



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

November 10, 2015
Stowe

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

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

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens

GUESTS: Water Supervisor Bob Durr; WABA Secretary Susan Bogert, Paula Dix.

MINUTES: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the October 13, 2015 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Gillem moved to approve the November 10, 2015 warrants, numbers 10006 through 10028 in the amount of \$42,988.56. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

2013-14 AUDIT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded all that the Town's two-year audit for the period from 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2014 is underway and should be completed in mid-November.

ARCH: Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that, as reported by Mayor Leider last month, ARCH is encouraging its member cities to consider increasing their ARCH Trust Fund contributions. Beaux Arts contributes annually toward ARCH's administrative budget but has not made a trust-fund contribution. She provided materials prepared by ARCH in support of this request.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported John Rongerude has agreed to serve as the Town's Prosecuting Attorney for all civil infractions, misdemeanors, and gross misdemeanors. His letter of agreements sets forth the same payment arrangements as our previous Prosecuting Attorney, i.e. instead of charging us a regular monthly fee or collecting a retainer, he will only bill for actual time.

DNR TREE INVENTORY GRANT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that DNR's contractor for this project notified her that he was beginning work on our inventory more than a month ago, but she hasn't heard anything more about the project.

UPDATED CEMP: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported she submitted the Town's updated 2015 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to the Washington State Emergency Management Division via email. Karen Ferreira, the coordinator of this program, will review our plan and let us know if there are any revisions needed.

AWC LOSS-PREVENTION GRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that of the five loss-prevention grants AWC RMSA awarded to us, only two have been completed. Councilmember Stowe noted that the work for two of the remaining grants cannot be completed until the SE 29th Paving project is finished. In light of recent wet and cold weather, it is unlikely that the paving work will happen this year.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reminded the Council that he reported last month that he had two bids for cleaning the water tank and that the lower bid was about \$3,200; however, thanks to a discussion with a water official in another jurisdiction, he found a local firm, Reliable Diving, to perform the work for about \$1,800. He noted that they completed the job at the end of October and did excellent work. They also provided a complete report of the tank's interior condition, which he gave to Clerk-Treasurer Spens for filing.

WABA REPORT: WABA representative Susan Bogert reported the following:

- The Argosy Christmas Ship will visit the Beaux Arts Beach on Tuesday December 22nd at around 4pm. Because this time doesn't work well for the annual Big Bonfire, WABA plans to have the bonfire on Sunday December 20th around 8:30 pm when the ships visit Covenant Shores.
- Winter Dinner planning has started; invitations will be mailed to the membership right after Christmas.
- The WABA Board is reviewing the golf-cart question that came before the Council last month. Councilmember Gillem noted that the group investigating this idea continues collecting information and reviewing the best method for its implementation, including concerns about vehicle and operator licensing, vehicle-power considerations, etc.
- WABA is looking for a membership chair.

APPEARANCES: Paula Dix asked how often the Town sweeps the streets. Mayor Leider answered that the Town intends to sweep two times each year and is in the process of finding a regular street sweeper.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET: Councilmember Gillem presented the proposed 2016 budget worksheets, noting that this draft incorporates updates to revenues and expenditures that are known at this time, suggestions made at last month's Council meeting, and estimates the remainder conservatively. He added that the worksheets still present a deficit, primarily because of the need to complete a Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan, some of which must be funded from Town reserves.

Mayor Leider opened the public hearing for comment at 7:55 pm. As there were no comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:56 pm.

The Council then spent time reviewing and discussing line-item entries and made a couple of minor suggestions for adjustments.

At the close of this discussion, Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the final version of the 2016 Budget will come before them next month for approval as an ordinance. No public hearing will be required; however, if an ordinance to amend the 2015 Budget is needed, those amendments will be discussed at a public hearing specifically held for that topic.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 419 SETTING THE 2016 LEVY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that she prepared two versions of the ordinance setting the levy, because the Council didn't specifically decide whether or not to increase the levy during last month's budget discussions.

- The first version sets the levy with a full 1% increase in the levy rate. If enacted, the taxes levied on property in 2016 would equal \$163,265, an increase of \$1,485 excluding new construction.
- The second version sets the levy with no increase in the levy rate. If enacted, the taxes levied on property in 2016 would equal \$161,780.

She reminded the Council that if they choose not to increase the levy by the full 1% allowed by state statute, the un-levied amount is banked and can be levied in a future year in addition to that year's 1% increase.

She then directed the Council's attention to the "Levy Limit Worksheet – 2016 Tax Roll" prepared by the King County Department of Assessment. This document sets forth the statutory limits and corresponding dollar amounts that can be levied for 2016. Based on this worksheet the maximum allowable levy is slightly higher than originally stated: \$164,133.

Mayor Leider opened the public hearing at 8:14 pm. As there were no comments from the public, he closed the public hearing at 8:15 pm.

The Council then discussed its desire to keep property taxes as low as possible and the need to balance that desire against upcoming budgetary needs driven by:

- Inflation-based increases in the cost of services, primarily police and fire protection,
- Needed infrastructure improvements, e.g. the Angle Path improvements, and
- Other necessary expenditures, e.g. for the Stormwater Comprehensive Master Plan.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to pass Ordinance No. 419 setting the 2016 Levy with the maximum increase allowed by state statute. Councilmember Gillem seconded. Vote: 4 For, 1 Against (Morlock), 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

AWC GIS NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council of the background to the development of this proposal. On discussion, the Council agreed that while a GIS database and tools could be useful to the Town, the utility of the tools is not commensurate with their price tag at this time. In light of the other budget expenditures planned for next year, the Council will table further discussion of this project.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

TOWN TREES: Councilmember Hillberg reported that Tree Solutions will be looking at a couple of ROW trees that are leaning over public ROWs to determine if they are hazardous. They will also be looking at a wind-damaged tree on 106th Pl SE.

ACADEMY PATH PARKING: Councilmember Hillberg reported that he is reviewing the parking situation on the Academy Path and the potential impact on trees in the vicinity.

ANGLE PATH FEEDBACK: Councilmember Hillberg reported that feedback to the proposed design for the Angle Path was generally positive. Some discussion focused on whether having visibility from one end to the other creates a safer or a less-safe path. Lauchlin Bethune, the landscape designer, will now move into the final design phase, which will result in detailed drawings and planting plans/schedules.

FALL CLEAN-UP: Councilmember Hudson reported that she enjoyed helping with this year's Fall Clean Up, despite the inclement weather. She added that she has asked residents to offer ideas to enhance the experience for participants in the future.

SE 29th STREET PAVING PROJECT: Councilmember Stowe reported that the paving project on SE 29th Street planned for this Fall is on hold due to the weather and may be postponed until 2016. There are two issues: the paving contractor cannot do the work until the existing pavements has been dry for at least two days, and we are moving into the season when dry weather means colder temperatures, which impact the quality of the bond between new and existing asphalt.

SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION: Councilmember Stowe reported that SCA is currently studying housing affordability issues. At a recent meeting of the King County Growth Management Planning Commission, he voted against a proposal that would reduce each jurisdiction's flexibility in meeting its individual housing needs. Small cities, such as Beaux Arts Village, have been meeting their Affordability Targets through their participation in ARCH, because their small size makes it extremely difficult to directly provide affordable housing.

3RD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Gillem reported that he has completed his review of the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report and supporting documentation and found them to be complete and in balance.

GOLF CART ZONE: Councilmember Gillem reported that, in his capacity as Council liaison to the group studying the use of golf carts between houses and the beach, he has learned that there are a number of communities that already have such zones established. He noted that the committee is collecting information from these communities to study further. The committee expects to have a preliminary proposal for Council review and discussion in December and hopes that the Council will hold a "public hearing" to gather public comment on the topic. Depending on the outcome of that hearing, the Council can determine if it makes sense to pursue the topic further, and if so, can review and approve the needed ordinance at a meeting in February or March.

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE: Councilmember Gillem distributed a chart summarizing risk

and sustainability considerations for use by the subcommittee that Mayor Leider is forming to investigate additional sources of funding available to Beaux Arts. Mayor Leider added that he anticipates the committee will study the issue for six to eight month, but no more than a year. He has identified 17 potential participants and is working to recruit a committee from that list. He is also working on the committee's charter and will present it to the Council for review in December.

ROW MAINTENANCE MEETING: Mayor Leider reported that he convened a meeting with Councilmember Tom Stowe, Water Supervisor Bob Durr, Street/Water Superintendent Bill Beck, and Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp to discuss current duties assigned to Mr. Beck and whether the engineering-oriented duties, e.g. street repair inspections and storm drain installations, should be transferred to Kolke Consulting's engineer. He added that the group is also looking at requiring enhanced pavement restoration for all cuts into the paving. Clerk-Treasurer Spens added that she has forwarded to Kolke Consulting the specifications that Hunts Point and Yarrow Point recently adopted for such enhanced restoration.

POINTS CITIES MAYORS: Mayor Leider reported that the four Points Cities that border SR-520 are planning to budget up to \$35,000 to investigate methods for calming cut-through traffic related to SR-520. Their findings may prove useful to us during the construction along Bellevue Way.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday December 8, 2015 at John Gillem's house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Leider temporarily adjourned the regular session at 9:15 pm for an Executive Session to discussion personnel performance. The Executive Session is expected to last about 10 minutes.

At 9:25pm, Mayor Leider adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the regular session.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer