

**Town of La Conner**  
Town Council Meeting  
January 28, 2020 – 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 Hayes.

Present: Councilmembers Brunisholz, Leaver and Chamberlain.

Also present: Administrator Thomas, Finance Director DeGoede and Public Works Director Lease.

**Councilmember Brunisholz moved to excuse Councilmembers Stokes and Wohleb. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

**Public Comments:**

Citizen Rick Dole requested a status on the traffic speed bumps. Public Works Director Lease stated there are temporary ones, but they would have to be permanently installed, causing damage to the roads. He has the information on it, but the decision to move forward has not been made.

Citizen Dan O'Donnell discussed the Anacortes water bill. He believes they have over charged us and owe the Town \$5,500. Also, they didn't reveal how much water was consumed in the reconciliation. He requested a Finance Committee Meeting to look it over. Staff will follow up with it and will notify Mr. O'Donnell of the day and time if he wishes to attend.

**Presentations:**

Sons of the American Revolution: Mike Hutchins, representative of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented La Conner Public Works with a Certificate of Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the United States Flag.

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of January 14, 2020

Accounts Payable:	Checks 22872 - 22899	\$50,431.62
	Voided Check #22846	
	Electronic Pmts. - 201586 Excise Tax	\$6,349.47
	201587 CC Fees	\$75.00
	<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$56,856.09</b>
Payroll of Jan 17, 2020	Checks 5147 - 5152	\$1,609.01
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201585	\$5,714.40
	Payroll Auto Deposit	\$16,999.03
	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$24,322.44</b>

**Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

**Council Committee Reports:**

**WAB:**

Councilmember Brunisholz reported on the WAB meeting. The Tribe is planning on building an additional 50 homes. They account for ¼ of the Town's sewer system. In 2020 the WWTP will need another study on I&I to locate the larger leaks.

**Arts:**

Councilmember Leaver noted the Commission will conduct a Town walk-through to look for locations to install the last sculpture donated to the Town.

**Ordinance 1185 Correction of Scrivener Error in Ordinance 1184:**

Finance Director DeGoede explained there was a typo error in Ordinance 1184 adopting the 2020 Budget. The General Fund 001 was over by \$8,000 and the Hotel Motel Fund 123 was short by \$8,000. The corrected Ordinance in the packet only showed the general fund correction. She provided a corrected ordinance showing both funds revised. There is no difference in the total expenditures in the original 2020 Budget Ordinance 1184.

**Councilmember Brunisholz moved to approve Ordinance 1185 correcting the Scrivener/Typographical error of Ordinance 1184, the 2020 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

**Interlocal Agreement - Skagit County Tourism Promotion Area (TPA):**

Administrator Thomas explained this will generate an additional \$2.00 per night per room from hotels with 40 rooms and above. The extra Hotel Motel funds will be utilized for the promotion of events throughout Skagit County. La Conner Chamber Director Heather Carter stated there is a new Skagit Lodging Association in support of the TPA.

**Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Skagit County Interlocal TPA Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

**Agreement - Frontline:**

Public Works Director Lease solicited bids for the cleaning of the public restrooms. This was the lowest bid coming in at a little over \$27,000 for 2020.

**Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town of La Conner and Frontline Cleaning. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

**Agreement - Andrea's Cleaning Service:**

Administrator Thomas stated it was updated to include the prevailing wage clause and also a small increase of \$50.00 a month. This is for the cleaning of Town Hall and the Sheriff's Department.

**Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Town of La Conner and Andrea's Cleaning for the cleaning of Town Hall and the Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

**2020 Tribal Sewer Rates:**

Administrator Thomas referenced the Memo from CHS Engineers, who calculated the rates for 2020 as 0.4671 per gallon with a Fair Share of \$1,204.10 owing to the Tribe. The overall flow treated at the plant decreased slightly.

**Councilmember Brunisholz moved to approve the 2020 Swinomish Tribal Rates. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 3/0.**

There was a complaint from a citizen in the paper regarding residents not clearing snow from the sidewalks. Another complaint was piles of snow that were removed and left on the sides of the roads. Public Works Director Lease explained this snow storm hit fast and left fast. The last one stayed longer and they had more time to clear it. There were further discussions regarding citizens' and business owners' responsibility of clearing snow from sidewalks.

Councilmember Brunisholz requested a status on the purchase of the land needed for the dike. Administrator Thomas has been in contact with the owner and has been trying to contact the tenant as well. He has the original design but we may need more land if we have CHS design a release valve, which can't be accomplished without an additional study. He also pointed out every square foot of land we buy costs money and takes that land out of production. Mayor Hayes noted he and Administrator Thomas are working towards this and have weekly discussions.

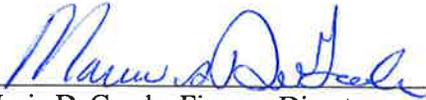
**Executive Session:**

Mayor Hayes called the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

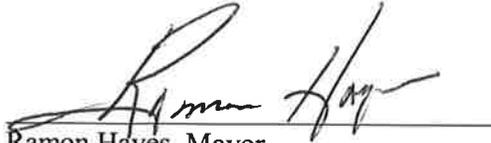
It will cover potential real estate acquisition and a labor agreement. It will last approximately 30 minutes

Mayor Hayes closed the Executive Session at 6:51 p.m., no decisions were made.

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.**



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor