

Town of La Conner
Town Council Meeting
January 12, 2016 – 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, Chamberlain and Bruch.

Also present: Administrator Doyle, Finance Director DeGoede, Public Works Director Lease, WWTP Operator Wynn, Fire Chief Taylor and Sergeant Howell.

Approval of Agenda:

Councilmember Chamberlain moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Stokes. Carried 5-0

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015. Seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Carried 5-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for the December 2015 Closeout:

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve checks 18095 through 18144 in the amount of \$150,725.85. Seconded by Councilmember Leaver. Carried 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable of January 12, 2016:

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve checks 18145 through 18160 in the amount of \$18,747.54. Seconded by Councilmember Brunisholz. Carried 5-0.

Approval of Payroll:

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve payroll checks 4325 through 4341, 201279, and direct deposits in the amount of \$52,306.27 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Carried 5-0.

Community Comments:

No Community Comments.

Chamber Report:

Chamber Director Heather Carter reviewed upcoming events, such as the Daffodil Festival and the Smelt Derby. The 2016 Coupon Books will be ready January 22, 2016. December was a slow month for the Visitor's Center. There were 96 walk-ins, 67 phone calls and 8,501 views on the website with 83% unique. Although December was slow, there were 25,000 more views on the website than in 2014.

Revenue and Expenditure Reports:

Mayor Hayes noted for 2015, the sales tax receipts are at 135%, Hotel Motel came in at 107% and the Property Taxes were right on at 100%. Councilmember Bruch noted the graphs were not calculating the daily percentage correctly. Finance Director DeGoede and Administrator Doyle will review them. The total dollars and percentages for the year were correct.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Doyle informed Council the EDASC contract came in during the break, and because of the time frame it was due, it was signed by the Mayor. It was under the \$2,500 limit for Council approval, but wanted to let Council know it was signed.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hayes reported on the School Levy Workshop. There was an attendance of about 50 people with obvious anxiety and frustration, but the meeting remained polite. There will be another one at Shelter Bay tomorrow. The Mayor did learn there was another possibility of a Leasehold Excise Tax option to homes on reservation land, but it was not made known to anyone.

Council Committee Reports:

Flood/Dike:

Administrator Doyle received the Hydrology Report from the Army Corp of Engineers. He has reviewed it with the Town Engineer, Evan Henke, and Public Works Director Lease. The next meeting will be with the Flood Committee to review, who will then present it to the Council. There was discussion on not moving the floodgate and reviewing options to reduce costs.

Assignment of Mayor Pro-Temp:

The next six month assignment for Mayor Pro-Tem will be Councilmember Brunisholz

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the assignment of Councilmember Brunisholz as Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Councilmember Bruch. Carried 5-0.

Council Committee Assignments:

Councilmember Brunisholz addressed councilmembers on the positions they are currently on. If they are comfortable staying with their current committees, then our new Councilmember Bruch can replace the positions of our former Councilmember O'Donnell. But, Councilmember Brunisholz was very open to discussion if any councilmember wanted to change committees. All Councilmembers agreed to remain on their current committees and for Councilmember Bruch to assume the committees of former Councilmember O'Donnell. Council Committees are as follows:

Facilities	MaryLee Chamberlain, John Leaver
Finance & Labor	John Leaver and Bill Stokes
Long Range Planning/Technology	John Leaver and Jacques Brunisholz
Park & Port	Bill Bruch
Streets & Safety	Bill Stokes and MaryLee Chamberlain
Utilities	Jacques Brunisholz and Bill Bruch
WAB	Jacques Brunisholz
Arts Commission	John Leaver
Flood Commission	Jacques Brunisholz and Bill Bruch
Ombudsman	MaryLee Chamberlain

Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the designation of committees by Councilmember Brunisholz. Seconded by Councilmember Chamberlain. Carried 5-0.

Third Street TIB Extension of Consultant Agreement:

Public Works Director Lease explained the project has been continued into 2016, so the engineering consultant agreement with Tuttle Engineering and Management needs to be extended through 2016. There is no increase in costs or changes.

Councilmember Leaver moved to approve the Mayor to sign the extension of Third Street TIB Consultant Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Brunisholz. Carried 5-0

Community Comments:

No Community Comments.

Executive Session to Review a Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Mayor Hayes excused the public at 6:53 pm for the Executive Session.
Mayor Hayes opened the Council Meeting to the public at 7:10 pm.

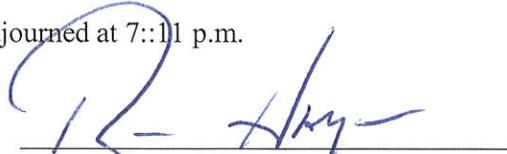
Mayor/Council Roundtable:

No discussions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Maria DeGoede, Finance Director



Ramon Hayes, Mayor