



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

December 9, 2014

Leider

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

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, Peggie Bates, Tom Stowe, and Wade Morlock.

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Jeff Smith, AT&T Representative; WABA Representative Susan Bogert; Paula Dix; Rick and Kathy Corra, Joann Bromberg, Forrest Kulp, Scott Gulick, Cynthia Hudson, Steve Miller, Stacy Saal.

MINUTES: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve November 11, 2014 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the December 9, 2014 warrants, numbers 9743 through 9768 in the amount of \$28,804.15. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

TREE INVENTORY GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Department of Natural Resources is offering community grants for tree inventory work. Councilmember Hillberg has indicated that he would like for the Town to apply, so she will develop a grant proposal with the help of our Town Arborist, Tree Solutions, for Councilmember Hillberg's review prior to the submission deadline on December 19th. The tree inventory grant is not a monetary grant, but rather one of services, i.e. DNR provides experts to conduct the inventory under the nominal direction of the Town, records the data in a format consistent with other jurisdictions in the state, and turns over the data and the responsibility for maintaining it to the Town upon completion of the inventory.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mayor Leider reported on Marshal Scott's behalf that discussions with Bellevue Police have been put on hold while they search for a new police chief.

Councilmember Morlock commented that he would like to have the King County Sheriff's Office give a brief overview of crime trends in Beaux Arts and the vicinity and provide information about what the Town and residents can/should do to protect themselves and their property. Mayor Leider will invite the KCSO Liaison to attend our February 2015 meeting.

WATER REPORT: Nothing to report.

WABA REPORT: WABA Representative Susan Bogert reported that WABA has signed a contract with King County for their next Shoreline Project and expects to submit their permit application in January 2015. She explained that this work is on the beach property south of the stormdrain outfall and is expected to happen in September 2015.

Ms. Bogert reported that WABA will welcome the Christmas Ship at the beach on December 18th between 8:40 and 9:00 pm with a bonfire.

She also reported that the WABA Winter Dinner is scheduled for January 31st at the Bellevue Red Lion. Members will be asked to approve WABA's proposed budget for 2015 and a new Board of Trustees. She mentioned that WABA is considering milfoil treatment in 2015.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 414 AMENDING THE 2014 BUDGET: Mayor Leider opened the public at 7:29 pm and explained that the budget must be amended to account for unbudgeted expenditures that were approved during recent months to pay for repairs to the signal wire between the well pump and the water tank. The only fund to be amended is the Water Department fund #401.

He asked for comment from the public. As there were none, he closed the public hearing at 7:31 pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to pass Ordinance No. 414 amending the 2014 Budget. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

ROW MASTER PLAN: Councilmember Hillberg opened the discussion by stating that the title of this document will be changed from ROW Master Plan to ROW Analysis and Guidance" to minimize confusion about what the plan represents. He added that CREÄ has completed their work, and the plan before the Council is now complete.

He then stated that some of the suggestions presented in the plan are in line with Best Practices for cities but may not make sense for BeauX Arts due to our size and character. For example, the suggestion to keep ALL vegetation eight feet back from the road and no taller than three feet high may not make sense for us everywhere, but should be implemented in areas where line-of-sight visibility is important for vehicle and pedestrian safety. And there is plenty of time for considering the suggestions in the plan before any implementation begins.

He noted that residents support developing Village paths and a park at the water tower, and there is some support for lighting improvements and traffic calming along the 104th-SE 28th-105th corridor. Based on that feedback, he would like to focus on improvements to the Angle Path from SE 29th Street to Five Corners, the SE 28th path from 106th to 107th (including a potential parking pocket), and Village lighting and suggested that the Town hire a consultant

to help him develop plans for these improvements. He estimated that work on the Angle Path would cost about \$13,000 (\$3,000 for design and \$10,000 for the actual work), the SE 28th Path about \$3,000, and low-level lighting about \$4,000. He asked that these cost estimates be considered during the Council's discussion of the 2015 Budget that follows.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 415 ADOPTING THE 2015 BUDGET:

Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that Ordinance No. 415 presents a final budget based on the Council's discussions at the November Council meeting.

Mayor Leider suggested that, with regard to the ROW Plan discussions, the Council may want to move forward with the design and planning parts of these projects but hold off on committing to the actual work until more information is known.

Councilmember Morlock commented that \$3,000 from the proposed budget for tree planting could be allocated instead to the Angle Path design work. He added that what he hears in our budget discussions reinforces the need to build reserves for infrastructure maintenance and improvements, possibly by finding new sources of revenue, and for a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to identify those projects, develop the costs associated with them, and prioritize their implementation. Councilmember Bates agreed with this assessment noting that this is one of the Council's primary responsibilities.

Councilmember Stowe added that as the Water Department works to replace distribution lines, there may be an opportunity to use the abandoned water lines as conduits for undergrounding the Town's utilities. A CIP would help the Town plan for stepwise upgrades of the water lines AND possibly integrate utility undergrounding.

Mayor Leider commented that infrastructure needs often require significant expenditures, which means increased revenues. Joann Bromberg expressed interest in a full discussion of the Town's revenues and their sources. Mayor Leider answered that the bottom line is that to increase revenue the Town either has to increase property taxes or find new revenue sources.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to pass Ordinance No. 415 adopting a budget for the year 2015 and setting salary range for the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

AT&T CELL PROPOSAL: Mayor Leider commented that the process of discovery for this project has generated a lot of conversation with and within the community. He reminded the Council of the criteria he distributed for their consideration as a means for evaluating AT&T's proposal, taking into account the impacts of the proposal on the community as a whole. He suggested that before proceeding with that discussion, the Council decide whether they wish to continue discussion of this proposal. He reminded everyone that there isn't anything to vote FOR at this time other than to continue this discussion, but he added that the Council can choose to vote NOT to continue the discussion and take no further action on the proposal. He asked the Council for their thoughts.

All Councilmembers commented that, in their own deliberations, they have tried to balance the concerns of the Town's residents with their duty to prudently provide for the Town's financial needs. For some, this proposal places too high a burden on those living closest to the water tower. For others, the Town's financial needs, particularly for infrastructure improvements over the next 10 to 20 years, are of great concern and warrant continued discussion of the proposal.

MOTION: Councilmember Bates moved to terminate further discussion of AT&T's proposal to place cellular antennae on the water tower and related equipment on the water-tower lot. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

Vote: 3 For (Bates, Gillem, Hillberg), 2 Against (Morlock, Stowe), 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Goal 2 – Best Practices for Small Town Reserves

Fiscal responsibility – Councilmember Gillem has begun developing a framework for the Town's proposed Capital Improvement Plan that will allow the Council to prioritize projects based on available funding and assess ongoing operational expenses. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will obtain a copy of the Hunts Point CIP and forward it to Councilmember Gillem. Councilmember Morlock offered to assist in this planning.

Goal 7 – Emergency Preparedness

Councilmember Bates reported that she will continue to work with Councilmember Gillem to finish updating the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and submit it to the State of Washington for review through the end of the year when her resignation takes effect.

Goal 9 – Public Utilities

Councilmember Stowe reported that work with Stacia Schroeder is proceeding. She has copies of the available utility information and has walked the Town with him and Street/Water Superintendent Bill Beck to review the existing conditions. He is working to complete the camera review of known problem areas in the system and added that there may be opportunities for dovetailing infrastructure improvements with our stormwater upgrades (as mentioned during the budget discussion).

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

STORMDRAINS: Councilmember Stowe asked that residents be reminded again via the newsletter to clear the storm drains near their homes of leaves as often as possible since fallen leaves can easily clog the drains this time of year. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will do so.

ArcGIS: Councilmember Stowe reported that he needs \$750 to \$1,000 to create a base map with layers for the Town's utilities. Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that there is money in both this year's and next year's budget to accommodate this request. It was the consensus of the Council that he proceed.

SCA LEVY-LID DISCUSSIONS: Councilmember Stowe reported that Sound Cities

Association (SCA) continues to discuss a proposal to ask the legislature to increase the levy lid from 1% to either 2%, 6% or an indexed percentage. At the last SCA meeting, he asked the Council's question about whether the levy-lid increase would be available to all taxing districts or just cities/towns and learned that it would have to be made available to every taxing authority.

PSE POLE REPLACEMENTS: Councilmember Stowe reported that PSE has entered Phase II of their pole-replacement project. He has met with the Town arborist about the removal of two Town trees at SE 27th and 105th to accommodate this project.

TOWN TREE WATCH LIST AND INVENTORY: Councilmember Hillberg will begin implementing suggestions from the watch list next year.

MADRONE DOWN: Councilmember Hillberg reported that a madrone on the Angle Path fell down recently and has been removed.

MAYORS MEETING: Mayor Leider reported that State Rep. Ross Hunter attended the last Mayors breakfast and announced that passage of the class-size initiative will have a huge impact a state budget already burdened by the McCleary decision.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday January 13, 2014 at Tom Stowe's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer