

**Snohomish City Council Minutes
January 17, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Redmon called the Snohomish City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The meeting was held in hybrid format with in-person attendance at the Snohomish Carnegie, 105 Cedar Avenue, Snohomish, and remote online access via Zoom.

- a. Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Lea Anne Burke, David Flynn, Karen Guzak, Judith Kuleta, Felix Neals, Tom Merrill, and Donna Ray; Mayor Linda Redmon

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **PRESENTATION:** Pilchuck River Dam Removal Project Update - Brett Shattuck, The Tulalip Tribes

Brett Shattuck, Restoration, Acquisition and Stewardship Senior Scientist with The Tulalip Tribes, provided a slide show with an update on the Pilchuck River Dam Project. He provided a brief background on the dam's original construction, impacts to fish, removal of the dam, photos of the process, monitoring, and results seen in fish populations. Several other projects were underway to help resolve connectivity, natural processes, and resiliency of the river by restoring and enhancing habitat, reconnecting side channels, and removing unneeded levies.

Councilmember Burke inquired about the number of species utilizing the new reaches of the river. Mr. Shattuck responded all species have been seen, except sockeye which prefers lakes to rivers.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Morgan Davis commented on City water systems, and suggested the Bickford Avenue bridge was now redundant with the new roundabout on SR9.

4. **APPROVE AGENDA** contents and order.

MOTION by Guzak, second by Merrill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

5. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. APPROVE minutes of the January 3, 2023 regular meeting

- b. AUTHORIZE payment of claim warrants #78032-78100 in the amount of \$345,153.62 issued since the last regular meeting

MOTION by Burke, second by Flynn to PASS the Consent Items. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Purchasing - PASS Resolution 1444

Public Works Director Nova Heaton and Utility Manager Tim Jackson provided details of the staff report, explaining the purpose of the resolution to assist with purchasing treatment chemicals for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Concerns with product quality arose with previous low-bid suppliers. Passing the resolution would allow staff to execute purchase contracts with current suppliers, whose quality, consistency and pricing have met the City's needs.

Council asked questions, which staff responded to:

- Chemicals were purchased multiple times each month; no minimum order quantities.
- Containers used by previous suppliers contributed to WWTP system performance issues. Current suppliers' containers alleviated those issues.
- Pricing would be fixed for the two years of the contract.
- The WWTP was constantly monitored so any product quality deviations would be noticed.
- Certain quality requirements were included in the contract.
- Pricing of the current suppliers was equivalent to or less than other suppliers.
- Purchases were made as needed and billed at contract per-pound pricing. Amounts purchased each time varied, based on factors such as weather affecting the WWTP's processes.
- The City monitored WWTP performance daily, and reported same to State agencies.

Public Comment: None

Public Comment Closed.

MOTION by Guzak, second by Neals to approve Resolution 1444 waiving the state competitive bidding requirement for the purchase of Peracetic Acid from TMG Services, Inc. of Tacoma, Washington, and ALKA-Mag from Inland Environmental Resources, Inc. for use in the wastewater treatment plant, pursuant to RCW 39.04.280(1)(a); and authorizing the approval of the two-year contract for purchase of the same. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

7. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Community Service Program Specialist Ann Ray, the City's former Water Quality Specialist, introduced Kathy Caldwell, who was hired to replace her in the role. They introduced Liz Johns with 120water, with whom the City anticipated contracting for public outreach, reporting and monitoring. They all reviewed the City's efforts related to the Revised Lead and Copper Rule, including inventorying water lines, field verification, public outreach and education, sampling and testing, and potential line replacement.

Questions were asked by and topics covered with Council:

- Software provided by 120water was compatible with GIS and iWorQ.
- City would maintain ownership of the data compiled.
- A variety of formats would be utilized to assist the public, and tracking to ensure responsiveness.
- The contract would be funded by ARPA funds specially designated for the lead line survey.

- Service lines were the focus of the study, not the water. Test kits would swab pipes, not the water.
- Initial survey of residents/owners could be tailored to ask questions that could meet other future City needs.
- Potential financial impacts of waterline or meter replacement, both private and public, could be offset by designated funds and grants.
- Waivers for residents/owners who refuse to replace service lines.
- Legislation applied to lead service lines or galvanized lines that were ever downstream from lead. Any unknowns would be considered lead, and unverified contact with lead would have to be replaced.
- Maintenance of City main lines and connections have not discovered any lead.
- Verification from home to meter not currently required in Washington.
- The Federal government was reviewing the Rule for improvements and additional replacement guidelines.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS:** Councilmember Flynn inquired about the tree replacement on First Street. City Administrator Thomas replied staff was reviewing options and would provide further details in February or March.

9. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilmember Guzak remarked on the passing of Darlene Huntington and her involvement with and contributions to the City. The School District was starting its five-year strategic planning process. Green Snohomish scheduled a cleanup south of Pilchuck Julia Landing for January 21, 2023, and was working with staff on potential Earth Day events.

Councilmember Neals was following several bills of the Legislative session and their potential impacts to Snohomish.

Councilmember Ray was happy to see the emergence of the art community in Snohomish, and thanked Councilmember Flynn for initiating that effort.

Councilmember Burke was following bills in the Legislative session related to housing.

10. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ITEMS/REPORTS:** Council President Merrill shared Community Transit was developing a five-year transportation plan and commented on light rail delays, electric and hydrogen buses, local commuter buses, and expansion of east/west public transportation. Conversations have begun with the Snohomish School District and Snohomish County to consider placement of air quality monitors in schools.

11. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Director Heaton shared the following:

- A contract amendment with Republic Services for CPI-related rate adjustments would be brought to Council for action next month.
- Staff proposed the City join the Washington Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WAWARN) to share resources in the event of an emergency. The agreement would allow participating local utilities to receive aid and respond to events that may otherwise be beyond their capabilities.
- HB1799 passed and was codified in RCW 43.19A, which required certain jurisdictions to adopt a compost procurement ordinance. Clarification of the wording proved many jurisdictions that thought they were exempt (including Snohomish) were not, and therefore an ordinance will be submitted for adoption at the February 7, 2023 meeting.

12. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS:** City Administrator Thomas reported the following:
- A lease renewal for 1301 First Street (the former Visitors Information Center) would be brought before Council for approval next month. The current lessee was requesting a five-year extension.
 - The Legislative session was underway.
 - If any Councilmember was interested in attending City Action Days in February, staff could help them register.
13. **MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** Mayor Redmon mentioned the Youth Council was interested in environmental sustainability, with individual members focused on different areas of interest such as air quality and food waste. They will work on a short-list of topics to focus on going forward, and will report to Council in April.
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to DISCUSS Potential Real Estate Acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) or the Minimum Price to be Offered for Real Estate, under 42.30.110(1)(c). No action to follow.

MOTION by Merrill, second by Neals to adjourn the meeting at the end of the Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

At 7:29 p.m., Council withdrew to Executive Session, providing time to transition between meeting spaces. Session to last until 7:42 p.m.

At 7:42 p.m., City Administrator Thomas announced extension of the Executive Session for five minutes, to 7:47 p.m.

13 **ADJOURN.** There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2023.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

Linda Redmon, Mayor

Brandi Whitson, City Clerk