

Town of La Conner

Town Council Special Meeting
October 25, 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 5:04 p.m.
Present: Councilmembers Brunisholz, Tracey, Welch, and Wright.
Also Present: Administrator Doyle, Finance Director Taylor, PW Director Lease, and Plant Operator Wynn

Mayor Hayes opened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Hotel Motel Allocations and to review the Water Wastewater proposed 2012 Budget.

Councilmember Brunisholz moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Hubbard. Seconded by Councilmember Tracey. Carried 4-0. (Councilmember Hubbard arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

2012 Hotel Motel Allocations: Finance Director Taylor stated that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee did not advise allocating any of the Hotel Motel tax for the Maple Hall and Parking Lot Bond payments. She stated that the Finance Committee recommended allocating \$14,310 of Hotel Motel funds per the bond ordinance for Fund 210 (parking lot). She stated that the council needed to determine how the two bond payments would be funded and how much each recipient would receive of the Hotel Motel taxes.

Councilmember Brunisholz stated he would like the council to approach the budget with a more global perspective and not get into the details for each department. He stated filling the dike is his priority and cut each department by 10% and use the funds for flood control. Ms. Taylor stated that the only money available for funding the dike would be the general fund, that you can only use enterprise dollars for each specific enterprise.

Councilmember Welch suggested dedicating a percentage of the Hotel Motel funds to the Maple Hall and Parking Lot bond funds. He stated that Maple Hall, the parking lot, and the Chamber of Commerce are priorities.

Mayor Hayes stated that the administration will research what funds are available for flood control and discuss it at the November 8th council meeting.

Finance Director Taylor was directed to prepare two scenarios suggested by council for distribution of Hotel Motel Funds at the November 8th regular meeting.

Water Wastewater - Proposed 2012 Budget: Plant Operator Wynn presented his proposed budget for the **Sewer Fund**.

The following issues were discussed:

- Rebuild the clarifier and set aside \$25,000 per year in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

- Sewer plant drainage improvements and upgrades - \$50,000
- Piping & placement improvements for the addition of a redundant pump - \$20,000

Compost Fund:

- Septage screening - \$150,000 which will reduce disposal expensed by \$10,000 per year
- Landscaping/Relocation/Paving - \$150,000 to reconfigure the composting site for better flow of materials and reduce odor.
- WSU Study - \$50,000 for the second year of a three year program to determine the best use of compost on crops.
- Solar panel - \$50,000 for additional panels on the site.

It was determined to discuss the kiosk/garden area further.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Lorraine Taylor, Town Clerk

Ramon Hayes, Mayor