

Town of La Conner

Town Council Meeting
July 25, 2023 – 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, 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.

Public Comments:

Gerald George resident and Commissioner on the Emergency Management Commission acknowledged Public Works Director Lease for his input during the Commission's tour of the North end of Town.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda
Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Special Meeting and the Regular Council Meeting.

Accounts Payable:	Checks	26245 - 26279	\$133,923.13
	Electronic Pmts.	2018131 Excises Tax	\$9,301.78
		<u>2018129 Leasehold Tax</u>	<u>\$1,561.85</u>
		Total Accounts Payable	\$144,786.76
Payroll of July 20, 2023:	Checks 5748 - 5754		\$3,382.82
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #2018130		\$7,860.03
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>		<u>\$23,350.66</u>
		Total Payroll	\$34,593.51

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

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Thomas gave a heads-up Skagit 911 is looking at a 41% increase of their fees.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes stated the Council Retreat was a success. Through the facilitated process, Council was able to prioritize the future needs of the Town.

Council Committee Reports:

Emergency Management Commission: Councilmember Dole reported the Commission had a Tour of the North end of Town guided by Public Works Director Lease, to plan for flood control. The Commission decided to have two meetings in August to discuss the funding and materials needed.

Parks Commission: Councilmember Wohleb stated after cost increases and decreases, the Waterfront Park pavilion will be close to the expected costs. Also, there should be a status report on the Fish Slide soon.

Mayor Hayes discussed highspeed charging stations and the Solarize Skagit project.

Agreement – Nelson Lumber Construction:

Administrator Thomas explained this is for the install of the sleeper rooms at the Fire Department.

Councilmember Wohleb moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Nelson Lumber Construction. Motion seconded by Councilmember Carlson. Motion carried 5/0.

Appreciation of UPS Driver Hector Soltero:

Councilmember Dole presented Hector Soltero Town Resolution 623, passed on July 11, 2023, in appreciation of his service to the Town of La Conner for over a decade.

Mayor Roundtable:

Councilmember Taylor has been in contact with Cascadia Weekly in regards to removing their newspaper boxes. They are deciding on if they will still use them or remove them.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6:54 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor