

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
August 10, 2021 – 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 Brunisholz, Leaver, Stokes, and Wohleb.

Also present: Administrator Thomas and Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director, Planner Davolio, and Sgt. Caulk of the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Stokes moved to excuse Councilmember Chamberlain. Motion seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Motion carried 4/0

Public Comments:

Resident Dan O'Donnell discussed the possibility of PFA in the compost sold by the Town. This is a drug that can't be removed and causes liver disease and possibly cancer. He feels more testing should be done, and unless or until the tests show no PFA in the compost, it shouldn't be sold for vegetable gardens.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of July 27, 2021

Accounts Payable:	24303 – 24348	\$115,569.89
Auto Payments:	201722 Deposit Books	\$65.49
	201726 CC Processing Fees	\$145.20
	<u>201727 Parking Meter Fees</u>	<u>\$346.37</u>
	Total August 10, 2021 Claims	\$116,126.95

Payroll of August 5, 2021	Checks	5427 - 5435	\$20,789.17
Auto Payments:	DCP	#201723	\$2,291.00
	PERS	#201724	\$8,931.53
	PR Taxes	#201725	\$6,595.88
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>		<u>\$20,461.98</u>
	Total Payroll		\$59,069.56

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

Chamber Report:

Director Carter reported on the Annual Classic Boat and Car Show. It was the first event in eighteen months, and it poured. She estimated 500 visitors attended.

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes stated Sales Taxes are strong at 102.26% and Hotel Motel at 80.96%. The rest are all stable.

The Mayor also noted there will be upcoming meetings to start tackling the costs for the sewer plant infrastructure upgrades.

Clean Energy Cooperative:

Councilmembers Brunisholz, Wohleb and resident Terry Nelson met to discuss the Clean Energy Cooperative. After reviewing, it is not something that would be run by the Town. They are continuing to investigate this, but it is too soon to know if it is a possibility.

Finance Committee:

Councilmember Stokes reported on the meeting regarding the State Business License Services. The meeting was to discuss the change in the Town's business license structure to meet the requirements of the State. The new structure will only increase the license fees \$10.00.

Parks Committee:

Councilmember Wohleb noted the final survey for Maple Park is in the packet. Councilmembers have reviewed it. This survey will be going out in the August utility bills and there will be an online option.

Pye Barker Fire Suppression Proposal:

Public Works Director Lease explained the Maple Hall Kitchen Fire Suppression is not in compliance. He recommended Council to approve the proposal.

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Pye Barker Maple Hall Fire Suppression Proposal. Motion seconded by Councilmember Wohleb. Motion carried 4/0.

Maple Park Survey:

It was the Town Council's consensus to move forward with the Maple Park Survey.

Resolution – Deferral of Parking Fees:

Councilmember Stokes moved to table this until further information could be reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Library. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brunisholz. Motion carried 4/0.

Planner Davolio explained the library cannot get a building permit until the parking issue is resolved. It was decided Councilmembers Stokes and Leaver would join the scheduled meeting with the library this week.

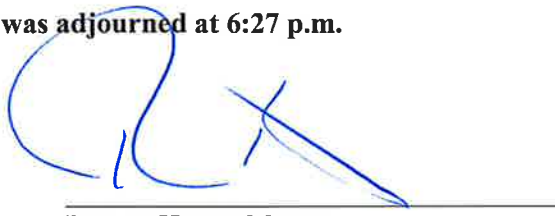
Public Comments:

Resident Linda Talman discussed the Federal Grant Funding. She is not for allocating it to a cooling center at Maple Hall. She feels the school is a better option as it already has air conditioning and a playground for the kids. Also, she requested the Town to incorporate Zoom for the Council Meetings to accommodate the people that can't come in person. Councilmember Stokes stated we have purchased the "Owl" for that purpose.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor