

Town of La Conner

Town Council Special Meeting
October 11, 2011 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Upper Maple Center

Mayor Hayes called the special meeting of the La Conner Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Brunisholz, Hubbard, Tracey, Welch, and Wright.

Also Present: Administrator Doyle, Finance Director Taylor, and PW Director Lease.

Mayor Hayes opened the meeting at 5 p.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Vision and Goals for the 2012 Budget and to review the Public Works proposed 2012 Budget.

Vision & Goals: Finance Director Taylor stated that local government should have broad goals that provide overall direction for the local entity and serve as a basis for decision making in the budget process. Ms. Taylor stated that La Conner's Comprehensive Plan had many sections with examples of goals for the Town.

Council discussed the following issues:

- The obligation to provide fire, police, streets, water, sewer and drainage.
- Providing for future capital needs.
- Explore options and completion of the ring dike.
- Setting aside funds or pursuing grants for a new fire truck and apparatus.
- A Levy Lid Lift in regards to a Fire Authority or the La Conner VFF Department
- Dredging the Swinomish Channel and the stakeholders involved.
- Water and sewer rates, and the lack of a contract with the City of Anacortes
- Camping enhancements and public access.
- Organized bicycle festivals.

Ms. Taylor read the mission and goals in the introduction of the Comprehensive Plan.

Public Works – Proposed 2012 Budget: PW Director Lease presented his proposed budget for Park and Port.

The following issues were discussed:

- Replacing the 1991 GMC 1500 Truck
- Hiring a part time laborer to help with facility grounds maintenance, parks, ROW's, and public restrooms.
- Pursue grants for the Washington and Benton Street End Parks.
- New garbage cans at Pioneer Park
- Purchasing a leaf/trash vacuum
- Tree removal in Pioneer Park

- Providing irrigation at the round-about
- Replacing planters and benches at Dirty Biter Park
- A drinking fountain, porta-potty, and fence at skateboard park

Public Works Director Lease will present the remainder of his budget at the special meeting scheduled for November 8, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Lorraine Taylor, Town Clerk

Ramon Hayes, Mayor