



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2015
Leider

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

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers Mike Hillberg, Tom Stowe and Wade Morlock.

EXCUSED: Councilmember John Gillem.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp

GUESTS: Cynthia Hudson, Paula Dix, Susan Bogert, and Chuck Lowry.

MINUTES: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the April 14, 2015 warrants, numbers 9844 through 9871 in the amount of \$57,249.99. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried

CLERK'S REPORT:

MRSC ROSTERS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council of the Town's participation in the MRSC Rosters program in lieu of developing our own Small Works Roster. Participating in this program gives the Town access to a much larger Small Works Roster for less expense than the cost of administering our own list. Mayor Leider will sign the renewal agreement that continues our access to this important public-works-contracting tool.

AWC LOSS-CONTROL GRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she submitted applications for loss-control grants based on the Council's input last month. She will report on the outcome of these applications when known.

TREE INVENTORY GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she continues working to determine that we are able to meet DNR's requirements for this grant.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: No report.

WABA REPORT: WABA Trustee Susan Bogert reported that:

- Beach moms for 2015 will be Jen Heintz and Marji Jochums.

- WABA's Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday April 25th.
- The WABA Board is waiting for responses to its questionnaire about replacing the beach barbecue and is developing a reservation policy for allowing private-event parking in the beach lots for resident use.
- The Clemett's have asked WABA to consider expanding BARF racing to include some larger boats.

APPEARANCES: None.

APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA HUDSON TO OPEN COUNCIL POSITION NO. 4:

Mayor Leider recommended the appointment of Cynthia Hudson to Council Position No. 4 replacing Peggie Bates, who resigned effective December 2014. The term for this position expires December 31, 2015 and will be up for election later this year.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to appoint Cynthia Hudson to fill Council Position No. 4 replacing Peggie Bates for a term that expires on December 31, 2015.

Councilmember Morlock seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens administered the Oath of Office, and newly appointed Councilmember Hudson was seated.

VISIT WITH CAPT. THOMAS, KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (KCSO):

Mayor Leider introduced Captain Thomas and invited him to take the floor.

Captain Thomas began by explaining the recent budget cuts throughout King County mean that KCSO no longer funds a Blockwatch Coordinator position, but they have continued to provide the service on an informal basis. He noted that Beaux Arts has been an active Blockwatch Community for many years and is very effective at the central requirements for Blockwatch: watching out for each other within the community and reporting things that don't seem right. He added that KCSO is glad to receive calls to check on things that don't seem right.

Captain Thomas then explained that he welcomes the opportunity to meet with residents in a community-wide meeting, noting that the size can be as large or as small as the Town wants. He uses these meetings to encourage neighbor-to-neighbor communication, to provide tips on personal safety and protecting property, and support the Town in any way needed to accomplish safety goals. He gave numerous examples of tips for residents to enhance their situational awareness, improve the security of their homes and property, and creating effective deterrents to crimes against persons and property.

It was suggested that the meeting be scheduled for a Tuesday or Wednesday evening for about 90 minutes, that it be well publicized, and that residents be aware they can attend as much of the meeting as they like to get their questions answered. Councilmember Hudson will work out details to bring to the May Council meeting for further discussion.

TREE POLICY FOR TOWN PROPERTY: Councilmember Hillberg commented that his personal goal is to have a policy for public trees in place before he leaves office, commenting that having such a policy will make it much simpler for future Councilmembers to address the competing needs associated with maintaining the Town's urban forest on the rights of way.

Council discussion focused first on goals for this policy, including preserving canopy and maintaining a diverse forest with a variety of tree sizes, ages, species and densities. One idea was to establish baseline canopy and densities based on what we have as of a certain date. Another idea was to develop a unifying objective for Town trees as part of the plan to maintaining tree replacements. Some of that discussion will need to focus on the appropriate standards for tree on public property, including removals and replacements by adjacent private owners.

Councilmember Hillberg will work on developing a mission statement that explains the reasons for and value of maintain the Town's urban forest, determining the makeup of a Town Tree Board and the guiding principles it will use to make decisions, setting planting guidelines for trees on the planting-strip and path ROWs, and establishing penalties. He will also work with the Town arborist, Tree Solutions, to develop the plan.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: There were no updates to the Town's Strategic Plan.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION: Councilmember Stowe reported that SCA is encouraging cities to support the emergency-radio-replacement initiative, because Motorola's support of the radios currently in use will end soon. SCA is also looking at proposed changes in METRO transit service and other ballot issues.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Council Stowe reported that he plans to attend the next King County Growth Management committee meeting to hear their discussion of school siting issues.

TOWN TREES: Councilmember Hillberg reported that costs for all tree work have increased significantly. He hasn't done any comparison shopping, because he trusts the quality of the work that Trees for Life performs for the Town. He plans to review costs to date for tree work and revise his budget estimates if needed.

TOWN CLEAN UP: Councilmember Hillberg reminded the Council that the Town's Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May and will focus on ivy removal and work on the Angle and Academy Paths. Some help with the Clean Up will come from a Boy Scout troop and a wrestling team looking for community service hours.

KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE: Mayor Leider reported that at the last Mayors' Meeting, the group heard an update about Bellevue's plans for solid waste. At the time that the Town decided to approve King County's request to extend our commitment to their Solid Waste Agreement for an additional 20 years, Bellevue decided to explore other options for handling

solid waste handling that were independent of King County and did not approve the extension. Four of the Points Communities (Clyde Hill, Medina, Hunts Point, and Yarrow Point) decided to join with Bellevue in that exploration. Now it appears Bellevue may change its mind and participate in the County's solid-waste consortium.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday May 12, 2015 at Tom Stowe's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.
Councilmember Morlock seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer