

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 9, 2018

Mayor Cheryl Kelley Farivar called the October 9, 2018 Leavenworth City Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM and Leavenworth resident Miss Eliana West led the City Council in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar, Carolyn Wilson, Mia Bretz, Elmer Larsen, Margaret Neighbors, Sharon Waters, and Jason Lundgren.

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

Mayor Farivar excused Councilmember Clint Strand from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of September 25, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. September 2018 Payroll \$242,602.78
4. 2018 Claims \$179,390.38
5. PRSA Voucher Request \$10,000.00

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

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC POWER WEEK

Mayor Farivar read the Proclamation in support of Chelan County PUD's Public Power Week for 2018.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: SERGEANT SCOTT LAWRENCE, LIAISON OFFICER

Chelan County Sheriff Sergeant Scott Lawrence reported on the current Sheriff Report for the month of August and provided information on the calls for service that have taken place around the City of Leavenworth and nearby surrounding areas. He stated the numbers of incidents, citations, traffic accidents, alarm calls, and arrests and compared those to the prior month of July. There was a brief discussion of some of the incidents that deputies encountered during the first weekend of Oktoberfest.

COUNCILMEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Lundgren reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting and stated that the Committee discussed Lodging Tax allocations, the formation of a parking

stakeholders group, and a “Holidays on Ice” temporary ice skating rink in the winter of 2019/2020.

Councilmember Neighbors reported that she attended the Chelan County Solid Waste Council meeting and stated that the group discussed the moderate risk solid waste facility and the apple maggot quarantine. She added that the City will be burning the yard waste that has been accumulating near the cemetery on October 10, 2018. She went on to report on the Parks Committee meeting and stated that the Committee discussed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Waterfront Park Playground taking place on October 10th at 3:30 PM, the Enchantment Park ballfield lighting, and the draft Front Street Master Plan.

Councilmember Bretz reported on the Public Works Committee meeting and stated that the Committee discussed the Water Plant assessment and a funding gap for the fish screen improvements. She provided an update on the Cascade Quick Lube property purchase and said that the sale is pending due to the results of the environmental review; completing a Phase II review has been recommended in the draft of the Phase I ESA. She provided a brief update regarding the Pine Street project and noted that the City is currently in the right-of-way acquisition phase and the geotechnical work will begin soon.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Farivar reported that she participated in the Autumn Leaf and Oktoberfest Parades. She noted that German TV Co. was in town to do a feature story on Leavenworth; she was interviewed prior to the Keg Tapping Ceremony. She then reported on the morning Study Session meeting and stated that the Council received a report from the Chamber of Commerce and then from the Upper Valley Museum, the Council received a presentation on the water meter replacement project from Tammy Rogers of Ferguson Waterworks, received a Planning Commission update from Development Services Consultant Ms. Charity Duffy, reviewed the current status of the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget, and reviewed the 2019 Rate & Fee Schedule.

City Administrator Joel Walinski reported on the Festhalle Oversight Committee meeting and stated that Festhalle Manager Josh Flickner is working on an event over the holidays, which will allow the Festhalle to be open from December 20th to January 1st; the Festhalle will be transitioned to a “marketplace” with shopping and food vendors available. He said that this is a new event for the City and that they are hoping that it is successful and addresses the issues of food service being available on holidays.

Public Works Director Herb Amick reported on the yard waste burn that is taking place on Icicle Road adjacent to the cemetery on October 10, 2018; he briefly described the burn process and noted that the fire department and city staff will be present at all times.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Adam West, 220 Evans Street, Leavenworth; Mr. West explained the problem that he is having with his driveway due to the road construction taking place on Fitz Strasse. He said that he has spoken with City Officials, Link Transit, and Perteet and was told that his driveway would not be affected. He said that winter is approaching and five residents are unable to access their homes due to the road construction.

Bob Fallon, 12275 Village Drive, Leavenworth; Mr. Fallon noted the upcoming public hearing on surplus property and asked where the property is located. Administrator Walinski explained the location on Highway 2.

PRESENTATION: HIGH-SOLIDS ORGANIC-WASTE RECYCLING SYSTEM– MR. MICHAEL SMITH/IMPACT BIOENGINEER INC.

Mr. Jan Allen representing Impact Bioenergy displayed a powerpoint presentation showing the various systems that convert organic waste into fertilizer and energy. He addressed the City's current garbage situation and explained how composting will lessen the waste stream. He explained the features and benefits of several different systems and answered questions from the Council members and the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUION - SUPPORT FOR PRSA OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE LEVY AT 6:45 PM

Mayor Farivar opened the public hearing at 7:29 PM.

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the Council had requested public comment regarding increased awareness for pool funding as it relates to the Upper Valley Park & Recreation Service Area (PRSA) Operations & Maintenance Levy. He said that he has heard from community members that there was confusion and misunderstanding of the previous ballot measure. He explained that the levy request on the November ballot is for the same amount as the current levy that is falling off at the end of the year; the levy funds 60% of the pool budget and if the levy does not pass in November, there will be no pool for the 2019 season.

Marina Haley, 130 Stafford Street, Leavenworth; Ms. Haley provided her favorable comment via email, which Administrator Walinski read into the record.

Councilmember Neighbors clarified that the Council members are in favor of the levy individually, and that the Resolution allows the full Council to collectively support the levy. Councilmember Bretz clarified that the PRSA pool is owned by the City and operated by the PRSA District, property tax and pool use fees are what pay for the pool to operate, and the PRSA transfers the money that is collected via property tax to the City; the PRSA is the tax collection body. Councilmember Larsen provided a brief history of the pool. Mayor Farivar explained that the public hearing is a way for the public to express their favor in regard to the levy. Councilmember Lundgren stated that he is in support of the levy and would like to examine the use of Lodging Tax Funds toward funding the pool. He also noted that there will soon be a survey available regarding the publics interest in activities.

Luke Astell, 123 Cherry Street, Leavenworth; Mr. Astell stated his support of the pool and asked how the pool was funded prior to the PRSA District being formed. Mayor Farivar and Administrator Walinski explained how regulations have changed over the years that have increased the costs necessary to operate the pool and that the increased staffing addresses life and safety regulations.

Marco Aurillio, 149 West Benton Street, Leavenworth; Mr. Aurillio stated that the pool has value for the community and suggested ways that Lodging Tax Funds could be used to market

and maintain the pool year round. He addressed different uses for the pool that aren't currently in place.

Cindy Puckett, 8541 Icicle Road, Leavenworth; Ms. Puckett stated that she was on the 1997 Pool Committee and briefly explained how the Committee came to set up the PRSA Board the way it is today. She questioned why the pool is not self sufficient. Councilmember Larsen stated that the entry fees are set as they are in order to keep the pool available to young families and benefit the community.

Stacy Barnhill, 9097 Icicle Road, Leavenworth; Ms. Barnhill stated her favor for the pool and doesn't want to see the community without a pool.

Malachi Jacob Taub, 203 West Benton Street, Leavenworth; Mr. Taub stated that he learned to swim at the pool and added that he is not sure if a tax is the best solution. He suggested raising pool fees.

Alex Taub, 203 West Benton Street, Leavenworth; Mr. Taub stated his support of the pool. He said that his children use the pool and feels that the levy is affordable.

Mara Merritt; Ms. Merritt stated her support for the pool. She said that her kids use the pool and that she swims laps. She noted that there are community members on a fixed income, so she doesn't feel that the pool is affordable for all. She also suggested reaching out to the Spanish speaking voters in the area.

Alex Schmidt 9097 Icicle Road, Leavenworth; Mr. Schmidt asked for information regarding the levy and when a larger amount can be requested again.

On a final note, Mayor Farivar read the ballot results for the PRSA levy from the August Primary Election and noted that the levy received 59.1% of the 60% necessary to pass.

Mayor Farivar asked if there were any more questions from the public; hearing none, she closed the public hearing at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 16-2018 – Support for PRSA Operations & Maintenance Levy

Councilmember Lundgren motioned to approve and authorizes the Mayor to sign Resolution 16-2018 Supporting the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area Six-Year Operations and Maintenance Levy Request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bretz and passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 1574 – Quarterly Budget Amendment

Finance Director Chantell Steiner stated that the City Council is being asked to adopt Ordinance 1574 – Quarterly Budget Amendment (QBA). She noted that all of the items that are included in the amendment are items previously approved by the Council in the last quarter. She stated the

various amendments to the General, Street, Lodging Tax, Pine Street Capital, Sewer, Parking, and Transportation Benefit District Funds.

Councilmember Neighbors motioned to adopt Ordinance 1574 Quarterly Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen and passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 1575 – Leavenworth Municipal Code Amendment – Chapter 8.04 Garbage

City Administrator Joel Walinski stated that the City Council is being asked to consider approval of Ordinance 1575 regarding changes in the Leavenworth Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 8.04 Garbage. He said that the changes are necessary in order to address the potential change in service delivery for the residential neighborhood which allows for Waste Management to be the City designated service provider. He noted that language concerning carts and containers was also modified in the code changes, to bring that language up to date.

Councilmember Lundgren motioned to adopt Ordinance 1575 amending Chapter 8.04 – Garbage. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen and passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Mayor Farivar stated that there will be three public hearings taking place at the next City Council meeting on October 23, 2018 at 6:45 PM; Waste Management Contract, Ad Valorem (Property) Tax, and Surplus Property. There was a brief discussion of how the Council will proceed with the discussion on bio-composting.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business, Councilmember Larsen motioned to adjourn the October 9, 2018 meeting of the Leavenworth City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilson and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

APPROVED



Cheryl K. Farivar
Mayor

ATTEST



Chantell Steiner
Finance Director / City Clerk