

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
August 27, 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 and Finance Director DeGoede.

Public Comments: N/A

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda
Approval of the Minutes of August 13, 2019

Accounts Payable:	Checks 22364 - 22403	\$185,598.36
	Electronic Pmts. - 201548 Excise Tax	\$7,718.69
	Total Accounts Payable	\$193,317.05
Payroll of August 20, 2019	Checks 5070 - 5075	\$1,744.53
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201547	\$5,651.33
	Payroll Auto Deposit	\$17,412.62
	Total Payroll	\$24,808.48

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes thanked Citizen Dan O'Donnell for alerting the Council and staff of the affordable housing funding.

Council Committee Reports:

Arts:

Councilmember Leaver noted there was a preliminary meeting regarding the selection of a memorial sculpture recognizing local artists. They are hoping to get it in the 2020 Budget.

Parks:

The Parks Commission was briefed on the Braves Sculpture and submitted their input to Planner Manville for permitting. There were two concerns. The first being is there another safer and visible location other than Gilkey Square? The second being why move the kiosk in Gilkey Square for a temporary sculpture that will only be there for two years? Councilmember Leaver explained this is a fundraiser for the school. People that donate will receive a feather that will attach to the eleven foot sculpture.

Agreement - TVI:

Finance Director DeGoede noted Council received the information requested in the last Council Packet. This is the agreement. Councilmember Brunisholz expressed his concerns of TVI. Finance Director DeGoede will request the representative of TVI to come to a future meeting to answer any other questions Council may have.

Councilmember Stokes moved to table the TVI Agreement to a future meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution 559 - SHB 1406 (Funding for Affordable Housing):

Administrator Thomas explained this was discussed at the last meeting. The resolution is the first step of two, which will follow with an ordinance next year. This resolution does not impose an additional tax but gives us a slice of the State's share of the sales tax revenue. Mayor Hayes stated this is required for La Conner to get its portion, which will be pooled with the County for subsidizing and building affordable housing and other needs.

Ken Stern of the La Conner Weekly News shared the estimated .0073% the State would provide, La Conner would get \$4,000. If the voters pass a levy, it could be another \$4,000.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve Resolution 559, SHB 1406 (Funding for Affordable Housing). Motion Seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 5/0.

Anacortes Water Agreement:

Administrator Thomas discussed his memo provided in the packet regarding the regional charges. There are two items in the City of Anacortes's accounting that were not clear. One is the division of the attorney fees and the other is the distribution of labor costs, which is not clear if it includes City maintenance. Administrator Thomas will discuss the items with the Anacortes Administrator, Steve Hoglund, for clarity on the charges and the benefits to La Conner. The next agreement negotiation is 2036.

Mayor/Council Roundtable:

Councilmember Brunisholz expressed his concerns on the progress of the Dike. Mayor Hayes stated both the Charrette John Doyle is planning and the land acquisition will be done by the end of this year. Administrator Thomas will provide clarification of the land disposition and costs involved at the next meeting. There were discussions on getting the permitting completed and the materials used to build the dike. Citizen Jerry Shaw spoke on his support to start the process of the dike and to permit any building materials to go towards the dike. Citizen Dole stated in his experience in engineering, there is never enough money to design for the worst case. You design for a certain level.

Mayor Hayes noted the renegotiation of the Sheriff's contract and the Code Enforcement position will be up for discussion this budget season. He and Administrator Thomas are exploring all options, including pooling funds with the Port and School for the benefit of the community.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

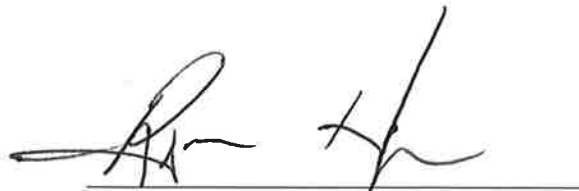
Mayor Hayes called to order for the continuation of the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hayes stated there will be an Executive Session regarding collective bargaining for approximately 30 minutes. Administrator/Attorney Thomas stated there will be no decision made.

**Executive Session ended 7:35 p.m.
No decision made.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Maria DeGoede, Finance Director


Ramon Hayes, Mayor