

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
February 22, 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, Chamberlain and Wohleb.

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

This meeting was held 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.

Public Comments By:

John Leaver Letter read by Mayor Hayes on scaling back on the Love La Conner Sculpture.

Resident Dan O'Donnell discussed the Anacortes Reconciliation.

Chamber Director Carter Thanked the First on First Group for participating in the Love La Conner Discussions.

Resident Ken Barnes requested information on tourism funding. He was referred to Town Hall staff for information.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Meeting.

Accounts Payable:	Checks 24798 - 24837	\$181,611.30
	Electronic Pmts. – 201773 Excise Tax	\$6,447.61
	Total Accounts Payable	\$188,058.91

Payroll of February 18, 2022	Checks 5526 - 5531	\$2,310.29
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201774	\$5,902.36
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>	<u>\$17,862.01</u>
	Total Payroll	\$26,074.66

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

Administrator's Report:

- WWTP Front-loader Emergency Repairs in the amount of \$35,000.
- Fourth of July Event will include the Port of Skagit's participation.
- Hybrid Council Meetings should resume at the March 22nd Meeting.

Mayor's Report:

- Appointment of Michael Bucy to the Parks Commission. The Resolution to follow at the next meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to approve the appointment of Michael Bucy to the Parks Commission.
- Appointment to the Planning Commission will be at the next Council Meeting.
- Sgt. Jenny Sheahan will replace Lt. Jeff Willard for the La Conner Sheriff's Department.

Council Committee Reports:

Utilities Committee: Met to discuss the remittance on the Anacortes reconciliation.

Communications (Ad Hoc): Working on the first draft with public input.

Parks Committee

- Cement for the Waterfront Park Pavilion is scheduled for pouring.
- Possible install of a water fountain at the Waterfront Park.
- The Fish Bridge is closed for repairs.
- Repair or Replacement of the damaged kiosk. Possible new kiosks in 2023.

Ordinance 1210 Amending 7.10. of the LMC (Dangerous Buildings):

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve Ordinance 1210 correcting issues in Ordinance 1208. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 Annual Code Updates – Chapter 15 of the LMC (Development)

Mayor Hayes opened the Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

No Comments.

Mayor Hayes closed the Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Ordinance 1211 – 2021 Annual Code Updates – Chapter 15 of the LMC:

Councilmember Dole moved to approve the 2021 Code Updates as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING – Comprehensive Plan Updates (Parks Element)

Mayor Hayes opened the Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

No Comments

Mayor Hayes closed the Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Ordinance 1212 – Comprehensive Plan Updates (Parks Element):

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve Ordinance 1212 for the Comprehensive Plan Updates addition of the Parks Element. Motion seconded by Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 5/0.

Launch and Moorage Pay Stations:

Due to theft and damage, the moorage and launch pay boxes need to be replaced with credit card Pay Stations. The cost after negotiations is \$38,652. Revenues from the Kirsch Property sale will fund the new pay stations.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the purchase of the new Pay Stations from the Kirsch Property Sale revenue, and to waive the competitive bidding as Sole Purchase. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carlson. Motion carried 5/0.

Code Enforcement Position Description:

Position will be full-time and include full benefits.

Councilmember Dole moved to move forward with advertising of the Code Enforcement Officer's Position. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 5/0.

Sign Regulations:

Planner Davolio is seeking nominations to form a committee to include citizens and business owners for public input for the revisions of the La Conner Sign Regulations.

Agreement – Western Display Fireworks:

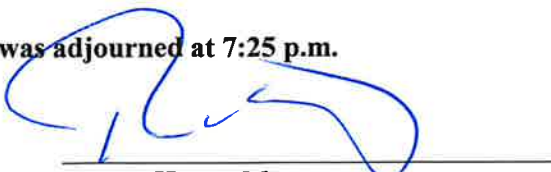
Councilmember Dole moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Western Display Fireworks Agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carlson. Motion carried 5/0.

Mayor Roundtable:

- Love La Conner Sculpture
- Update on the abandoned boat
- Update on the Moore Clark building

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Maria DeGoede, Finance Director


Ramon Hayes, Mayor