

Town of La Conner

Town Council Meeting
March 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, Dole, Chamberlain and Wohleb.

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

This was a hybrid meeting held in person and 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.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to excuse Councilmember Carlson. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

Presentations:

Resident John Leaver, Ken Barnes BSR and John Durgin, owner of Katy's Inn - Presented the revised Love La Conner Sculpture for Gilkey Square. Chamber Director Carter stated "Love La Conner" is a Chamber brand and any businesses involved should be a Chamber Sponsor. Mayor Hayes recommended, before moving forward, the plans need to be discussed with the Swinomish Tribe on the cultural imprints and brought before the Parks Commission. Also, the plans will be posted on the Town's website for public viewing.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

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

Accounts Payable:	Checks 24882 - 24911	\$71,485.09
	<u>Electronic Pmts. – 201779 Excise Tax</u>	<u>\$5,859.10</u>
	Total Accounts Payable	\$77,344.19
Payroll of March 18, 2022	Checks 5541 - 5546	\$2,219.53
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #201782	\$5,957.30
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>	<u>\$18,037.37</u>
	Total Payroll	\$26,214.20

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes discussed the newly formed Skagit Tourism Bureau with the focus of countywide tourism.

Council Committees

Communications – Ad-Hoc

Councilmembers Dole and Chamberlain discussed the upcoming public forum at the La Conner School auditorium. It is focused on educating the public on topics such as the process of the growth management act, the comp plan, and the building codes. It will be advertised in the La Conner Weekly News.

Parks Committee

Councilmember Wohleb reported:

- The Commission chose a traditional water fountain for the Waterfront Park.
- The permitting for the pavilion will begin.
- The arborist's evaluation of the Pioneer Park Trees.
- They are working on the design for the Maple Park.
- Looking for a student to join the Parks Commission.

Agreement – NPI Phone Systems:

Finance Director DeGoede explained this is the company that will be replacing all the phones. The previous company, Barron Communications closed December 31, 2021, and the existing phones are obsolete and no longer have support. She did call two other companies, but this was a local company and will be supplying the phones at no charge, the others were more expensive. Mayor Hayes shared his past involvement in pursuing fiber optic throughout the Town, but in the State of Washington, a community our size is prohibited from running a telecom.

Councilmember Dole moved to approve the Mayor to sign the NPI Agreement for the new phone system. Motion seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion carried 4/0.

Agreement – Maple Park Illustration (Curt Miller):

Administrator Thomas explained this is needed, along with the engineering report that has already been done, for an upcoming grant application for Maple Park.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement for the Maple Park Illustration. Motion seconded by Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 4/0.

Interlocal Agreement – Countywide Pubic Safety Communication Center:

Administrator Thomas explained this is for the County 911 system. This amends the current agreement for a tax increase to be placed on the ballot for needed technical upgrades.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the County Public Safety Communication Center. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

Ordinance 1214 Parking, Boat Ramp and Moorage Fees:

Administrator Thomas explained this will remove the fees from the LMC and adopt them by the following resolution.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve Ordinance 1214 removing the parking, boat ramp and moorage fees from the La Conner Municipal Code. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 4/0.

Resolution 598 Adopting the Parking, Boat Ramp and Moorage Fees:

This Resolution adopts the increased fees for parking, launch and moorage increase as follows:

- Parking lot fees from \$4.00 per day to \$5.00 per day.
- Boat Ramp from \$2.50 per launch and \$2.50 for retrieval to \$5.00 per launch and \$5.00 retrieval. \$10.00 for both
- Boat Ramp parking for vehicle and boat trailer is \$3.00 a day limited to three days
- Moorage from \$0.50 per foot to \$0.75 per foot.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve Resolution 598 adopting the fees for Parking, Boat Ramp and Moorage. Motion seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion carried 4/0.

Resolution 599 Appointing Student Rachel Haley to the Art's Commission:

Rachel Haley was recommended by the School District.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve Resolution 599 for the appointment of Rachel Haley to the Art's Commission. Motion seconded by Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 4/0.

Mayor Round Table:

Mayor Hayes announced he has appointed John Leaver to the Planning Commission. There will be a Resolution at the following meeting for Council to consider.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor