community and Senior Center to discuss the condo/manufactured home park.

**Fire Chief Baker** – the department had 12 incident calls for February: 6 in the City, 5 EMS, and 1 structure fire. They currently have 17 volunteers and two new applicants. And, they will be receiving a newly purchased command vehicle soon.

**Chief Cox** – new Officer Blair will graduate the academy on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Two Officers will leave for the academy on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Officer Blair will be sworn in at the first Council meeting in April.

**Next Ordinance #1338; Next Resolution #994**

**COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bratton gave updates on the school security project – the school is making progress on updating the security of the building and working with staff. And the McKay hospital is moving along with improvements to the building and some remodeling. They are also reorganizing some staff.

Councilmember Bryson said there will be a Lava Links Golf Tournament on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Sand Blaster Open, more info coming soon.

Councilmember Taylor sat in on the recent Emergency Management review at the county. Soap Lake falls under the umbrella of Grant County. Once a final copy is available, it will be placed on the City’s website for all to view.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**M/Woodhouse, S/Bratton; move to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Michelle Agliano, Mayor

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Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant