

Town of La Conner

Town Council Special Meeting
June 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Upper Maple Center
108 Commercial Street
La Conner, WA 98257

Mayor Hayes called the Special Meeting of the La Conner Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Taylor, Carlson, Dole, Chamberlain and Wohleb.

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

Executive Session – Real Estate Acquisition:

6:01 p.m. Mayor Hayes announced an Executive Session regarding possible land acquisition. The Executive Session will be no longer than 20 Minutes.

6:14 p.m. The Executive Session ended. No actions were taken.

Mayor Hayes left the Meeting at 6:14 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Wohleb assumed the position.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

DE Agreement with David Evans & Associates - Moore Clark Structural Building Assessment:

Administrator Thomas explained this Agreement is for a structural assessment of the Moore Clark Building for action that may or may not take place that could be construed as being dangerous. We need an assessment before doing any further steps.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the DE Agreement with David Evans and Associates for the structural assessment of the Moore Clark Building. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 5/0.

Birch Equipment Quote – New Generator:

Public Works Director Lease explained the cost has increased since the Budget Amendment in March of 2022, when the Council approved the new generator in the amount of \$45,000. The total cost of the new quote is \$55,897.09. This will not affect his Drainage Budget as a whole as he will not be able to do some of the planned items, such as the Drainage Plan Update.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the additional cost of the generator. Motion seconded by Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 5/0.

Intern Assignment:

Administrator Thomas explained there is a second-year student from Western Washington University that has an interest in local governments. He has requested to do an unpaid internship position with the Town for the summer. We are looking at possibly having him work with our Communications Committee putting together a Citizens involvement manual. There will be more information once we have met with him.

Resolution No. 602 – Recognition of the New Holiday Juneteenth:

Administrator Thomas stated last year the State Legislature recognized Juneteenth as a State Holiday. This Resolution acknowledges the Town of La Conner also recognizes Juneteenth as a holiday.

Councilmember Dole moved to approve the Town of La Conner recognizing Juneteenth as a Holiday. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carlson. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution No. 603 – Memorandum of Understanding with the Teamsters (Juneteenth):

Administrator Thomas explained this will add Juneteenth to the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve Resolution No. 603 the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teamsters adding Juneteenth to the collective bargaining agreement. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution No. 604 – Revising the Personnel Policy No. 412 Holidays:

Administrator Thomas explained this resolution updates the Personnel Policy with the addition of Juneteenth as a holiday.

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the addition of Juneteenth to the Personnel Policy as a holiday. Motion seconded by Councilmember Taylor. Motion carried 5/0.

Letter from Nathaniel Barrett Inoue:

Administrator Thomas read a letter to the Mayor from a local student, Nathaniel Barrett Inoue, suggesting a water park for the Town. There was Council discussion on water parks in other communities.

Cancellation of the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting:

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the cancellation of the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion Carried 5/0.

Approval and Authorize the Finance Committee to Approve the June 14, 2022 Claims and Payroll.

Councilmember Dole moved to authorize the Finance Committee to approve and sign the June 14, 2022 Claims and Payroll. Motion seconded by Councilmember Dole. Motion carried 5/0.

This meeting was also held remotely and recorded by Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Councilmember Mary Wohleb, Mayor Pro-Tem