

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 27, 2017

Mayor Farivar called the June 27, 2017 Leavenworth City Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM and Mr. Jamie High led the City Council in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar, Gretchen Wearne, Elmer Larsen, Mia Bretz, Margaret Neighbors, Richard Brinkman, and Sharon Waters.

Staff Present: City Administrator Joel Walinski, City Attorney Tom Graafstra, Chantell Steiner, Nathan Pate, and Sue Cragun.

Mayor Farivar excused Councilmember Carolyn Wilson from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of June 13, 2017 Study Session Minutes
4. 2017 Claims \$165,250.55
5. Motion to Set Public Hearing – Rural Development Application for Funding Wastewater Facility Upgrades on July 11, 2017 at 6:45 PM

Councilmember Neighbors noted that there was a misspelling to a surname in the Study Session minutes.

Councilmember Larsen motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wearne and passed unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Waters reported that she attended the Naturalization Ceremony, Chelan Douglas Health District Board meeting, and the Leavenworth Drive car show. She noted that there will be an upcoming Fish Lake Algae Study meeting for the residents in that area; this is due to the large doses of phosphorus in the lake during the summer.

Councilmember Brinkman reported that he attended the Finance Committee meeting and stated that the Committee received a presentation by representatives of the Freedom Foundation regarding making public employee collective bargaining contract negotiations open to the public; he confirmed that the Committee Members have chosen not to move forward with this item.

Councilmember Neighbors thanked all of the union representatives for attending the meeting and then reported that she attended the Naturalization Ceremony, the Accordion Festival Parade, and the Ad Hoc Skate Park and Economic Development Committee meetings.

Councilmember Bretz reported that she attended the Link Transit Board meeting and briefly detailed the highlights from the meeting regarding ridership and infrastructure improvements. She also attended the Upper Valley Parks & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) special meeting to discuss strategic planning and community outreach, as there are upcoming levies expiring in the next two years. She noted that those levies will need to be renewed in order to continue the PRSA and operation of the outdoor pool.

Councilmember Larsen reported that he attended the Leavenworth Area Promotion (LAP) Committee meeting; he briefly detailed the highlights of that meeting regarding current promotional commitments.

Councilmember Wearne reported that she attended the Leavenworth Area Promotion (LAP) meeting, Cascade Medical Foundation Golf Benefit, Naturalization Ceremony, Ad Hoc Skate Park, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meetings.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Farivar reported that she attended the Chelan County Port District meeting with the Chamber of Commerce representatives regarding the development of new industry in Leavenworth. She also attended the WA State Transportation Commission and Housing Affordability Task Force meetings. She added that the Council will be presented with a list of recommendations by the Task Force at an upcoming City Council meeting.

City Administrator Joel Walinski noted that the Council packet includes the Public Safety Report completed by the City in 2014 regarding an analysis of current Public Safety issues and options. He noted the Public Hearing on the Consent Agenda regarding the Rural Development Application for funding the wastewater facility upgrades that will be held on July 11th at 6:45 PM. He then updated the Council on the Apple Maggot Quarantine and stated that the Dryden Transfer Station will no longer accept yard waste from the quarantine areas; the City is currently looking to find a solution for the City's yard waste.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Paul Parmley, 1737 N Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee; Mr. Parmley stated that he is a representative of Teamsters Local 760 and stated the Union's position in regard to the Freedom Foundation. He briefly detailed the background of the Foundation regarding union negotiations being open to the public. He spoke to the pros of the negotiations between the Union and the City. He provided the Council with a written rebuttal to the Freedom Foundation's anti-union proposal and thanked the Mayor and Council for their time; he thanked the Finance Committee for not moving forward with the initiative.

DISCUSSION: JOINT MID-YEAR MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commissioners Present: Scott Bradshaw, Joel Martinez, Pete Olson, Andy Lane, and Anne Hessburg.

Mayor Farivar thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting and for the workload that they are currently working on. She opened the joint meeting with the Planning Commission at 7:00 PM.

Development Services Manager Nathan Pate briefly provided the information regarding the update to the Comprehensive Plan and the mandates by the State. He spoke to the various elements being updated and the adoption process. He noted that once this process is completed, the Planning Commission will begin working on the recommendations provided by the Housing Affordability Task Force. There was a brief discussion regarding the public comments that have been provided on the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Additional discussions included a bypass through town, creating industrial zoning within the City limits, the timeline to completion of the Comprehensive Plan, and looking for additional public input prior to the public hearings. Manager Pate added that there will be a full study session review and homework assignments prior to the completion of the final product and new drafts will be included on the City's website. He explained that the plan has been revised to be easier to understand; a lot of the redundancy has been removed. The Mayor and Council thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and expressed their appreciation for the Planning Commission.

The joint meeting ended at 7:32 PM.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Professional Services Agreement for Parking with Williams Consulting

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the City Council is being asked to consider approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Rick Williams Consulting for a Leavenworth Parking Study. He said that the estimated cost of the study is \$56,322 and that those costs will be shared between the Port of Chelan County, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Leavenworth. He confirmed the funding as follows: \$30,000 from the Port of Chelan County and \$13,161 from each of the City of Leavenworth and the Chamber of Commerce. He noted that the City will also provide the staffing resources to oversee and facilitate the study. Finance Director Steiner stated that she will provide budget amendments for reimbursements at a later time.

Councilmember Wearne motioned to approve and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Professional Service Agreement with Rick Williams Consulting for a cost not to exceed \$56,322. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brinkman and passed unanimously.

2. Interlocal Agreement for Parking Cost Sharing with the Port of Chelan County

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the City Council is being asked to consider the approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Chelan County for their commitment of \$30,000 toward the Parking Study and Assessment.

Councilmember Brinkman motioned that the Leavenworth City Council acknowledges and appreciates the \$30,000 financial commitment by the Port of Chelan County and moves to approve and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Chelan County for cost sharing of the Parking Study and Commitment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waters and passed unanimously.

3. Interlocal Agreement for Parking Cost Sharing with the Chamber of Commerce

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the City Council is being asked to consider the approval of an Agreement with the Leavenworth Area Chamber of Commerce for cost sharing on the Parking Study and Assessment in the amount of \$13,161 of the \$56,322 total cost of the project.

Councilmember Neighbors motioned that the Leavenworth City Council acknowledges and appreciates the \$13,161 financial commitment by the Leavenworth Area Chamber of Commerce and moves to approve and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for cost sharing of the Parking Study and Commitment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen and passed unanimously.

4. Professional Services Agreement for Regional Utility Consolidation Study with FCS Group

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the City Council is being asked to review and consider approval of a Professional Services Agreement with the FCS Group for consultant services of the Regional Utility Consolidation Study. He explained that the study will consist of an analysis of the Cities of Leavenworth and Cashmere, Chelan County, Chelan County PUD, and the Peshastin Water District regarding the consolidation and/or merger analysis and to identify opportunities to expand, and/or to strengthen the delivery of water and sanitary sewer services to the utility accounts of the agencies. He said that the PUD will fund the study in the amount of \$140,000 with a \$10,000 contingency; a total cost of \$150,000. He briefly detailed the timeline of the study and noted that once completed, the agencies will be able to determine if there will be a next step in this process.

Councilmember Larsen motioned to approve and authorizes the Mayor to sign the professional service agreement with FCS Group for consulting services for the Regional Utility Consolidation Study at a not to exceed cost of \$150,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bretz and passed unanimously.

5. Mountain Pact Letter: Review of the Antiquities Act

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the City Council will continue the discussion regarding a request from the Mountain Pact at the June 13, 2017 Study Session meeting. He explained that the request is to provide a letter to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Secretary Zinke, asking the Department to stop the review on how the 1906 Antiquities Act has been used to select and preserve national monuments and strongly urge the Department of the Interior to maintain the protection and current boundaries of all existing national monuments.

Councilmembers individually stated the pros and cons in regard to the City aligning with the Mountain Pact or remaining silent; each stated their own interpretation of what the Antiquities Act represents and how that affects our local resources.

Councilmember Bretz motioned to approve supporting the Mountain Pact Coalition of Cities requesting U.S. Department of the Interior, Secretary Zinke, asking the Department to stop the review on how the 1906 Antiquities Act has been used to select and preserve national monuments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Neighbors and passed 3/2/1 with Councilmembers Larsen and Waters opposed and Councilmember Brinkman abstaining.

6. Cancel July 25, 2017 Regular Council Meeting and Subcommittee Meetings

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the Council is being asked to approve the cancelation of the regularly scheduled July 25, 2017 City Council Meeting and Subcommittee meetings as there are no current items anticipated for action.

Councilmember Brinkman motioned to cancel the July 25, 2017 Regular City Council meeting and Subcommittee meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bretz and passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mayor Farivar stated that there will be a discussion with Sheriff Burnett regarding the Public Safety Contract at the July 11th Study Session meeting and that there will be an update on the PUD Substation at the July 11th evening meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business, Councilmember Brinkman motioned to adjourn the June 27, 2017 meeting of the Leavenworth City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Neighbors and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

APPROVED



Cheryl K. Farivar
Mayor

ATTEST



Chantell Steiner
Finance Director / City Clerk