

## **CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – July 28, 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Beeler 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 Pro Tem Beeler called roll and the following were in attendance:

Councilmembers: Morgan, Aldrich, Dearborn, Hund, Neigel, and Sivewright, and Beeler

Councilmember Absent: Mayor Wiita

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

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

On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, the following changes were made to the agenda; motion passed 6-0.

- Moved Action Item #1 Purple Heart City Resolution before presentations.
- Removed Action Item #5 regarding the Post Office HVAC.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **AB22-61\_Resolution 22-07\_Purple Heart City Designation**

Mayor Pro Tem Beeler read the resolution into the record. Sultan VFW Post 4554 Commander Anne Marie Bunch thanked Sultan for the recognition of veterans in the community. In addition, she acknowledged that the county is one city away from being a full purple heart county. Citizen Jerry Gibson was in attendance and is a purple heart recipient. It was also acknowledged that the VFW is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year within the City of Sultan. Councilmembers voiced their support for the resolution and thanked veterans for their service. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, council authorized the Mayor to sign Resolution 22-07 designating Sultan as a Purple Heart City. Motion passed 6-0.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Volunteers of America Western Washington Update**

Kirk Pearson, Vice President of External Affairs; Lynsey Gagon, Executive Director of Community Resource Center, and Jessica Marburger, Program Manager of VOA's ECEAP Trailside Preschool in Everett were in attendance. Gagnon explained the VOAWW their mission, and the services they provide within the community. They have 8 different areas of service: Hunger prevention, disability services/personal support services, behavioral health – 988 crisis line + tribal hub, dispute resolution center, and early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP). Jessica discussed the Sky Valley ECEAP. Requested assistance to fill the 30-60 slots available in ECEAP and provided the qualifications, services, and benefits of this program. Explained if the program doesn't meet max capacity, the program is at risk of being cut. Gagnon provided high level of additional services provided to include Sky Valley ECEAP, Sky Valley Community Resource Center, Sky Valley Youth Coalition, Sky Valley Senior & Community Center, Sultan Food Bank, Free Showers Program, Sky Valley Elderly Nutrition Delivered ("SEND"), Sultan Boys & Girls Club, and Sultan Community Garden. Identified as a one stop shop for family and individuals in crisis and/or struggling to meet basic needs. Open Mondays-Thursday 9am-4pm, closed for lunch 12-1; Friday by appointment only; website [www.voaww.org/skyvalley](http://www.voaww.org/skyvalley)

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **AB22-56\_Flood Damage Prevention Code Update**

*Presentation on file with the City Clerk's Office*

*Minutes of the public hearing under separate cover*

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, Seconded by Councilmember Aldrich the public hearing regarding AB22-56\_Flood Damage Prevention Code Update was closed. Motion passed 6-0.

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### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bill Praeger, Old Owen Road: Requested signs showing Sultan as a Purple Heart City.

Bob McCarty: (*documentation provided on file with clerk - Adopt a stream NW Stream Center brochure on sustainable infrastructure*) discussed stormwater management efforts that the city could participate in and encouraged council to participate in a presentation.

Ron Kraut, Bryant Road: Reminded council of biological assessment of Wagley and Winters Creek and that they were assigned as coho factory at the time and was found that culverts were a big issue; Thanked PW Director Morgan for inviting him into the connector road committee. Thanked Mayor and Council for publicly stating their position regarding imminent domain. Wished Councilmember Neigel a speedy recovery.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Sivewright: Thanked citizens for comments and presentation; expressed appreciation for Purple Heart Resolution.

Neigel: Thanked council and citizens for their support

Hund: Thanked VOA for presentation and support; appreciative of hot weather shelter offered at City Hall/Library Building.

Dearborn: Thanked citizens for comments and support.

Aldrich: Thanked VOA for presentation, and citizens for comments and support.

Morgan: Thanked VOA for presentation, and citizen comments and support; reminded citizens Election ballots due August 2<sup>nd</sup>; National Night Out set for Tuesday 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; 3on3 Basketball Tournament set for Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; heard news that the US economy may be transitioning into a recession and would like to keep in mind ways that council can support low-income citizens in the community as council heads into budget discussions in September.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Beeler reminded citizens to check on your neighbors as the state continues to experience a summer heat wave; Addressed comments regarding Wagley Creek and provided some history on the creek; confirmed also heard news that the US is transitioning into a recession and confirmed need to keep that in mind; reminded citizens of Sultan Basin Road realignment and how that improved traffic and asked citizens as the city explores fixes to the highway to keep their minds open to the possibilities and expressed his excitement on the work being done regarding US 2 traffic issues. Invited citizens to visit the city hall library/building for a break from the heat.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Encouraged all to keep cool in the heat; VOA requesting emergency supplies to include bottled water and encouraged citizens to donate; July 30<sup>th</sup> the Visitors Information Center starting at 9am Saturday offers a walking tour for those who are interested in learning more about the community; Saturday 8/7 8am-11am VOA pancake breakfast; The city had a meeting regarding US 2 improvements with Senator Liias, Chair of the State Transportation Committee; WSDOT Deputy Regional Administrator Brian Nielsen, WSDOT Bridge Structural Engineer Mark Gaines, and WSDOT Management of Mobility Director Robin Mayhew. Ibershof found the group receptive to the work being performed by Sultan. The US 2 survey has received 920 responses to date and survey will close this week. The city anticipates a request from WSDOT for further studies and the city is pushing back stating we are ready to go to the state legislator to request movement and funding for design improvements for US 2.

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Administrator Ibershof also requested a councilmember to fill the health board vacancy that Councilmember Neigel needed to vacate. Councilmember Neigel provided insight and benefits of being on the board and the work they are performing. Councilmember Hund expressed interest in considering filling the position.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Written reports on file for Public Works and Community Development.

City Clerk Pevey addressed a timecard entry issue and provided additional direction to council on the correction to ensure accuracy in payroll processing.

Chief Martin invited citizens to National Night Out set for August 2<sup>nd</sup> where they will be giving out bicycles, helmets, and life vests during the event.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, the following consent agenda items as amended were approved with motion passing 6-0.

- 1) Voucher Approval for July 28, 2022, accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$209,178.79, payroll #13, and payroll benefits #13 in the amount of \$103,494.72, excise taxes in the amount of \$17,256.23, bank fees in the amount of \$3,998.49 and bond payment in the amount of \$3,589.53 all to be drawn and paid on the proper accounts.
- 2) 6/2/2022 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
- 3) 6/9/2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- 4) 6/30/2022 Council Meeting Minutes
- 5) Public Hearing Minutes re AB22-40\_2023-2028 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

**ACTION ITEMS**

**AB22-56\_Ordinance 1371-22\_Floodplain Regulations Update**

Community Development Director Galuska stated a public hearing was held earlier in the evening and reiterated no changes just additional clarifications suggested by FEMA and DOE. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council passed Ordinance 1371-22 updating Chapter 17.08 SMC Flood Damage Prevention. Motion passed 6-0.

**AB22-55\_New Mower Purchase**

Public Works Director Morgan discussed the purchase with council and anticipated the new mower to be in service approximately 10 years. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council authorized staff to purchase a new Lazer Z-Series 31 HP zero turn mower with a FX921V w/60 deck through the state contract for an amount not to exceed \$18,900 which includes a 20% contingency without prior authorization from council; Motion passed 6-0.

**AB22-57\_City Hall Parking Lot Bid Award (AA Asphaltting LLC)**

Public Works Director Morgan explained staff has prepped the lot to save cost and it is now ready for paving; staff utilized the MRSC small works roster and sent invitations to bid per city purchasing policy. The city received 6 bids with the lowest bidder as AA Asphaltting. The city received a \$25,000 grant for this contract from Snohomish County. Council expressed appreciation to staff for the work done in house. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council awarded the bid for the parking lot paving to AA Asphaltting LLC for amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 which includes a 25% contingency without prior authorization from council. Motion passed 6-0.

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**AB22-59\_Mental Health Counselor (Interlocal Agreement with VOAWW & City of Monroe)**

In discussion, council recognized previous council, current council, and staff for bringing this safety concern priority to fruition. City Administrator Ibershof stated \$121,000 for one year with county providing \$60,000, Monroe and Sultan each paying \$30,000 and the city will act as the fiduciary agent for the grant. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Hund, council approved the Mayor to sign a third-party agreement with the Volunteers of America Western Washington Chapter, City of Monroe, and City of Sultan for a mental health counselor for an amount not to exceed \$30,275.50. Motion passed 6-0.

**AB22-60\_Cancel August Meetings**

Administrator Ibershof stated the break will provide staff needed time to focus on projects to include cemetery audit, records update, and budget preparations. In addition, staff will have the council finances subcommittee approve vouchers during the break on the week that the regularly scheduled meetings would have been held with staff sending approval via DocuSign. On a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Aldrich, council approved the cancellation of council workshops and meetings for the month of August 2022. Motion passed 6-0.

Before adjourning several councilmembers express interest in a future workshop topic to focus on communications in case of an emergency.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Morgan the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 p.m. The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

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Tami J. Pevey, City Clerk