

## **CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – March 9, 2023**

Mayor Wiita called the regular meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid with attendees both in person at City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom Internet Conference Service. Mayor Wiita called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Aldrich, Morgan, Hund, Sivewright, and Beeler.

Councilmembers Absent: Dearborn

Staff: City Administrator Ibershof, Public Works Director Morgan, and City Clerk Pevey.

### **CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None noted.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public noted in attendance.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

No comments

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Traveled to Olympia to attend last minute rally called for the police pursuits bill HB1363 to encourage it to move forward before the cut off. The Senate Committee voted it out after significant amendments allowing the bill to move forward in the state legislator.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Staff met internally regarding community events with the first event Community Easter Egg Hunt April 8<sup>th</sup>. Citizens are encouraged to reach out to VOA to donate time or money. Federal appropriation requests for all three legislative agendas; parks levy discussion at April council workshop; attending FEMA training for emergency management and will be brought to a future council workshop for discussion.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

No written reports submitted at this time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Hund, council approved the following consent agenda items; Motion passed 5-0.

- 1) Voucher & Payroll Approval thru March 9, 2023
- 2) 2/23/2023 Council Meeting Minutes

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **AB23-10\_Resolution 23-01\_Text Messaging Policy**

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council adopted Resolution 23-01 approving the City of Sultan's Text Messaging Policy. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **AB23-05\_120 Water Consultant Contract\_Water System Inventory**

Inventory of water system lines as part of a new requirement by EPA; this includes public and private water lines. The first report is due by 2024 to be in compliance. Discussion on previous testing done and differences for this compliance as well as funding. Public Works Director Morgan confirmed funds were budgeted as this was an anticipated expense. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council approved the Mayor to sign a contract for services from 120 Water for an amount not to exceed \$12,710.00 which includes no contingency. Motion passed 5-0.

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**AB22-01\_Amendment #1 to Task Order #1 with Parametrix Water & Sewer Modeling & Support Services**

On call consultant working on water/sewer model; good portion of GIS and CAD mapping completed and surveys of the system completed to ensure data is correct. Next step is testing using data from flow monitors and staff struggled to get enough data to provide the information needed. Required to be calibrated to show the model is accurate. Data will be collected over the next year and half. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized the Mayor to sign Amendment #1 to Task Order #1 with Parametrix adding an amount not to exceed \$97,985.00 to the existing contract. Motion passed 5-0.

**AB23-11\_Appointment of Stephanie Johnson to the Community Alliance Board**

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council confirmed Mayor Wiita's appointment of Stephanie Johnson to the Sultan Community Alliance Board of Directors. Motion passed 5-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**AB23-11\_Council Vacancy Application Process**

Council vacancy application updated as requested. Discussion on the elements and council approved staff to move forward with posting of the position. Confirmation that interviews will be conducted at the April 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting.


**AB23-12\_Council Traffic Discussion**

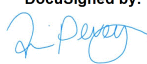
*Additional documentation presented to council on file with the city clerk*

Public Works Director Morgan received a request to review intersection at 8<sup>th</sup> and Fir as speeding happening and citizen request to install stop signs at this intersection. Morgan explained the process of consideration regarding intersection changes to include the state Manual on Uniformed Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Morgan also sought input from TSI who has been handling a lot of the city's traffic reviews. After consideration, Morgan would recommend not to install stop signs at this intersection as it doesn't meet the base requirements and provided the reasoning for this determination at this time. Morgan and Interim Chief Alanis provided information on speed trailer data and recent traffic patrols deployed during the consideration process. Councilmember Hund requested additional data as well as other possible alternatives. PWD Morgan suggested additional cross walk signage to remind citizens of pedestrians in the area and council in agreement; Council discussion to include pros/cons of speed bumps, past traffic changes that did not follow the guidelines but was heavily requested by citizens and keeping their options open while the data is continued to be reviewed; suggested community outreach before making any changes; suggestion on simple reminders first and continued review before making changes; pros of sticking to state manual recommendations to avoid inconsistency when approached by citizens requesting review and avoid liability. It was determined that staff would continue monitoring, enforcement, obtain data from speed trailer, and revisit at a later date. In addition the council suggested staff review the potential for additional crosswalks with the appropriate ADA requirements as a visual suggestion to drivers in the area to slow down.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the council meeting was closed at approximately 7:38 pm. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

  
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Russell Wiita, Mayor

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Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk