



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 12, 2016

Hillberg

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: None.

MINUTES: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried. (Councilmember Gillem arrived immediately after the vote was taken.)

WARRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that there are two warrant registers to approve this month. The December 31, 2015 register pays all outstanding 2015 expenditures so that they are correctly charged to the 2015 budget; the January 12, 2016 register covers the few 2016 expenditures that need to be paid before the February Council meeting.

Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the December 31, 2015 warrants, numbers 10057 through 10074 in the amount of \$33,217.40. Councilmember Morlock seconded.

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

Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the January 12, 2016 warrants, numbers 10075 through 10083 in the amount of \$15,924.87. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

COMMUNITY CENTER: Clerk-Treasurer Spens remarked that Councilmember Hudson wanted a chance to discuss how to open a discussion about building a community center. Ms. Hudson explained that a community center would serve many purposes, including a centrally located place to store emergency management supplies and respond to an emergency, to hold meetings of the Council, Planning Commission, and other boards and committees that serve the Town's resident, and to store Town (and possibly WABA) records. The primary questions seem to be where to build it, what size should it be, and how do we pay for it. These questions could be tackled by a committee tasked with gauging community support, identifying potential sites and appropriate size, finding possible sources of grant funds, etc.

As part of this discussion, the Council discussed:

- the benefits of a community center,
- the need to clarify the opportunity cost of such a project (i.e. what must we forego if we spend money on a community center),
- whether grant funding is more readily available for a multi-purpose community center versus a dedicated Town Hall, and
- what the make-up of the committee might be.

It was the consensus of the Council that Councilmember Hudson should develop the idea further by writing a draft charter for the committee that includes suggestions for who might serve on the committee (i.e. Councilmembers, WABA Board members, residents, and how many of each).

SOUND TRANSIT 3 (ST3): Mayor Leider commented that the reason he asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to distribute these materials was to make the Council aware of the candidate projects Sound Transit is considering for a November 2016 ballot measure.

LED LIGHTING GRANT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she received an email from Greg Armstrong with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board asking when he would receive our signed paperwork for this grant opportunity. She noted that she informed Mr. Armstrong that the Town will not be ready to make a decision about whether to upgrade these lights to LEDs until we have more information about the annual savings to the Town and the quality of the light (warm vs. cool). Mayor Leider added that he will be meeting with Katherine Taylor, PSE's Government Affairs representative, to discuss several PSE projects that may affect Beaux Arts and will seek additional information about this.

AWC LOSS-PREVENTION GRANTS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the Town received a \$5,000 check from AWC RMSA representing the full amount of the five loss-prevention grants for which we applied.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST (PRR): Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that, based on Town Attorney Stewart's advice, she emailed Mr. Clemans that she would need approximately 60 days to evaluate his PRR and determine how best to respond to it. She added that there remains no true consensus among the cities/towns in King County that received this request regarding now they plan to respond.

DNR TREE INVENTORY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that we received tree-inventory files from the Dept of Natural Resources, which she has shared with Councilmember Hillberg. She noted that the grant requires the Town to provide DNR with a written proposed course of action for managing our tree resource within the next year.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: Water Superintendent Bill Beck's recertification is complete.

WABA REPORT: No report.

APPEARANCES: None.

CONFIRMATION OF HANS JUHLE’S APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING

COMMISSION: Mayor Leider has appointed Hans Juhle to serve a six-year term on the Planning Commission replacing Jeff Jochums, whose term was completed on December 31, 2015. Mr. Juhle’s term expires on December 31, 2021.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to confirm the appointment of Hans Juhle to Planning Commission Position No. 3 for a six-year term that expires on December 31, 2021. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE CREATING A GOLF CART ZONE: Councilmember Gillem recapped the work to date on this proposed ordinance and outlined the changes incorporated into the draft ordinance since last month, as follows:

- RCW citations have been corrected.
- References to “city” have been replaced by “town”.
- Parking rules for golf carts remain the same as for passenger vehicles.
- The Town Clerk is now tasked with handling registration duties, rather than the Town Marshal.

The Council reviewed this draft and had the following questions:

- Who will be tasked with enforcing the operating rules? (As contrasted with the registration rules.)
After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that law enforcement officers must enforce the operating rules. The draft will need to be amended to include the appropriate language. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will work with Town Attorney Stewart to craft the appropriate language.
- Should the regulations refer to the more generic Personal Transportation Vehicle (PTV) instead of strictly golf carts? Should the regulations allow gas-powered as well as electric-powered vehicles?
It was the consensus of the Council that it is probably better to start with a smaller scale program, because it will be easier to expand the program later, if it seems to be working, rather than to contract it. As for expanding to allow gas-powered engines, there are still concerns about the environmental impact (emissions) and the ease of “souping up” gas-powered engines.
- How difficult is it to obtain insurance for these vehicles?
Policies for recreational vehicles are readily available.
- What other things need to be considered to enact this ordinance?
Councilmember Gillem commented that we may need to review and revise the definitions in the Town’s Parking Code to incorporate golf carts.

At the conclusion of this discussion, it was determined that Clerk-Treasurer Spens will work

with Town Attorney Stewart to add the needed section for enforcement and to put the draft into final format so that the Council can take action at the February Council meeting.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 298 SETTING FEES FOR SERVICES AND PERMITS WITHIN THE TOWN: Clerk-Treasurer Spens explained that this resolution includes two changes and would replace Resolution No. 289:

1. A change to the charges collected at application so that they include both the \$50 permit fee and \$55 to cover the typical arborist-review fee at application.
2. The addition of a \$30 golf-cart-registration fee in anticipation of the Council's action on the proposed golf-cart ordinance next month.

MOTION: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adopt Resolution No. 298 setting fees for permits and services within the Town of Beaux Arts Village and replacing Resolution No. 289. Councilmember Hudson seconded.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

TOWN TREES: Councilmember Hillberg reported that the diseased birch tree on 106th Place SE has been removed.

ACADEMY PATH PARKING: Councilmember Hillberg explained that he will be outlining the proposed parking spaces and will have Bill Beck performed the work needed to put them in (as described last month).

ANGLE PATH: Councilmember Hillberg reported that plans for the Angle Path are now final. He will send an electronic version to Clerk-Treasurer Spens for posting on the Town's website and will have a copy available at the Winter Dinner. The next step is to implement the plan by hiring someone to install the plantings.

DNR TREE INVENTORY: Councilmember Hillberg stated that he has completed a preliminary review of the tree-inventory materials recently transmitted by the Department of Natural Resources and discovered the following:

- The Town's urban forest is appraised at \$5.2 million, based on industry standards.
- 75% of the trees are Douglas fir, Western red cedar, maple or holly.
- Six trees were identified for removal; 85% of the inventory is rated good to fair.
- The report recommends more species diversity for future plantings.
- It also recommends 360 trees for pruning on a 3-year cycle.

Councilmember Hillberg reported that Tree Solutions will help him keep the inventory up-to-date beginning next year.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Councilmember Hudson reported that she plans to attend training offered by the Puget Sound Regional Council and is actively looking for other training opportunities. She also plans to attend AWC's City Action Days.

STORMWATER COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN: Councilmember Stowe reported that the draft Stormwater Comp Plan is about 50% complete. The plan will assume one parking place on the ROW per residence; that may not happen, but that's what is allowed

now. He will meet with Stacia Schroeder and PACE Engineers on January 25th for another walk-through of the project.

Councilmember Stowe commented that, as part of this project, he needs to spend about \$5,000 to camera the Town's existing stormwater system. This work will help identify locations where there are breaks in the lines. If the lines are dirty, there will be additional cost to clean and camera the system. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with this project and adjust other projects as needed to remain within budget.

Councilmember Stowe reported that there may be a grant available to help pay for stormwater system construction. The walk-through in two weeks will help him generate cost estimates for a pre-application, which is a required element of this particular grant. Funding is 75% from federal sources, 12.5% from state sources, and 12.5% from local.

REVENUE COMMITTEE: Mayor Leider reported that the Revenue Committee members have copies of their committee charter. He is polling them to set a date for their kick-off meeting.

SOUND TRANSIT: Mayor Leider reported that Joyce Nichols with City of Bellevue is working to find him the best contact person in the Bellevue Transportation group to work with regarding neighborhood traffic mitigation. He may also reach out to the Enatai Neighborhood group for action and support, since all of Enatai will be impacted by the South Bellevue Way closures.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday February 9, 2016 at Cynthia Hudson's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer