

## **CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – March 23, 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, Dearborn, Hund, Sivewright, and Beeler.

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

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

None noted.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ron Kraut: (submitted written record of comments he then read into the record) – expressed his concerns regarding city policies and procedures he felt have not been followed. (Exhibit A).

Jeff Estes, Startup: Toured the school facility and expressed concerns about the bathroom situation and the need for the school district to rent portable bathroom trailers; shared his insights on how impact fees can help this situation.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Morgan – Thanked citizens for their input and acknowledged their comments. Thanked public works for log structure repairs at Traveler's Park being completed.

Aldrich – Also expressed appreciation for Travelers park log structure repair; shout out to public works for maintenance work in parks and noticed park use increasing as the weather improves.

Dearborn – Thanked citizens for their comments and keeping the council on their toes. Addressed citizen comment regarding the school restroom issue.

Hund – Thanked citizens for public comments and acknowledge will investigate issues brought forward in further detail. Thanked public works for the Travelers Park log structure repairs.

Sivewright – Acknowledged always appreciate community showing up and voicing their opinions.

Beeler – Acknowledged current councilmembers do a good job listening to the community and recognizing their opinion does matter. Feels Sultan is full of good people who want their community to be strong, acknowledge it is growing, and that the citizens are heard. Addressed citizen comment regarding the school restroom issue in regard to impact fees.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Addressed citizen comment regarding the school restroom issue and impact fees. Echoed kudos to public works for getting the Travelers Park log structure repaired. Reminder to council and public applications being accepted for vacancy on council. Recently attended a speaker discussing the opioid crises and updated council on some of the key takeaways from that discussion. Stated the Mayors Coalition is working in collaboration with the Drug Task Force and will be reviewing changes that can be implemented in Snohomish County regarding the opioid crisis and will keep council updated on this topic as it progresses. April 20<sup>th</sup> is the quarterly Snohomish County Cities and Towns Dinner in Everett. And advised councilmembers interested in attending to notify city clerk.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade is progressing well. Community Easter Egg Hunt set for April 8<sup>th</sup>.and the city is accepting donations of candy for the event. Announced Jessie Beyer hired as the new crises' responder for

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Sultan, Monroe, and VOA. Parks levy discussion will occur at the April 6<sup>th</sup> council workshop; 6- Year, 20 Year CIP discussion at the May 4<sup>th</sup> council workshop. The city survey is online and encouraged citizens to provide their input on topics to include park naming, city hall hours, and the best way to communicate with the public. Attending reading night at the elementary school and acknowledged an amazing turnout that packed the school gymnasium. Stated it was two city employees who solved the solution of the log structure repairs at Travelers Park.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports submitted and on file for public works.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Dearborn, council approved the following consent agenda items; Motion passed 6-0.

- 1) Voucher & Payroll Approval
- 2) 3/2/2023 Council Workshop Minutes
- 3) 3/9/2023 Council Meeting Minutes

**ACTION ITEMS**

**AB23-16\_Resolution 23-03\_Personnel Policy Update Minimum Age of Employee**

Motion by Councilmember Beeler, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, to adopt Resolution 23-03 updating the personnel policy to change the allowed minimum age of an employee or volunteer to operate a city vehicle. Councilmember Sivewright expressed concern stating policy as written isn't in agreement with Department of Labor laws. Discussion continued until the City Administrator suggested the motion be tabled until further staff review could be completed. Motion withdrawn and item tabled to the next council meeting; all approved.

**AB 23-14\_ Request for Approval to Purchase Two New Mower**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Dearborn, council authorized staff to purchase two new mowers through the Source Well contract for an amount not to exceed \$31,400.00 which includes sales tax and a 10% contingency without prior authorization from council.; Motion passed 6-0.

**AB23-17\_Agreement with Framework for the Comprehensive Plan**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Dearborn, council authorized the Mayor to sign a task order with Framework for an amount not to exceed \$245,270 without prior authorization from the city council. Motion passed 6-0.

**AB23-18\_Grant Agreement with Commerce for the Comprehensive Plan**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Beeler, council authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Commerce Department for a grant of \$62,500 for the Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 6-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**


**AB23-19\_Upcoming Council Retreat**

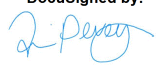
Discussion on the date and topics for a council retreat. Preferred date confirmed as June 24<sup>th</sup>, with a start time of 9am. The recommended tours would be of the construction project of the wastewater plant and a tour of the city's dam. Recommended topics suggested to include Financial update, where revenues and expenses are for 2023, Update on the grants and projects related to US2, and housing and growth within Sultan. Additional topics suggested included ARPA funds to further narrow and define the scope of work and a review of the storefront studio project to further discuss downtown visioning. All in agreement as presented.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Hund, 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