

**Town of La Conner**  
Town Council Meeting  
September 24, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

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The meeting of the La Conner Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Brunisholz.  
Present: Councilmembers Leaver, Stokes, Chamberlain and Wohleb.  
Also present: Administrator Thomas and Finance Director DeGoede.

**Public Comments:** Citizen Dan O'Donnell asked if the Kirsch Property listing will extend. Administrator Thomas stated he needs to talk with the real estate agent, Dick Nord, to see if he will extend the listing. Mr. O'Donnell also asked what the Administrator's wage increase will be for 2020. Finance Director DeGoede noted it looks to be 2.5%. Mr. O'Donnell felt it was 3.6%.

**Presentations:**

- 1) Rebecca Strong of the La Conner Live Events reported on the 2019 concerts. There were over 3000 in attendance for the 2019 series of 15 concerts. This was a 65% increase from last year. La Conner Live came in second to the Tulip Festival for the Skagit Best Event. Next year, she is working with the Chamber to do a second concert series called Jazz Valley during the Daffodil Festival.
- 2) Bo Miller of Miller Design presented plans for Gilkey Square, to include two pavilions for cover to accommodate attendees of events. Gilkey Square has no shade for the summer months, and the coverage would also shield against the winds and rain. The cost ranges from 1.0 Million to \$300,000.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of September 10, 2019

Accounts Payable:	Checks 22437 - 22485	\$94,681.78
	Voided Check 22384	
	Electronic Pmts. - 201554 Excise Tax	\$7,018.24
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$101,700.02</b>
Payroll of Sept. 20, 2019	Checks 5087 - 5092	\$1,589.70
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201555	\$5,544.25
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>	<u>\$17,133.62</u>
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$24,267.57</b>

**Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. 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 stated the placement of the Braves Sculpture has been decided and the cement pad has been poured. It will be located at the South end of Town.

**Agreement - TVI:**

Finance Director explained this is only the agreement that approves and sets the commission rate TVI would receive if we choose to invest funds with them. It does not obligate us to invest with them. The next CD rollover we will collect bank CD rates for Public Funds and compare them with what TVI can offer. If the CD is a better deal, we will leave the funds with the bank. There will be a Finance Committee Meeting to review the rates available before investing.


**Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the TVI Rate Agreement not to exceed 0.15% in commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion carried 5/0.**

**2020 Hotel Motel Distribution:**

Finance Director DeGoede stated the Finance Committee along with the Mayor and Administrator met to review the applications. Their recommendations are presented to Council for discussion and approval. Councilmember Brunisholz felt the funds allocated for the Maple Hall Elevator for 2019 should have been more, and less from the REET. Finance Director DeGoede noted this was voted and approved last year. Because staff was just notified the elevator will not be done until January or February of 2020, Councilmember Brunisholz would like to review the funding of the elevator.

**Councilmember Stokes moved to table the 2020 Hotel Motel Distribution. Motion Seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 5/0.**

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

  
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Maria DeGoede, Finance Director

  
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Ramon Hayes, Mayor