

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
February 11, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councilmembers Brunisholz, Leaver, Stokes, Chamberlain and Wohleb.

Also present: Administrator Thomas, Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director Lease, and Sgt. Willard of the Sheriff's Department.

Public Comments:

Citizen Tim Hyatt provided a new Lidar Map showing the at-risk flood areas in La Conner. This reflects a tidal occurrence and does not include river. It shows two low weak areas in Town: Caledonia Street and just North of Channel Lodge. He will contact Town Hall for further discussions.

Presentations:

Cindy Verge, the Director of the Tulip Festival presented the 2020 Tulip Festival Poster, by the artist Jennifer Bowman. She also provided the Festival brochures. There will be 196,000 distributed.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of January 28, 2020

Accounts Payable – February 11, 2020:

Checks	22900 - 22936	\$82,795.40
Voided Check	22846	
Electronic Pmts:		
	201591 - Parking Meter Fees	\$85.78
	201592 - Utility CC Fees	\$100.40
	<u>201593 - CC Machine Fees</u>	<u>\$72.97</u>
	Total Accounts Payable	\$83,054.55

Payroll of February 5, 2020:

Checks	5153 - 5161	\$20,232.67
Auto Payment	201588 - DRS	\$2,291.00
Auto Payment	201589 - PERS	\$10,183.01
Auto Payment	201590- Payroll Taxes	\$6,091.50
<u>Auto Payroll Deposit</u>		<u>\$18,910.72</u>
	Total Payroll February 5, 2020	\$57,708.90

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 5/0.

Chamber Report:

Chamber Director Heather Carter reported the Birding Festival Event brought in 380 paying guests. 55% were from out of Skagit County. She is currently working on the Daffodil Festival events and the selection of the poster along with the upcoming auction on March 12th to help fund the flower baskets and the La Conner map of the parks. The La Conner Visitor's Center will begin spring hours on March 9th. She is looking for volunteers.

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes noted all revenues are starting out stable.

Planning Department:

Administrator Thomas reported Planner Manville received a call from the Corps of Engineers Permit Manager regarding the permitting of the Waterfront Park shoreline restoration. The permit is with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. At least we know where it is and they are working on it.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Lease noted there are still scheduling issues for the Maple Hall elevator upgrades. Tentatively it is looking to be in April or May.

Sheriff's Department:

Sgt. Willard provided a new reporting format in the Council Packet. It includes an Incident Map showing the locations of the incidents.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes explained the piano in Maple Hall was owned by La Conner Performing Arts, but stored and insured by the Town. It has been difficult to make contact with them for the use of the piano since the organization moved to Mount Vernon where the members are from. The agreement specifies if the La Conner Performing Arts dissolves, the piano automatically becomes the Town's. According to the Washington Secretary of State, the organization has been dissolved. A letter has been sent to their point of contact informing him ownership of the piano is now the Town of La Conner's.

There will be another meeting with Shelter Bay this Thursday regarding the waterline issue.

Arts Committee:

Councilmember Leaver reported the favored location for the new sculpture is at the top of Benton Street, not located in a park.

Finance Committee:

Councilmember Stokes reported on the Finance Committee Meeting. Discussion involved the Anacortes Water charges and reconciliation for 2018. They did not provide the final consumption on the calculation sheet. Administrator Thomas is going to follow up on it.

Interlocal Agreement - La Conner School District:

Administrator Thomas noted this is an annual agreement for funding of \$5,000 for the Braves After School Program.

Councilmember Brunisholz moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of La Conner and the La Conner School District for the funding of the Braves After School Program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried 5/0.


6:33 p.m. Mayor Hayes excused himself from the meeting. Councilmember Leaver resumed the meeting as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Stokes provided a plan to complete First Street as a one way through to Caledonia. Public Works Director Lease discussed the possible funding of the project. It would qualify for streets and drainage. The first step is to get it on the TIP. We are running behind with it this year due to the traffic study, however he has discussed this addition with them and their response was favorable. Councilmember Stokes just needed a consensus from Council to move forward with the preliminary items such as including it on the TIP and looking into funding. All Councilmembers agreed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor