

MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tempore Taylor called the regular council meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2023
 - B. Claim EFTs & Claims #22473-22511 in the amount of \$94,042.41
 - C. Payroll EFTs & Claims #26338-26349 in the amount of \$35,000.67
- **PUBLIC HEARING** – Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029
- **MAYOR’S MESSAGE**
- **REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. City Hall Servers
 - B. Adoption of the Soap Lake SMP Periodic Review
 - C. An Ordinance Concerning the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Required by RCW 90.58.080(4)
 - D. Vacation Rental Ordinance
 - E. Budget Amendment – Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for Operations of Visitor Center
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Soap Lake, Washington, Amending and Updating the Six-Year Transportation Plan and Directing the Public Works Director (or Designee) to File the Six-Year Transportation Plan and This Resolution with the Secretary of Transportation and The Transportation Improvement Board for the State of Washington
 - B. Budget Amendment – Lava Lamp Fund
 - C. Seattle Cossacks Performance Agreement
- **REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE #1338; NEXT RESOLUTION #999**
- **COMMENTS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Pro Tempore asked that New Business item (C) Seattle Cossacks Performance Agreement be added to this evening's agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING – Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2024-2029

Opened: 5:32 PM

Gray & Osborne representative reviewed the City's requirements to hold the public hearing which have been met.

There were no comments from the attending public.

Closed: 5:34 PM

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Agliano is at a AWC conference.

REPORTS OF STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Bryson: the Creative District met last Thursday. They are working on a map to define the Creative District. They are still accepting letters of support from the community.

Lake Liaison Committee: Judith Gorman asked Council to include monies in next years budget to help pay for digitizing records currently located at the State Archives in Ellensburg. She would also like to see another Councilmember join the Committee.

Policy Committee: Councilmember Taylor said that the Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:30 PM, location TBD. They are formulating a policy that would require councilmembers to serve on 2 committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Page, 636 Aster St S – would like Council to table the agenda item for the Six Year Transportation Plan and have unimproved streets added to the plan.

Peter Sharp, 65 2nd St SE – commented on the sale of residential property.

Susan Carson, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce – there will be a meeting on Monday at 6 PM for those who are volunteering/ would like to volunteer at the Suds N Sun event on July 2nd. There are applications available for parade entries and vendors.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. City Hall Servers – this item was tabled until 2nd quote is received.
- B. Adoption of the Soap Lake SMP Periodic Review – item tabled with item C below
- C. An Ordinance Concerning the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Required by RCW 90.58.080(4) – item tabled with item B above
- D. Vacation Rental Ordinance – Councilmember Bryson presented an old 2018 draft ordinance concerning vacation rentals and encouraged Council to review recommendations included in the attachments. After discussion, a task force of

Councilmembers and local residents will be formed to provide input and give suggestions on revision of the ordinance for future presentation to/consideration of the Council.

- E. Budget Amendment – Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for Operations of Visitor Center – **M/DuPuy, S/Bratton**; move to approve an expenditure of up to \$4000.00 to the Chamber with the stipulation the funds be used for staff wages and benefits to facilitate more operating hours. **Motion carried unanimously.** The \$4000.00 in funds were originally earmarked for the Hydro Plane Event which will not be held this year.

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- B. Budget Amendment – Lava Lamp Fund – Council consensus to remove this item from the agenda.
- C. Seattle Cossacks Performance Agreement – **M/Bratton, S/Woodhouse**; motion to give Chief Cox permission to sign the agreement with the Seattle Cossacks for the 2023 Soap Lake 4th of July Celebration. **Motion carried unanimously.** The agreement is for \$2000.00 to secure their performance at the event and eight (8) double occupancy hotel rooms for the evening of Saturday July 1st.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Police Chief Cox – he invited the Grant County IT department to do a walkthrough at the PD and City Hall. They will be providing a quote for replacement of the servers.

SLPD Officers were on duty at the Gorge during the active shooter call last weekend.

The department has assisted local Fire responses, helping mainly with evacuations.

The Fire Department has purchased a second ambulance.

City Planner Kovach – he missed the last City Council Meeting because he was attending the Coalition Prevention Meeting in Quincy.

He noted that the States recent adoption of updated building codes will not go into effect until the end of October. Some of the codes are being challenged at the national level in California.

Volunteer Code Enforcement Officer Ross – he handed out examples of the letters that code violators may receive in the mail from him. He also showed Council pictures of a property that has over 12 vehicles located on the premises.

Next Ordinance #1338; Next Resolution #1000

COMMENTS

Councilmember Bryson thanked everyone for helping at the recent “trash mob” on West Beach. They may do another cleanup after the Suns N Sun Event.

Councilmember Rushton clarified that fireworks are not permitted within the City’s limits. Chief Cox said that was correct and there is a notice on the PD’s Facebook page.

Councilmember DuPuy thanked those that continually step up and help around the community.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Woodhouse, S/Bryson; move to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Agliano, Mayor

Jody Siebert, Administrative Assistant