

Town of La Conner

Town Council Special Meeting
November 22, 2011, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Upper Maple Center

Mayor Pro Tem Brunisholz called the special meeting of the La Conner Town Council to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

Also Present: Administrator Doyle, Finance Director Taylor, PW Director Lease, Operator Kevin Wynn and Fire Chief Taylor

Mayor Pro Tem Brunisholz stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the preliminary 2012 Budget.

2012 Preliminary Budget: Finance Director Taylor reviewed the changes to the preliminary budget that council requested at the November 8th meeting:

- Eliminate the flashing light on Maple Street at \$2,800
- Eliminate the WA Street parking improvements at \$28,000
- Increase the fire department vehicle repair by \$3,000 to \$9,000
- Increase the fire department reserves by \$5,000 to \$25,000
- Allocate the Hotel Motel taxes for 2012 as directed.
- Transfer \$38,000 from the General Fund to pay the bond payment on Maple Hall
- Transfer \$7,468 from the General Fund to partially pay the bond payment on Fund 210.

Ms. Taylor stated that the projected ending fund balance for the General Fund is \$55,568 for the 2012 year end, and approximately \$300,000 of the budget will be for capital expenditures.

Public Works Director Lease reported that a wash down station at the fire station will work for public works vehicles with modifications. He stated they will need to put in a larger catch basin, pour a bigger pad and put in a separate water service at an estimated cost of \$4,000.

Council discussed the following items: the Triton lease and development of the property; Council requested more information on the compost display garden at the WWTP, and it was agreed to have Sewer Operator Wynn provide more detail at the December 13th meeting; split the \$20,000 sludge pump cost between Fund 409 and Fund 412; surplus the town car; reduce the website costs from \$6,000 to \$1,500; medical and dental plans for employees; and the role of the code enforcement officer.

Ms. Taylor stated that a lease for a new copier is in the budget and the cost is less than the old copier. Also in 2012, it is budgeted to update the Microsoft software for the town computers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Lorraine Taylor, Town Clerk

Jacques Brunisholz, Mayor Pro Tem