



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 13, 2012  
Hillberg

Mayor Leider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, Matt Leber, and Tom Stowe.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Aaron Sharp.

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

**GUESTS:** Aaron Hawes.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the October 9, 2012 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**WARRANTS:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that the October Warrant List needs to be re-approved to authorize two warrants that were accidentally omitted from the original list; these warrants pay the meter readers for their October services. Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the revised October 9, 2012 warrants, numbers 9119 through 9148 in the amount of \$19,357.60. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the November 13, 2012 warrants, numbers 9149 through 9174 in the amount of \$44,992.98. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**LETTER FROM RESIDENT JANE LEFFINGWELL:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she received an email from Jane Leffingwell thanking them for repairing the speed hump on 105th.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report. Mayor Leider did note that residents received an email about a burglary on the Bellevue side of 108<sup>th</sup> that occurred during the day.

**WATER REPORT:** No report.

**WABA REPORT:** No report.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET:** The Council conducted in a line-by-line review of the revenues and expenditures in the proposed budget and made adjustments as needed. In addition, the Council discussed the property-tax levy for 2013 and decided that

taking the 1% increase in 2013 was prudent to protect the Town's reserves.

At the end of this review and discussion, Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:45pm and asked for questions/comments from the public. As there were none, he closed the public hearing at 7:46pm. The Council will review a final version of the 2013 Budget and pass an ordinance to adopt it at the December meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 395 SETTING THE PROPERTY-TAX LEVY FOR 2013:** Mayor Leider asked for a motion to pass this ordinance.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to pass Ordinance No. 395 authorizing a 1% increase in the 2013 levy and setting the levy amount for 2013. Councilmember Leber seconded.

Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 7:50pm and asked for questions/comments from the public. As there were none, he closed the public hearing at 7:51pm.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens will forward the necessary documentation to the King County Council and the King County Assessor's Office.

**2013 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Mayor Leider remarked that he would still like to hold a half-day Council Retreat early next year so that the Council would have plenty of time to develop a multi-year strategic plan for the Town. He added that he wanted to take advantage of tonight's short agenda to get the Council's thoughts on topics that should be considered for that plan.

The topics suggested include:

- Resolving the Whatmore issue.
- Completing legal descriptions for the Town's ROWs.
- Obtaining a new digital survey when work on the ROWs/water easement is complete.
- Using the survey to develop a GIS data set with layers for Town ROWs, the Town's water distribution system, the Town's stormwater system, the Bellevue sanitary sewer, and individual properties within Beaux Arts.
- Building a town hall.
- Simplifying the Emergency Response lists in the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) to a concise set of instructions that would be easy to implement during an actual emergency.
- Reviewing and updating the Town's CEMP, which is required every 4 years.
- Developing tools to encourage use of public transportation.
- Completing the inventory of trees on Town ROWs.
- Developing a set of guidelines for maintaining trees on the ROW and for determining when to remove/replace them.
- Developing a set of guidelines for maintaining the path ROWs.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**SUBURBAN CITIES ANNUAL MEETING:** Mayor Leider reported that he plans to attend.

**TOWN CLEAN-UP:** Councilmember Hillberg reported the Town's Fall Clean-Up went well. He used a small AWC grant to purchase a commercial leaf blower for Town use and asked the Council for their thoughts on use guidelines. It was the consensus of the Council that anyone wishing to use the blower, other than Street/Water Superintendent Beck, should contact Councilmember Hillberg to arrange for access.

**STREET SWEEPING:** Mayor Leider will contact Councilmember Sharp about arranging street-sweeping since most of the leaves are now down.

**WHATMORE:** Mayor Leider reported he is still waiting for a response from the Whatmore Estate to his letter reiterating the Town's position on the encroachment and water-supply issues relating to the Whatmore property.

**POINTS COMMUNITIES MAYORS' MEETING:** Mayor Leider reported that several METRO reps attended the most recent Mayors' Meeting to discuss changes to Route 271 caused by the reconfiguration of onramps to SR-520. He noted that METRO is facing wholesale cuts to service in 2014 if their funding picture doesn't improve. The problem is not ridership, which is solid, but the fact that fares only cover 25% of the operating costs. There appears to be little appetite to increase fares at this time.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday December 11, 2012 at Matt Leber's house.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Leider announced that the Council would temporarily adjourn their regular session at 8:35pm to hold a brief executive session to discuss personnel performance. The Executive Session is expected to end by 8:45pm, at which point members of the public and of staff may return for the remainder of the regular session.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer