

Economic Development Committee

City of Leavenworth Conference Room
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April 13, 2021

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Agenda Items:

1. Development Services Monthly Report Review - Lilith
2. Firetruck - Chantell
3. Mountain Pack Resolution - Ana
4. Pedicab Regulations – request to change the number of pedicabs from Bobby Bamberger

Future Agenda Items:

- a. CERB Funding – what it is and how it can build economic capacity
- b. Zoning Options – what we have, where we may change

**Chairperson*

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Memo

To: Economic Development and Parks Committees
From: Chantell Steiner
Date: 4/2/2021
Re: 1939 Ford Firetruck

Councilmembers – The Council will discuss the status of a city owned 1939 Ford Firetruck and whether they would like to consider this item for surplus or a use agreement with the Museum.

Background from Fire Chief Kelly O'Brien:

In the early 90's, when Mel Wyles was Mayor, the City had the vehicle restored. For the past 20 years the Fire District has housed, maintained and repaired the City of Leavenworth's 1939 Fire Engine. It was a pleasure to do so and it was a privilege for our personnel to show off such a wonderful piece of Leavenworth's history. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue storing the apparatus. With the purchase of our new equipment, it has left us without adequate space. However, we reached out to Matt Cade with the Upper Valley Museum, they would be interested in storing and eventually showcasing the truck in the future. Our hope was to put the old truck somewhere where it could be appreciated by all. The City owns the fire truck in question and Fire District housed the vehicle, insured it and conducted maintenance on it while in our possession, which was all done with a verbal agreement. With the purchase of 3 new fire trucks, we no longer have space to store it. My recommendation to the Mayor is to house it at the local museum so the public would have an opportunity to see this classic truck. Lastly, I am not an attorney but attempted to write a draft agreement to move the process along and in addition to keep the possibility open for our use during parades. Please use the agreement as you see fit or disregard it completely. However, over the next couple of weeks we will need to move this vehicle and it will need to be covered by insurance. The museum has a shop in the Valley Hi area and they were willing to store it if an agreement could be reached and until they have space at the museum itself.

March 5th, 2021

Mountain Pact

Public lands are the backbone of Western mountain communities and vital for mountain way of life. Over the last year as the country has navigated COVID, residents and visitors are finding solace in the outdoors more than ever before. We are thrilled with the Biden administration's forward-looking executive orders that will result in bold climate action and protection for our public lands. These actions will help boost the economy as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and will move us towards a more sustainable future.

The pause on new oil and gas leasing on federal public lands was one section out of three in President Biden's executive order on January 27, 2021. By pausing oil and gas leasing for the first time in 40 years, the Biden Administration rightly recognized the federal oil and gas leasing program is fundamentally broken and must be overhauled to address the climate crisis, generate a fair return for taxpayers, respect local landowners, and support communities in the inevitable transition away from fossil fuels.

In partnership with the Mountain Pact, the City Administrator presents a draft resolution for supporting the Biden Administration's temporary ban on oil and gas leasing on Federal Lands.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S
TEMPORARY PAUSE ON OIL AND GAS LEASING ON
FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS, our vast network of federal public lands offers abundant natural beauty, a wealth of natural resources, a vital economic engine for local communities, and a sought after unique quality of life for residents of communities adjacent to them; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that our public lands and waters are managed responsibly and sustainably so they can remain open and accessible to present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, we support the legal requirement that our federal lands be managed under the 'multiple use' standard to best meet the present and future needs of the American people; and believe that the federal land management policies should be developed with input from local communities and public land users, and incorporate the best available science; and

WHEREAS, federal public land policy should ensure that the companies extracting natural resources provide a fair return to federal and state taxpayers while also protecting wildlife and providing the opportunity for the development of sustainable economic non-extractive activity such as outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, our state is experiencing the devastating impacts of a warming climate including severe heat and drought, which are making wildfires more frequent and extreme; an increase in emissions of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas emitted on our public lands; extremes in precipitation; and dust on snow, which causes snowfall to evaporate prematurely; and

WHEREAS, one-quarter of the country's greenhouse gas emissions come from fossil fuel activity on public lands; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 pollution caused by the burning of fossil fuels caused 8.7 million or one in five deaths globally; and

WHEREAS, as elected leaders, it is our responsibility to take and support prudent and pragmatic steps to reverse climate change and mitigate its devastating impacts by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases and other forms of pollution that contribute to climate change,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Leavenworth City Council, that:

1. We applaud the Biden administration's executive order that temporarily pauses new oil and gas leasing on federal public lands and encourage the administration to:
 - a. Modernize the federal oil and gas leasing program to ensure the oil and gas companies that hold leases and extract natural resources provide a fair return to federal and state taxpayers; and

b. Develop a plan to phase out the production of fossil fuels, which are a major contributor to climate change, in a way that also supports the workers, communities, and states that currently have fossil fuel-dependent economies.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Leavenworth and approved by the Mayor in an open public meeting on the 13th day of April, 2021.

APPROVED:

Carl Florea, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chantell R. Steiner, Finance Director/City Clerk

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Bobby Bamberger, owner of Cascade Pedicab LLC, would like to request an opportunity to petition the Leavenworth City Council to consider an amendment to the municipal/zoning code that would allow a second bike taxi to service downtown Leavenworth. Our first year of operations has validated the need and popularity of pedicab rides, and the success of our business speaks to the added value alternative transportation offers to the community. We would like to amplify the benefits of an environmentally friendly means to get around town to patrons and the city by making a second pedicab available in the area during times of heightened foot traffic, weekends, and/or special events. In my presentation to the Leavenworth City Council, and I will expound upon the need and benefits of a second pedicab and explain why a modification to the current city code could allow Cascade Pedicab to best meet this demand through its already established presence and standard of excellence in the city. The code change I envision would cap the number of pedicabs operable under Cascade Pedicab to two and require consistent price structure and pedicab appearance (make/model). With my proposal, I hope to gain the support of the Leavenworth City Council in exploring new avenues to better serve the Leavenworth community through greater pedicab accessibility.

Sincerely,

Bobby Bamberger (Cascade Pedicab LLC)