

## ***Town of La Conner***

Town Council Meeting  
July 23, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilmembers Leaver, Stokes, Chamberlain and Wohleb

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

**Councilmember Stokes moved to excuse Councilmember Brunisholz. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0.**

### **Public Comments:**

Resident Marilyn Johnson approached Council with the issue of a neighbor shooting cats with a pellet gun. She did call the Sheriff, but was told this was a Town Code issue. Because we no longer have a Code Enforcement Officer, Mayor Hayes will take care of the issue.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of July 9, 2019

Accounts Payable:	Checks 22271 - 22312	\$226,469.59
	Voided Check - 21914	
	Electronic Pmts. - 201540 Leasehold Tax	\$1,192.66
	201541 Excise Tax	<u>\$5,540.05</u>
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$233,202.30</b>
Payroll of July 19, 2019	Checks 5055 - 5060	\$1,519.63
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201539	\$6,037.40
	Payroll Auto Deposit	\$18,837.32
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$26,394.35</b>

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

### **Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Thomas discussed the upcoming budget renegotiations, to include the Sheriff's and the Teamsters Labor agreements.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Hayes, the Safety Commission and staff are working on restructuring the Code Enforcement position to meet the policing needs of the Town. There is an upcoming meeting with the Port on the possibility of partnering with them and the school. Also, the Mayor and Administrator Thomas met with the Shelter Bay representatives on Monday and felt it was amicable.

### **Council Committee Reports:**

#### **Safety Committee:**

Councilmembers Stokes and Chamberlain reported the discussions of the Safety Committee involving the issues of the speeding, the homeless and needles in the parks. The Fire Department would like to get more involved as a presence, but we also have the renegotiation of the Sheriff's Agreement. There were no conclusions, just ideas.

### **Ordinance No. 1180 - 2019 Budget Amendment:**

Finance Director DeGoede explained these are the rollover projects from 2018 for the State Street TIB Project, the La Conner Whitney Water Main, and the Compost Pad.

**Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve Ordinance 1180, a 2019 Budget Amendment. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried 4/0.**

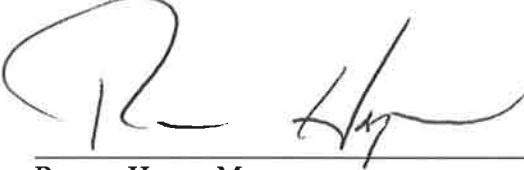
**Mayor/Council Roundtable:**

Councilmember Chamberlain stated there is new information from NOAA on climate change. The new numbers may have relevance in determining the plans for the dike. She suggested planning another Charrette with the Skagit Climate Science Consortium. There may be more options in diverting the flood waters. Councilmember Stokes suggested requesting the County to do a LDAR. With the roads higher and ditches, it would be interesting to see where the water would actually go. Before we decide on a plan, we should do our due diligence in researching any new information.

Resident Dan O'Donnell shared SHB 1406, which allows cities and counties to impose a local sales tax, credited against the state sales tax for supportive or affordable housing. Finance Director DeGoede will look into it.

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

  
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Maria DeGoede, Finance Director

  
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Ramon Hayes, Mayor