

**CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – May 9, 2024**

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: Morgan, Aldrich, Dearborn, Hund, Dawson, Sivewright, and Beeler.

*Mayor Wiita noted that Councilmember Morgan was going to be joining the meeting late. It is unknown at this time if Councilmember Morgan did join the meeting, therefore, he was not included in any voting aspect of this meeting.*

Staff: Mayor Wiita, City Administrator Christian, and Administrative Services Director Piland.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None Note

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Written comments:

**Dee Bylsma** expressed the desire to prohibit all sales and dispersal of fireworks.

**MyInfoMoore** ([xray4sjale@comcast.net](mailto:xray4sjale@comcast.net)) expressed desire to limit firework dispersal to three days.

**Jane Sorenson** expressed desire to limit the days fireworks can be dispersed.

In person comments

None Noted.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

Councilmember Beeler questioned why we accept written comments from an anonymous sender. Administrator Christian stated he would review the policies surrounding this.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Wiita reminded the council a retreat is set for June 29, 2024, to tour facilities and start budget discussions.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

City Administrator Christian introduced new hired Administrative Service Director Piland. Staff transitioning to new agenda management software, and this is shown in the new look and feel of the agenda packet.

**STAFF REPORTS**

None noted for this meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) Voucher & Payroll Approval

**ACTION ITEMS**

**AB24-33\_Resolution 24-05\_Public Works Reorganization adding a 2nd Operations Manager\_Salary Allocation Amendment**

City Administrator Christian explained the construction inspection would move to operations manager and assist in overseeing operations of the water and sewer plant in addition to continuing construction inspections duties; this change involved an increased cost of \$5000 per year. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by

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Councilmember Hund, the council approved Resolution No. 24-05 establishing wage and benefit allocations for payroll purposes. Motion passed 6-0.

**AB24-34\_Community Access Channel 21 Interlocal Termination Agreement**

City Administrator Christian explained all cities involved agreed the best solution moving forward is to disband the interlocal agreement and replace it with a standby emergency notification system. On a motion by Councilmember Sivewright, seconded by Councilmember Hund, the council authorized the mayor to execute the termination agreement for the Community Access Channel 21. Motion passed 6-0.

**DISCUSSION**

**AB24-35\_Fireworks Regulations in Sultan**

Mayor Wiita started the discussion as requested by councilmembers to review the current fireworks regulations. City regulations currently follow state standards with no additional limitations. Mayor Wiita also explained due to state laws that any changes would not go into effect until 2025. Lengthy discussion amongst councilmembers brought forth mutual agreement for staff to start working on an ordinance change to limit the fireworks within city limits. Some dispute over number of days and ending times, but overall consent on limiting the dates as follows:

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> ending at 10:00 p.m.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> ending at 11:59 p.m.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> ending at 10:00 p.m.
- No changes to firework sales, and other firework dispersal holidays allowed by state standards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilmember Aldrich, seconded by Councilmember Hund the meeting was closed at approximately 7:34 pm; The Zoom meeting connection was disconnected shortly thereafter.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.

DocuSigned by:



Russell Wiita, Mayor

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Tyler Christian, City Administrator