

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
March 12, 2019 – 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, Planner Manville, Chief Reinstra and Sgt. Willard.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2019.

Accounts Payable:	Checks 21891 - 21937	\$241,106.26
	Voided Check 21596	
	Electronic Pmts. - 201503 - CC Pr. Fees/Event	\$150.08
	201504 - Pk. Mtr. Pr. Fees	\$11.55
	201505 - Event Reimb. Fees	\$70.00
	201506 - CC Utility Fees	\$97.80
	<u>Total Electronic Payments:</u>	<u>\$329.43</u>
	Total Accounts Payable for March 12, 2019	\$241,435.69

Payroll of March 5, 2019:	Checks 4990- 4997	\$18,087.76
	Auto Tax Payment 201500	\$5,728.47
	Auto Payment DRS 201501	\$9,895.42
	Auto Payment DCP 201502	\$2241.00
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>	<u>\$19,325.56</u>
	Total Payroll	\$55,278.21

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

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes noted the funds were keeping up with last year.

Public Works:

Public Works Director Lease explained the issues involving the State Street TIB project contractor, Brookside Construction. They should have had the project completed in three to four weeks, but it took four to five months. The biggest problem was not showing up for work and not following instructions. They were also called back to re-due some of the curb and gutter, as well as sidewalk panels. The incomplete asphalt work will be done by Public Works. He will never use this contractor again.

WWTP:

There were discussions on the decrease of septage hauling due to a competitor in the Arlington area. Our largest customer is now dumping a portion of their outside waste with the competitor.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes gave a status report on the La Conner Library funding and their meeting with the legislators. They asked for an extension of the \$500,000 from the last session, which is due to expire in June 2019. Also they requested \$700,000 more this year. If they receive these funds, another funding opportunity through the County will probably be accepted.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Thomas reminded everyone of the Chamber's Event, "PI Day A La Mode" on March 14th. Also, the Tulip Festival is looking for a judge for the Tulip Parade on April 13th. Councilmember Leaver volunteered.

Council Committee Reports:

Art's Committee:

Councilmember Leaver still has not received any artist submissions for the sculpture walk. Public Works Director Lease stated one of the artists would like to leave hers up for another cycle. Her piece is located in Gilkey Square. All Councilmembers were in favor of leaving the art work in the same location with an extension of the contract.

Transportation Consultant Agreement - Gibson Traffic Consultants:

Planner Manville explained the agreement is for the transportation analysis that is needed to complete the Capital Facility Plan.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town and Gibson Traffic Consultants. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion Carried 5/0.

Resolution #554 - Appointment of the Art's Commission:

Administrator Thomas explained there are two vacancies this will fill one of them. Mayor Hayes appointed Sylvia Strong and reappointed Amy Carson to the Art's Commission for terms to expire January 1, 2022.

Councilmember Leaver moved to approve Resolution 554 as presented for the appointment of Sylvia Strong and reappointment of Amy Carson to the Art's Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion Carried 5/0.

Mayor Hayes stated one of the focal points for this year and for 2020 is the ring dike. Administration's role is to work on the financial position, in order for Council to make a decision on how to implement it.

Executive Session:

6:33 p.m. Mayor Hayes announced there will be an Executive Session regarding real estate matters.


Administrator/Attorney Thomas stated it shouldn't be more than 15 minutes but could not confirm no action would be taken after.

6:53 p.m. Mayor Hayes resumed the meeting. No action taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor