

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
August 9, 2022 – 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 Taylor, Carlson, Dole and Wohleb.

Also present: Administrator Thomas, Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director Lease, Planner Davolio, WWTP Operator Wynn, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Reinstra and Sgt. Montgomery of the Sheriff's Department.

This was a hybrid meeting held in person and electronically on Zoom. Information to join was posted at Town Hall, the published Agenda in the La Conner Weekly News and on the Town Website.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to excuse Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comments:

Resident Dan O'Donnell requested information on the Tribal rates for 2022, questioning the difference he found and the wage allocations for sewer. Mayor Hayes referred him to staff for his answers.

Resident Linda Talman sent a letter to Council earlier in the day and asked for confirmation on who had read it.

Resident Leslie Smith requested the status on the Blades rezone contract and the names involved. Mayor Hayes suggested she send him her questions.

Presentations:

Sheriff Montgomery presented a plaque to the La Conner Fire Department in honor of Firefighter John Marshal Hilsinger who was killed in the line of duty July of 1945. The Sheriff's Department has been researching emergency responders who have died in the line of duty in Skagit County.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2022

Accounts Payable:	Checks 25244 – 25288	\$83,694.79
Auto Payments:	2018024 – US Bank Processing Fees	\$468.78
	2018016 – Invoice Cloud Processing Fees	\$160.40
	Total Claims	\$84,323.97

Payroll of August 5, 2022	Checks	5602 - 5607	\$2,448.72
	AWC Benefit Trust	#2018019	\$12,893.46
Auto Payments:	DCP	#2018020	\$2,241.00
	PERS	#2018021	\$9,400.16
	Teamsters Benefit	#2018022	\$6,688.00
	PR Taxes	#2018023	\$7,449.33
	Payroll Auto Deposit		\$22,394.21
	Total Payroll		\$63,514.88

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

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes noted the taxes are still coming in strong, Hotel Motel is slightly down from last July but still strong, the property taxes are consistent and the REET Taxes are 126% from what was budgeted.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Hayes would like to discuss installing security cameras for the upcoming budget.

Council Committee Reports:

Parks Commission:

Councilmember Wohleb shared the Rotary’s approval of a \$5,000 donation for Maple Park. She is also participating in a power point presentation on August 25th for an RCO Grant for Maple Park.

New Job Description:

Administrator Thomas explained this is for the new Permit Tech position, which includes the duties for the Public Records Request Officer. Discussions included employee certifications and incentive pay increases.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve the new position and job description for the Permit Tech as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 4/0.

Resolution 609 – Recognition of First Responders:

Mayor Hayes read the Resolution Honoring First Responders of Skagit County and recognizing “First Responders Day” of October 28.

Councilmember Dole moved to approve Resolution 609 honoring Skagit County First Responders and recognizing “First Responders Day” of October 28. Motion seconded by Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 4/0.


Mayor Round Table:

Councilmember Carlson noted there is still a problem with people speeding on Maple Avenue. He and other neighbors have offered their driveways for the Sheriff to monitor cars, and suggested moving forward with the upgrade of cameras installed on the poles of the speed signs.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6:38 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor