

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
June 29, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present: PW Director Lease and Finance Director Taylor,

Councilmember Tracey moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Brunisholz. Seconded by Councilmember Wright. Carried 4-0.

Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Hubbard moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Welch. Carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Wright moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2010 regular town council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tracey. Carried 4-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable:

Councilmember Hubbard moved to approve checks 9029 through 9091, 201014, 201015 dated June 29, 2010 in the amount of \$73,333.99 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Tracey. Carried 4-0.

Approval of Payroll:

Councilmember Wright moved to approve payroll warrants 2100 through 2106 and direct deposits for the payroll period June 1 through June 15, 2010 in the amount of \$22,373.38 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Hubbard. Carried 4-0.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Doyle was on vacation.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hayes reported that he is still in negotiations with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. He stated he will provide the council with the materials and correspondence he has and suggested having the Sheriff's Office present their position at a future council meeting.

Council Committee Reports:

Councilmember Welch: stated that the Skateboard Park fundraising event is scheduled for 6 p.m. on the 4th of July. The committee has advertised in the La Conner Weekly News and the Skagit Valley Herald. They will have live music and the Rotary will be providing food. He stated that Bill Stokes is working on the fundraising sign to be put up in Town. Mr. Wright stated that Brian Cladoosby has verbally committed to donating funds to the Skateboard Park.

Facility Rental Policies: Finance Director Taylor stated that the Facilities Committee has reviewed the rules and regulations for the Town facilities and their revisions have been incorporated into the Exhibits.

Councilmember Wright moved to approve Resolution No. 454 establishing rules and regulations for the use of Maple Hall/Center and the Civic Garden Club. Seconded by Hubbard. Carried 4-0.

Community Comments: Aurelia Washington, Canoe Journey Coordinator, Swinomish Tribe, presented the council with a packet of information for the proposed waterfront park and canoe landing on the Swinomish Channel. The Canoe Journey will be held on July 25 – 31, 2011, and they are expecting 8,000 to 12,000 people to attend the event. They are applying for grants and requested a letter of support from the Town of La Conner. It was the consensus of the council to provide a letter of support.

Six Year Transportation Improvement Program: PW Director stated that S Second Street Resurfacing project has become the first priority and he is applying for a grant. The second and third projects on the list are the Safe Routes to School project. A grant application has been submitted to the state and the Town will know in November if we will receive the grant.

Mr. Lease stated that he held a workshop on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program and none of the residents attended.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Hayes opened the public hearing on the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program at 6:30 p.m. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Hubbard inquired about the community concerns expressed previously on the S Second Street project. Mr. Lease stated that the project has been scaled back and the gravel parking will remain. He stated the biggest portion of the project is the utilities and the need to meet the minimum requirements for funding.

Councilmember Hubbard moved to approve Resolution No. 455 adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Seconded by Councilmember Tracey. Carried 4-0.

Green House Gas & Carbon Emissions Policy: PW Director Lease stated that the ICLEI established the initial baseline and draft plan in 2005-2006. The Northwest Clean Air Agency did the research for small cities in Skagit County and helped develop the proposed Climate Action Plan. Mr. Lease stated that in the future all grants will require a Green House Gas Policy. Mr. Lease stated there are local electrical contractors that use students to provide current information for the policy, such as street lighting.

Councilmember Hubbard moved to approve Resolution No. 456 adopting the Green House Gas & Carbon Emissions Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Wright. Carried 4-0.

Facilities Events Coordinator – Job Description:

Councilmember Hubbard moved to approve the Facilities Events Coordinator Job Description. Seconded by Councilmember Tracey. Carried 4-0.

Ms. Taylor stated she will create a formal Request for Qualifications for the position. Council requested posting the position on Craigslist and in the La Conner Weekly News for 2-3 weeks.

Mayor's Benefits: Mayor Hayes stated that it was the intent of the Salary Commission for the Mayor's salary to be set at \$500 per month for salary and benefits.

Councilmember Welch moved to eliminate the Mayor's salary and apply the \$500 towards the Mayor's health benefits each month. Seconded by Councilmember Wright. Carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment – 6 months:

Councilmember Hubbard moved to appoint Councilmember Tracey as Mayor Pro tem for six months. Seconded by Councilmember Wright. Carried 4-0.

Miscellaneous: Councilmember Welch stated the Governor's Cup Polo Tournament is scheduled for July 24 - 25, 2010. He suggested that the Town put up a sign for the event. On Thursday, July 22nd there will be a fundraiser dinner for the Skagit Hospital Wound Care.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Lorraine Taylor, Town Clerk

Ramon Hayes, Mayor