

## MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 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, Rushton, Sanderson, Taylor and Woodhouse.

City Staff Members Present: Police Chief Cox, Finance Clerk Wade, and Administrative Assistant Siebert.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### ➤ **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2023
- B. Claim EFTs & Claims #22316-22348 in the amount of \$49,944.72
- C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26298-26308 in the amount of \$36,441.41
- D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof - Kawasaki

#### ➤ **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

#### ➤ **OATH OF OFFICE** – Officer Blair

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

#### ➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### ➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. City of Soap Lake Purchasing Policy & Procedures
- B. Closed Hearing – closed Record Hearing for Consideration on the Purple Sage Meadows Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application – Link to all Documents included in the Record:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19MNA9RGkFnuFs9pGBkg\\_3z\\_6CzSb99yh](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19MNA9RGkFnuFs9pGBkg_3z_6CzSb99yh)

#### ➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation from Cheryl Grant – Review of General, Water and Sewer Funds
- B. Presentation from the Department of Ecology – Water Quality Standards
- C. Lighting for the Basketball Court
- D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Tablets to Fire District 7
- E. Grant County Request to the County Road Department for Reimbursable Work
- F. Approval of Cost of Living, 4%, for Chief Cox and Public Works Supervisor Fronsman
- G. Special Event Permit Application – Lava Links Sandblaster

#### ➤ **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**

#### ➤ **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) General Residency Requirements for Elected Officials

#### ➤ **NEXT ORDINANCE #1338; NEXT RESOLUTION #994**

- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

**M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; motion to add items to the agenda: Oath of Office, New Business Item (A) (F) & (G), and Executive Session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; to accept the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.** The resolution is numbered 2023-994.

#### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

Mayor asked that Park bathrooms be opened on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If the West Beach bathrooms are vandalized, they will be closed for the season.

The City has been selected by All Washington Cities to host the Small City Connector. The meeting will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 at the Soap Lake Community & Senior Center.

The 2022-year end budget report is not completed, but will be presented soon to Council at a budget meeting in May.

**OATH OF OFFICE** – Mayor Agliano swore in Officer Blair.

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

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Raymond Gravelle, 119 N Fir St.- supports the Purple Sage Planned Development as it will bring nearly \$1 million in yearly revenue from taxes for the City and potentially over \$4 million in utility hook-up fees.

Eileen Beckwith, 33 N Dogwood – Commended the Mayor for getting involved with the administration of the City's day-to-day duties.

Louis Zacmeier (not sure of spelling), 122 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE – not in favor of the trailer park coming into Soap Lake

Judith Gorman, 207 N Gingko St.- would like the Council to consider the Gray & Osborne study done on the Sewer/Water and how it relates to the mineral water in the Lake. She is concerned about the new development and all the added surface runoff and the impact it could have on the Lake. She is not in favor of the development and would like to see the Lake designated as an Outstanding Resource Water.

CF, letter read by the Mayor – complaint about all the trash around town, bad City streets and the Police Department not being open.

Vernon Gildersleeve, letter read by the Mayor – complaint about the City not using monies to fix roads that need to be repaired.

Burr Beckwith, letter read by the Mayor – he is concerned about the Mayor's message from last meeting concerning the state of the City's budget.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. City of Soap Lake Purchasing Policy & Procedures – this item was removed from this evening’s agenda
- B. Closed Hearing – Closed Record Hearing for Consideration on the Purple Sage Meadows Preliminary Planned Unit Development Application –  
Start: 5:52 PM  
Mayor read letter from City Planner Kovach and addressed the Councilmembers with the following questions:
- Do you have any interests in this proposed project or property, or have interest in property within 300 ft of the proposal? All Councilmembers answered NO
  - Do you stand to gain or lose financially from the outcome of this decision being made? All Councilmembers answered NO
  - Can you fairly and objectively consider this application proposal? All Councilmembers answered YES
  - Have you been in any ex parte communications, or discussed the application proposal with proponents or opponents outside of the public hearing? If so, any new or additional information gained from those communications must be shared now to add to the record. While a few Councilmembers had discussed the proposal, none had any new information to add to the record.

Council was asked to either approve the application with no further conditions, approve the application with conditions specified, or to table.

**M/Bryson, S/Woodhouse;** move to table this agenda item. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Closed: 6:02 PM

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation from Cheryl Grant – Review of General, Water and Sewer Funds: Reviewed the General, Water and Sewer funds from 2018 to 2021. Past state audit findings are that the City’s expenditures are exceeding revenues.
- B. Presentation from the Department of Ecology – Water Quality Standards: a presentation from Marla Koberstein from the Department of Ecology gave an overview of the nomination process that has started to designate Soap Lake as an Outstanding Resource Water. The designation would recognize that the quality of the Lake water would be maintained into the future and permitting that would allow any derogation of the water would not be allowed.
- C. Lighting for the Basketball Court – Mona Keiser would like to put together a grant application to cover the cost of the lighting, but would need help getting this accomplished by the deadline that is nearing.
- D. A Resolution Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale and or Disposal Thereof – Tablets to Fire District 7 – **M/Rushton, S/Bratton;** move to authorize the Mayor, or designee, to see 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.**

These items will be sold directly to GCFD7 for the amount of \$162.60. This resolution is numbered 2023-995.

- E. Grant County Request to the County Road Department for Reimbursable Work – this is funded 100% by TIB so there is no cost to the City. This would be for crack seal along Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.
- F. Approval of Cost of Living, 4%, for Chief Cox and Public Works Supervisor Fronsman: **M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; move to approve a 4% cost of living wage increase for Chief Cox and Public Work’s Supervisor Fronsman starting April 16, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously.** Councilmember DuPuy would like the pay to be retro-active to January 1, 2023.
- G. Special Event Permit Application – Lava Links Sandblaster: **M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; to approve the special event permit application for the Lava Links Sandblaster. **Motion carried unanimously.** Event will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

**City Planner Kovach** – the City issued three permits for the month of March.

**Fire Chief Baker** – Department had 44 incidents with 19 in the City limits: 15 EMS, 1 fire alarm, 1 trash fire, 1 smoke investigation and 1 vegetation fire.

The Chief described how billing will work for any ambulance transport. A quote for an ambulance came back at \$240,000.00 and would take 20 months for delivery.

Chief Baker then commended Officer Jones for administering aid on a recent EMS call. Officer Jones did CPR for over an hour assisting EMS personnel.

**Chief Cox** – Officer Blair is on FTO and will be working nights to get more call activity.

Chief recently attended training for PepperBall. This is a non-lethal form of deterrent that will be used in stand-off situations. DUI arrests are on an up-tic.

### **Next Ordinance #1338; Next Resolution #996**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) General Residency Requirements for Elected Officials

Start- 7:14 Pm

For 15 minutes

Stop- 7:29

No action taken

### **COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bryson reminded everyone about the Lava Links Sandblaster.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**M/Bratton, S/Rushton**; move to adjourn at 7:31 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Michelle Agliano, Mayor

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Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant