



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 11, 2013
Leider

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

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, Aaron Sharp, and Tom Stowe. Councilmember Matt Leber arrived at 7:10 pm.)

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Water Supervisor Bob Durr, WABA President Paula Dix, Susan Kennedy, Town Marshal Walter Scott, Jim Finnell; Tommi Robinson, Eric Scott, and Kevin Melhorn, Aronson Security Group; Bill Hobbs, Verint.

MINUTES: Councilmember Sharp moved to approve the May 14, 2013 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the June 11, 2013 warrants, numbers 9323 through 9346 in the amount of \$23,125.12. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

(Councilmember Leber arrived at 7:10 pm.)

CLERK'S REPORT:

COB CLOSURE OF 108TH AVE SE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Town received a complaint that Bellevue planned to close 108th Ave SE for a few hours on June 15, 2013 in support of a fundraising event. Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp followed up on the complaint by contacting Bellevue and asking that the Town be included in notices about future events so that we can advise residents of the possible impact on their access. Ms. Spens asked if the Council has any interest in imposing permit fees for such closures; apparently, Bellevue charges \$120 for non-profits to use roads for events to cover the cost of placing signs, blocking the roads, etc. It was the consensus of the Council that receiving advance notification is sufficient at this time.

STATE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported the Building Official Kolke has not been able to finish the ordinance adopting the International Building Code, which the State formally adopts effective July 1, 2013. Ms. Kolke will have the adopting ordinance ready for the July Council meeting and will attend that meeting to answer questions.

REVISIONS TO THE ROW CODE AND TREE CODE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Planning Commission held their initial discussions of these two proposed changes at the May meeting and have scheduled a public hearing for their June meeting. It is anticipated that they will forward their recommendation for passage to the Council in time for action at the July Council meeting. She will publish and post public hearing notices in anticipation of that Council action.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Town Marshal Scott noted that there were no recent incidents, but that the Town experiences an average of two burglaries and six to eight car prowls per year. These statistics are similar to the experience in the Enatai area of Bellevue. He added that there have been three break-ins in Enatai so far this year, and in two of them, a door was kicked in to gain entry.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that he is working on the Town's Annual Water Consumption Report but has not submitted it yet, because he is having trouble reconciling the volume pumped from the well (as reported by the pump meter) to the volume sold (as reported in the bi-monthly water billings). He added that the problem may be with the pump meter, and he is investigating.

WABA REPORT: WABA President Paula Dix reported that the Annual Picnic is scheduled for July 27th. She also reported that the WRIA8 group conducted a site visit on May 29th, and as a result of that visit, will recommend that the current grant request be fully funded. WRIA8 funding decisions should be known by late July or early August. Because the window for work in Lake Washington closes in October, timing for permits and construction work will be tight.

APPEARANCES: None.

PRESENTATION ABOUT POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS: Mayor Leider asked Town Marshal Scott to begin his presentation. Mr. Scott recapped the number and types of incidents (burglary, car prowls, etc) in Beaux Arts over the last few years and expressed his concern that if the trend continues, a resident is either going to be home when an intruder enters or return home while the intruder is inside, and that serious harm will be the result. He noted that while a camera system may not stop home burglaries, it will certainly help in apprehending suspects. He also reminded the Council that a few years ago, while updating the phone tree, he and Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster conducted an informal poll to gauge residents' feelings about security cameras. That informal poll revealed that 38 of 52 people were either in favor or mildly in favor of a camera system.

Mr. Scott asked Jim Finnell to continue the presentation. Mr. Finnell explained that got involved with this project to help develop a system that is but unobtrusive yet effective in helping the Sheriff apprehend criminals. He noted that the system under consideration includes three vehicle and two pedestrian ingress/egress points and is scalable to expand in the future. The system would read and record the license plates of cars entering and leaving Beaux Arts, including a date/time stamp, and could be configured to compare those plates to a Washington State Patrol database of stolen cars for rapid response. He explained that law

enforcement does not review all of the raw footage, due to time considerations, just footage taken immediately after an incident. He commented that the number of trees, low lighting levels, and limited visibility in Beaux Arts presents challenges for this technology, but these challenges can be overcome. He also noted that it may be possible to piggyback wifi throughout the Town with this system.

Tommi Robinson with the Aronson Security Group gave a brief review of the proposal and introduced Eric Scott and Kevin Melhorn with ASG and Bill Hobbs with Verint. Each provided additional detail about design and technical aspects of the proposed project and its implementation in Beaux Arts. Ms. Robinson also reviewed the proposed Device Location Map, which also shows potential locations for expanded future coverage. These details are summarized in a PowerPoint document that was provided to the Council in advance of tonight's meeting.

At the end of this presentation, Jim Finnell stated that the system as presented would cost the Town about \$140,000 to install and \$600 to \$1,000 per month to maintain.

Town Marshal Scott commented that the data stream generated by the cameras is only available to qualified law-enforcement personnel and is only accessed IF there is an incident. The videotapes are recycled about every two weeks. That process involved recording new information over the previous recording, obliterating the previous data.

The Council discussed many aspects of the system presented and followed up with several questions:

- How vulnerable are the cameras to vandalism? The cameras are designed for outdoor installation, and any disruption in camera service triggers an alarm and a service call.
- How much additional street lighting is needed and how noticeable will it be to residents? The ambient lighting would only need to be increased about one to two foot-candles, and the camera lights use infrared technology, so they will NOT flash like the tolling cameras.
- With such a small increase in lighting, how will the cameras capture license-plate information? The cameras use infrared lighting focused on the reflective plate surface so that on the video recording, the license plate appears to be illuminated, but drivers and others nearby will not notice this effect.
- What do the poles and cameras look like? Town Marshal Scott and Mr. Finnell will provide additional information.

Mayor Leider thanked the consultants for their presentation. He then stated that he sees three questions to be answered:

- Cost: Can we afford the initial cost and monthly maintenance?
- Effectiveness: How do we evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed system?
- Desirability: Does the community want and support this proposal? While initial indications are that some residents support this type of proposal, a more rigorous review is needed, but not until the first two issues are addressed satisfactorily.

Council discussion ensued, and the consensus was that both the initial cost and the

maintenance of the system are concerns. In addition, Councilmembers agree that they need to see significant support in the community before taking action; however, the Council is very interested in continuing this dialog. Mayor Leider added that there may be other benefits that can be leveraged with the high-speed Comcast connection needed for this system.

Over the next several months, the Council will continue to explore this proposal and discuss it further as additional information becomes available.

FIRST QUARTER BUDGET PERFORMANCE: Councilmember Leber noted that as of the first quarter, revenues and expenditures are well within anticipated levels.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Mayor Leider asked for updates on each Councilmembers' progress toward accomplishing their various tasks.

Mayor Leider reported that he has asked Town Planner Green to review the Zoning Code and determine if we have zoning options in place for a Town Hall. He also noted that he has a couple of architects in mind to produce concept drawings. Councilmember Stowe added that the Town needs to work with WABA to amend the quit-claim deed to allow use of the property for a Town Hall in addition to its current use by the Water Department.

Councilmember Gillem reported that he is focusing on the Town's budget to develop Best Practices for Beaux Arts Reserves.

Councilmember Hillberg and Mayor Leider suggested that the Town select three to four design firms to develop a limited-scope master plan for the Towns ROWS.

Councilmember Hillberg expressed concerns about the complicated logistics of completing a tree inventory.

Councilmember Gillem reported that revisions to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Program (CEMP) have been submitted to the State for review and approval.

Councilmember Stowe provided wide format and electronic copies of utility plans for the Town's files.

Councilmember Leber has examined ideas for extending wifi to the beach rather than throughout Town.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

AWC ANNUAL MEETING: Councilmember Stowe reported that he plans to attend this meeting and reminded the Council that the Town will likely receive a couple of small AWC grants just for attending.

STREET DESCRIPTIONS: Councilmember Stowe reported that legal descriptions of the Town's streets should be complete in July. When ready, he will begin to work with WABA

on a new Quit Claim Deed to supersede the existing one. The new deed will provide clear definition of the boundaries between the Town's portion and WABA's portion of our streets.

TOWN CLEANUP: Councilmember Hillberg reported that the Town Clean Up went well and was well attended.

1ST QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Leber reported that he completed his review of the 1st Quarter Treasurer's Reports with supporting documentation and found them to be complete and accurate. He has signed each report to so indicate.

WHATMORE ISSUE: Mayor Leider reported that he and Councilmember Stowe met with Town Attorney Wayne Stewart to re-craft documents aimed at resolving the issues. Those documents will be forwarded when ready to the Whatmore's attorney for review.

AT&T ACCESS AGREEMENT: Mayor Leider reported that the AT&T Access Agreement has been revised and is now acceptable to the Town. He is sending it back to AT&T for their review.

SOLID WASTE INTERLOCAL: Mayor Leider reported that Medina, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, and Yarrow Point have decided not to sign the Interlocal Agreement with King County and will be working with the City of Bellevue to develop an alternative plan for handling solid waste.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday July 9, 2013 at Matt Leber's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. Councilmember Stowe seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer