MINUTES REGULAR SOAP LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gravelle called the regular council meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: Tramayne, Rushton, Lair, Wellein, Glassco, Brown and Sanderson
City Staff Members Present: Finance Director Hand, City Planner Piercy, Sergeant Cox and Chief Sheppard
Also Present: City Attorney Kenison

AGENDA ITEMS

- **CONSENT AGENDA**
  Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2016
  Special Council Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2016
  Claims EFTs & Claims #16854 - 16883 in the amount of $23,706.15
  Payroll EFTs & Payroll #25159 - 25173 in the amount of $31,932.25
- **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  A. Wire 2 Water Quote – Upper Pressure Zone
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  A. Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc. – 1st Contract Amendment
  B. A Resolution of the City of Soap Lake, Washington – Credit Card for Police Department
  C. Marketing Plan Promoting Soap Lake
  D. Soap Lake Mineral Water Financials
  E. Cottage Home Standards
- **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
  Parks Committee
- **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**
- **NEXT ORDINANCE 1233, NEXT RESOLUTION 839**
- **COMMENTS**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

M / Rushton, S / Lair; to excuse Councilmember Sanderson. **Motion carried unanimously.**
Councilmember Sanderson present at 5:45.

CONSENT AGENDA

M / Lair, S / Rushton; to approve consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

M / Brown, S / Rushton; that henceforth, absences at Special Council Meetings shall not be recorded as excused or unexcused. **Motion carried. Brown, Tramayne, Rushton, Lair, and Sanderson For. Glassco and Wellein Against.**

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The new Banners welcoming people to Soap Lake are up on the Highway (Daisy). They are not as bright as expected, but that is because of the fabric that allows wind through so the banners do not get destroyed when the wind blows.

The Soap Lake Civil Service made a decision to hire Officer Diaz effective August 1, 2016.

Mayor attended a Regional Planners Meeting last week. This was the 100th meeting since 2004.

A certified arborist viewed the trees at Elder Park and they may not all have to come down.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Burr Beckwith – 39 N Dogwood – Beckwith discussed the fact that we have quite a few property crimes in Soap Lake. Fortunately, not a lot of violent crimes. Beckwith feels the police and citizens need to continue to work together to decrease all crime in the City.

Peggy Comin – 523 S Elder – Comin feels Soap Lake should have a town meeting like the one that was held in Lakeview.

Maynard Hagen – Hagen referred to Item E. under New Business – Cottage Homes. Hagen feels the City should look at the sewer system and possibly impose a moratorium on building until the sewer system can be improved.

Trudy Black – 42 S Hemlock – Black thanked the council for keeping the Restrooms at the West Beach open.

Eileen Beckwith – 39 N Dogwood – Beckwith shared that due to a sprain her Doctor advised her to walk so they walked around Elder Park around 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and at both times, enjoyed the shade trees.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Wire 2 Water Quote – Upper Pressure Zone – **M / Glassco, S / Tramayne;** to authorize Mayor Gravelle to sign the contract with Wire 2 Water in the amount of $23,252.45. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consolidated Disposal Services, Inc. – 1st Contract Amendment – **M / Rushton, S / Glassco;** to authorize Mayor Gravelle to sign 1st Contract Amendment with Consolidated Disposal Service. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. A Resolution of the City of Soap Lake, Washington – Credit Card for Police Department – This item tabled to the August 17, 2016 meeting.

C. Marketing Plan Promoting Soap Lake – Tara Truax, with TTC Cash Flow Strategies, presented her marketing plan proposal to the Council.

D. Soap Lake Mineral Water Financials – Finance Director Hand presented Soap Lake Mineral Water Financials and the rate increase it would take for the Soap Lake Mineral Water to sustain its own fund. Discussion ensued. **M / Brown, S / Rushton;** to increase rates as per Finance Director's estimate. Discussion ensued. **Motion and Second withdrawn.** Public Hearing set for August 17, 2016 council meeting.

E. Cottage Home Standards – City Planner Piercy and Mayor Gravelle shared a small video presentation with the Council on Cottage Homes. Cottage Home Design Standards to be shared at August 17, 2016 meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Parks Committee – Cindy Ray discussed Elder Park Renovation and the Lauzier Foundation naming the Park. There is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for August 8th and the bid opening is scheduled for August 15th. Grant County Health District suggests a No Smoking Ordinance for the Park.

Ken Greene advised Council there is a Columbia Basin Trails Association meeting August 9th at 6:30pm.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

City Planner Piercy reports he has inventoried most City owned property for ADA Compliance. A report will be available for the August 17th meeting.

Sergeant Cox reports the Department is receiving a partition for a car from Royal City Police Chief.

Grant County is allowing Soap Lake Police Department to join in on their trainings.

A call from a citizen for suspicious activity resulted in the suspect being arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine. Grant County assisted with that call. There was a Domestic Violence in progress at that time and Grant County handled that call.

Ephrata and Moses Lake are also including Soap Lake in their trainings.

Cox is currently looking for a provisional officer.

Sergeant Cox and Officer Rowland attended a National Night Out event hosted by Allison Gooding with 30+ citizens attending.

Fire Chief Sheppard reports being busy with fires in the surrounding area. They have had 15 EMS calls and 2 water rescue calls in the City. They will be looking to purchase Water Rescue Equipment.

Sheppard says there is a need for a fire hydrant at the corner of East Main and Eastlake. Westhaven Condominium Association is located at this corner and the closest hydrant is more than 1000 feet away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

Council in Executive Session at 8:30 pm expect to be out at 8:40. Council out at 8:38. No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Council; **M /Lair, S /Glassco;** to adjourn at 8:40 pm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Raymond Gravelle, Mayor

Anita Richardson, Deputy Clerk