

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
August 23, 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 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:

Resident Linda Talman discussed the timeline process for the upcoming code updates. Also, in her opinion, the three-minute comment limit will not be enough and the Council meeting room will not be big enough.

Resident Leslie Smith would like items of substantial public interest on the agendas.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of the August 9, 2022 Meeting

Accounts Payable:	Checks 25289 - 25331	\$252,795.26
	Electronic Pmts. – 2018026 Excise Tax	\$6,378.17
	Total Accounts Payable	\$259,173.43

Payroll of August 19, 2022	Checks 5608 - 5612	\$2,655.50
	Payroll Auto Tax Payment #2018027	\$6,389.02
	<u>Payroll Auto Deposit</u>	<u>\$18,943.99</u>
	Total Payroll	\$27,988.51

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

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Thomas stated we received three applicants for the Permit Tech position. We are still working through the process.

The Department of Ecology sent notification that the Town was selected for an award for the Water Quality Nutrient Grant. Although successful, we don't know what we will receive. They will contact us to negotiate the agreement and the amount.

Councilmember Wohleb was contacted by a representative from the Solar Grant for a debriefing. This could prove helpful for the next time we try for a solar grant.

Center Street Project Update – Administrator Thomas will finish sending all the information for attorney review after Friday, the closing for Public Comments. We have retained Kenyon Disend Law Firm, who specializes exclusively in municipal law, to determine the outcome of the 1986 zoning agreement.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes received a request from a citizen to have the Center Street Project on all Agendas until it has been resolved. It was the consensus of the Council to include the Center Street Project on all Agendas.

The Mayor also shared the Library Dedication will be on September 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Council Committees

Arts Committee:

Councilmember Taylor shared on September 3rd there will be an Art Walk featuring pieces put in place since the pandemic.

Fire and Park Impact Fees:

Planner Davolio explained his goal is to have this effective January 1, 2023. The Capital Facility Plan budgets for the Park Fund and the Fire Department will help determine the impact fees. Council will decide whether the fees will be paid by the developer, the residents or both.

Councilmembers Wohleb and Taylor will not be attending the September 27th Council meeting.

Executive Session:

Mayor Hayes announced there will be an Executive Session for approximately fifteen minutes to discuss real estate and litigation.

Executive Session began at 6:22 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.

No action taken.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor