

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
March 26, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the La Conner Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Hayes.

Present: Councilmembers Brunisholz, Leaver, Stokes, and Chamberlain.

Also present: Administrator Thomas, Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director Lease, and Planner Manville.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to excuse Councilmember Wohleb. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comments: N/A

Presentations: N/A

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2019.

Accounts Payable:	Checks 21938 - 21970	\$77,785.57
	Electronic Pmt. #201508 Excise Tax	\$4,475.42
	Total Accounts Payable	\$82,260.99

Payroll of March 20, 2019	Payroll Checks 4998-5002	\$1,161.78
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201507	\$5,423.87
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>	<u>\$17,534.33</u>
	Total Payroll	\$24,119.98

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried 4/0.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Thomas reviewed upcoming events such as the Daffodil and Tulip Festivals, MONA's Auction, the Guitar Festival and the Fiber Festival by the Quilt Museum.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes stated the first quarter was slow in sales for the Town merchants due to the snow. Hopefully in March we will start generating sales. Also, the library's request of \$700,000 and the extension of the \$500,000 are in the state budget passed by the House. However, it still needs to survive the Senate. If these do pass the Senate, the Mayor feels confident we will be successful with obtaining County funds. The new library will be over 5,000 square feet, heavy in technology and will provide meeting rooms. The old library will be sold, which has been built into their financial structure. There are still questions on the value of the old library based on when it was last appraised.

Resolution No. 555 - Appointment to the Art's Commission:

Administrator Thomas noted this is to appoint Sheila Johnson to the Art's Commission.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 555 to appoint Sheila Johnson to the Art's Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0.

Agreement - EDASC:

Administrator Thomas explained this is the same annual interlocal agreement. Mayor Hayes shared one item they are working on is providing a fiber network throughout the County.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement between the Town and EDASC. Motion seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion Carried 4/0.

Agreement - Western Display 4th of July Fireworks:

Administrator Thomas stated it is the same as before, with the cost of \$10,000.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town and Western Display. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion Carried 4/0.

Agreement - Skagit EMS:

Administrator Thomas explained the changeover from the ALS services provided by the City of Anacortes and Medic 1 from this area is now disbursed creating a fire based EMS system.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town and Skagit EMS. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0.

Agreement - ProScapes Landscaping:

Public Works Director Lease stated he did solicit bids from several landscape contractors and ProScapes came out as the lowest bidder. They will be maintaining the ball field, Waterfront Park, the round-a-bout, Town Hall, Maple Hall and other areas in Town.

Councilmember Stokes left the meeting due to a conflict with this vote.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Town and ProScapes for landscaping. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brunisholz. Motion carried 3/0.

Councilmember Stokes returned to the meeting.

Agreement - DE/Weidenbach:

Public Works Director Lease explained the first four homes on McLean Road are all tied into one meter on private property. They were originally on individual wells, but in the early 1950's, when the La Conner Whitney water line was installed, one of property owners requested to tie into the line. At that time, water was not metered. Since then, the other homes requested to tie into the meter. The Weidenbach's have moved to Montana and want to sell their home. But to do this, they need to have a water meter installed. They have paid the Town the installation fees and CHS Engineers for the engineering fees. Public Works Director Lease obtained easements from all four families to lay it in the field rather than through the County right of way. This will significantly reduce the costs for the 4' 2600 foot lineal line.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Mayor to sign the DE Agreement between the Town and the Weidenbachs. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0.

Agreement - Windermere Reality:

Administrator Thomas distributed the listing agreement for the sale of the Kirsch property in the amount of \$337,500. The agreement will expire September 30, 2019.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town and Windermere Reality for the listing of the Kirsch property. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor/Council Roundtable:

Councilmember Stokes asked on the status of the DNR lease attached to the Kirsch property. Administrator Thomas stated he has been in contact with them. There will probably be a need for a survey of the property for DNR to give a rate.

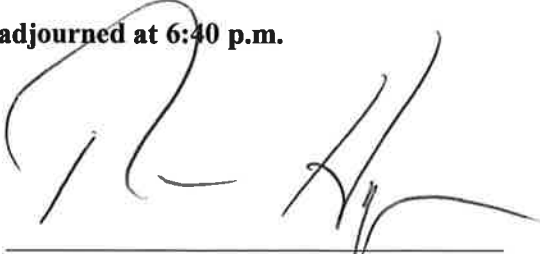
Councilmember Chamberlain has been using the AWC webinar trainings for elected officials and offered to share the information with other Councilmembers if they are interested.

Mayor Hayes discussed a suggestion from a local resident, for a center providing cubicles for telecommuters to rent. It was suggested the library would be the place for the center.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor