

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
January 14, 2020 – 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, and Sgt. Willard.

Public Comments: No Comments

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2019

Approval of the Minutes of December 4, 2019 Special Meeting

Accounts Payable - December 2019 Closeout:

Checks	22801 - 22845	\$131,496.17
Voided Check	22768	
Electronic Pmts:		
	201582 - Lease Hold Tax	\$1,176.23
	201583 - Parking Meter Fees	\$109.59
	201584 - CC Processing Fees	\$102.20
Total Accounts Payable December 2019 Closeout		\$132,884.19

Accounts Payable - January 14, 2020

Checks	22846 - 22871	\$95,087.91
Total Accounts Payable January 14, 2020		\$95,087.91

Payroll of January 3, 2020:

Checks	5138 - 5146	\$18,213.79
Auto Payment	201579 - DRS	\$2,291.00
Auto Payment	201580 - PERS	\$9,445.60
Auto Payment	201581 - Payroll Taxes	\$7,215.47
<u>Auto Payroll Deposit</u>		<u>\$24,428.01</u>
Total Payroll January 3, 2020		\$61,593.87

Citizen O'Donnell couldn't attend the meeting but contacted Council and the Administrator to request holding the check to the City of Anacortes in the claims of the December 2019 closeout, until he is able to discuss it with Council. Anacortes calculated a balance of \$2,789 owed by the Town for the 2018 reconciliation. Mr. O'Donnell provided a spreadsheet with his figures showing a reimbursement to the Town in the amount of \$17,550.28. Finance Director DeGoede stated the reconciliation payment was included in the check for the December 2019 water charges. That amount is due so she would have to void the check to remove the reconciliation charges. Administrator Thomas met with the Anacortes Finance Director, Steve Hoglund, and felt their figures were accurate. Council decided to send the check as scheduled. The City of Anacortes could always reimburse the Town if warranted.

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

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes discussed the increase of the Sales Tax and Hotel Motel Taxes for 2019. All other funds were stable or over the budgeted estimates as well.

Planning Department:

Planner Manville reviewed her work over the 2019 year. The Planning Department had a very busy year processing permit applications, which included Land Use, Building and other miscellaneous permits. The Planning Commission has been reviewing codes for cleanup. She is still waiting on the permitting for the Shoreline Restoration from the Corps of Engineers. A letter from the Mayor will be going out soon to try to get that moving.

WWTP Report:

Councilmember Wohleb noted there was an error on the report spreadsheet, the columns were reversed.

PSE Lines:

Councilmember Stokes asked for an update on the low PSE lines on Caledonia. He met with Administrator Thomas and others at the area of concern. The lines are low due to the tree branches weighing them down and now the snow has made it worse. Administrator Thomas will contact PSE to try and initiate a faster response time.

Arts Commission:

Councilmember Leaver provided a handout of an art sculpture that was donated to the Town. CC3 is 5.5 feet tall and about 1000 lbs. The Arts Commission did meet and unanimously voted to recommend it for Council approval. They have a few locations in mind. Councilmember Wohleb noted the locations for placement of the sculpture should be coordinated with the Parks Commission as well.

Councilmember Brunisholz moved to approve the Arts Commission's recommendation to accept the art donation CC3. Motion seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Motion carried 5/0.

Parks Commission:

Councilmember Wohleb reported the Parks Commission would like to see the memorial bench program reinstated and will be connecting with the Arts Commission with a list of available locations to choose from. Also, they are looking for a location for a dog park; the main issue is the in-town leash requirement.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem:

Councilmember Leaver is the next in line for the six month position.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Councilmember Leaver as Mayor Pro Tem for the next six months. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution 565 - Appointment to the Arts Commission:

Mayor Hayes recommended Gary Giovane as Position Five to the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution 565, the appointment of Gary Giovane to the Art's Commission Position Five. Motion seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion carried 5/0.

Agreement - Skagit Surveyors - Planning Services:

Administrator Thomas noted it is basically the same contract as last year.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the agreement between the Town and Skagit Surveyors for planning services. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 5/0.

There were discussions regarding Calico Cupboard washing kitchen items behind the building on the Boardwalk side. There was concern of the runoff in the Channel. Planner Manville will follow up with it.

Executive Session:

6:37 p.m. Mayor Hayes stated there will be an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. It should be about 20 minutes and no decision will be made.

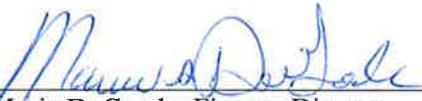
6:54 p.m. Executive Session ended. Administrator Thomas stated there was no action taken.

Teamsters Union Agreement:

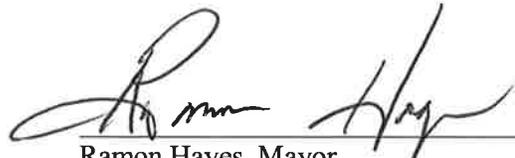
Administrator Thomas explained the agreement has a 3.25 raise for the first two years and 3.0 for the following two years. The on-call issue will be addressed after the agreement has been signed. He did send a letter to the Teamsters regarding the option to call in a contractor if Public Works personnel are not available for emergency water repairs.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Teamsters Agreement. Councilmember Wohleb seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor