

Town of La Conner

Town Council Meeting

July 9, 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 Leaver, Stokes, Chamberlain and Wohleb.

Also present: Administrator Thomas, Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director Lease, Planner Manville, WWTP Operator Wynn and Firemen Mesman and Avery representing the Fire Department.

Councilmember Leaver moved to excuse Councilmember Brunisholz. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comments:

Resident Kim Broadhead discussed the possibility of three food trucks down Morris Street. Mayor Hayes requested an email from her. It may require a planning review.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda (Correction on the date of the minutes (from May 28, 2019 to June 25, 2019)

Approval of the Minutes of June 25, 2019.

Accounts Payable:

Checks 22233 - 22270	\$83,278.57
<u>Auto Payments:</u>	
201537 - CC Processing Fees	\$99.40
<u>201538 - Parking Meter Fees</u>	<u>\$85.28</u>
Total Electronic Payments	\$184.68
Total Accounts Payable July 9, 2019	\$83,463.25

Payroll of July 5, 2019:

Checks 5046-5054	\$16,718.77
Auto Payment DCP - 201534	\$2,241.00
Auto Payment DRS - 201535	\$8,454.53
Auto Payroll Taxes - 201536	\$7,247.21
<u>Payroll Auto Deposits</u>	<u>\$24,937.72</u>
Total Payroll July 5, 2019	\$59,599.23

Mayor Pro Tem - Councilmember Brunisholz was appointed Mayor Pro Tem for July 2019 through December 2019.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

La Conner Chamber Report:

Chamber Director Heather Carter discussed the upcoming 19th Annual Classic Boat and Car Show on August 3, 2019. It will include the car cruise from First Street in La Conner to Bow Edison and back to the Port Marina in La Conner. Also, there will be another fundraiser for the flower baskets on August 15, 2019. The new event is Paint in the Patio.

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes noted the Sales Taxes are up and everything else is steady.

Planners Report:

Planner Manville reported the Army Corps of Engineers has received the completed application for the shoreline restoration at the Waterfront Park. She estimated it will be six months before we hear from them. We will probably have to bump the project to next year. Also, she has completed the Shoreline Permit for the Jordan Street Park

Project. Plans for the park consist of benches and landscaping with an estimated cost of \$13,000. Councilmembers requested to see the plans for the park. Planner Manville will email anyone interested the plans.

Administrator Thomas and Planner Manville will be hosting a planner's forum at the Garden Club on July 18, 2019, that will include a walking tour of La Conner.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Thomas reported the 4th of July activities were a success. Also, he met with Resident Dan O'Donnell regarding his figures on the Anacortes water charges. Administrator Thomas will provide Council with a report on his recommendations on how to proceed after he has completed his review.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes announced the La Conner Library funding request to Skagit County did go through and we will have a new library.

The Mayor recognized WWTP Operator Wynn on his "Outstanding Performance" award, for two consecutive years, from the Department of Ecology.

Also, Mayor Hayes discussed the climbing number of homelessness in our Town and the increase of needles found in our parks. He is working towards shared policing between the Port, the School and the Town, to deter the issues. He also acknowledged Public Works Director Lease for his difficult year with staffing and keeping up with the maintenance demands.

Mayor Hayes and staff met with Shelter Bay. There will be ongoing meetings regarding the issue, but they are currently paying their bill.

TVI (Time Value Investments):

Finance Director DeGoede provided the information on how TVI is paid for the investing by adding to the rate. Councilmembers requested performance reports and how long the other entities have been with TVI. Finance Director DeGoede will provide the information at the next meeting.

2018 Water Main Phase One Recommendation of Acceptance of Completion:

Public Works Director Lease confirmed the project was completed.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the recommendation of acceptance of the completion of the 2018 Water Main Phase One Project. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

Resolution 557 - Recognition of Tom Winn:

Mayor Hayes read the resolution in recognition of the dedicated time and efforts of Tom Winn. He served on the La Conner Parks Commission and the Washington Trails Association, as well as being a retired teacher in the La Conner School District.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution 557 in recognition of Tom Winn. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0.

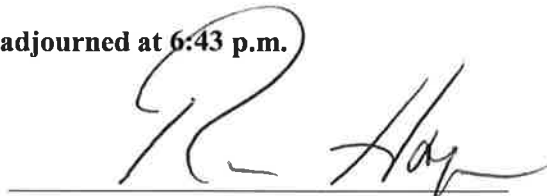
Mayor Roundtable:

Councilmember Stokes discussed the need for shade in Gilkey Square for events.

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



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor