



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2022
Wheeler

(Note: This meeting was continued from the Council's regular meeting date of Tuesday 12/13/2022 to Thursday 12/15/2022 due to scheduling conflicts.)

PRESENT: Mayor Aletha Howes, Councilmembers Paula Dix, John Gillem, James McCarthy, Tom Stowe, and Brad Wheeler.

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: None.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Gillem moved to approve the November 8, 2022 minutes as written. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the final December 13, 2022 Claims Register for check numbers 16179 through 16201 in the amount of \$28,322.66.

Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

2023 COUNCIL CALENDAR: Clerk/Treasurer Spens asked the Council to review the proposed meeting calendar in the packet and let her know of any conflicts or needed changes.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mayor Howes reported that a home in the Village was broken into.

WATER REPORT: No report. Mayor Howes asked if the Town needs to be concerned about the water in the water tank or distribution lines freezing during cold spells.

Councilmember Stowe answered that he doesn't think so.

WABA REPORT: WABA's Annual Winter Dinner is scheduled for February 5th. WABA is looking for a new dockmaster and has two openings on its Board of Trustees.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 460 AMENDING THE 2022

BUDGET: Mayor Howes opened the public hearing at 7:11pm and asked for public

comments. As there were none, she closed the public hearing at 7:12pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens explained that this amendment is needed to incorporate the added expenses from the water-shed expansion project. She pointed out that about 60% of project's total cost of \$154,900 was paid for with grant funding from the State of Washington and the remaining 40% with capital reserves.

MOTION: Councilmember Wheeler moved to pass Ordinance No. 460 amending the 2022 Budget. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 461 ADOPTING THE 2023 BUDGET: Clerk/Treasurer Spens noted that the Council had already held its two required public hearings for this budget and noted that the changes suggested at the October and November meetings have been incorporated into this final version.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to pass Ordinance No. 461 adopting the 2023 Budget, including setting the salary ranges for the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk.

Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

PROPOSED SHARED TREES POLICY: Mayor Howes outlined the process she and staff have put together for determining how to handle a tree that straddles the property line between a private resident and the Town and is thus a “shared tree”.

- The first step will be to confirm whether the tree is sits on private property, Town property, or both.
- If the tree is confirmed to be shared and it poses a hazard or is dead, the Town will execute a temporary easement for access to the private property during the removal of the tree and will cover the cost of removal. This is justified because if the tree fell, it could damage Town infrastructure.
- If the tree is confirmed to be solely on private property, the owner will be advised to contact the Building Department to learn if a permit is needed for removal.

Councilmembers agreed that this policy makes sense. It can be revisited if needed.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

STREET LIGHT NEAR WATER TOWER: Councilmember Stowe commented that PSE has installed a new LED bulb in the streetlight near the water tower, and that the light it emits is exceptionally harsh. He has asked Town Engineer Schroeder to contact PSE to have it replaced with a bulb that emits a warmer light in keeping with other streetlighting in the Village.

WORK ON WEST SIDE OF 108TH AVE SE: Councilmember Stowe also commented that a contractor is working within the Town's boundary's along 108th – probably without a permit.

He has asked Town Engineer Schroeder to investigate this further and to ensure that the right-of-way is properly restored when the work ends.

TREE WORK: Councilmember Dix reported that all planned tree work for 2022 is complete.

ARTERIAL REPAIRS: Mayor Howes reported that she has learned that Metro may be responsible for at least some of the cost to repair the Arterial's paving.

STATE LEGISLATURE WORK ON URBAN DENSITY: Mayor Howes reported that North Bend and Mercer Island have written to the State Legislature urging them not to pass HB 1220, which would force all Washington cities to accept higher density for housing. She added that the Points Cities are working on similar correspondence, which she will distribute for review and comment when received.

MEETING WITH CLYDE HILL POLICE: Mayor Howes reported that he planned meeting with Clyde Hill Police to discuss the possibility of CHP providing the Town's police services has been postponed. She commented that several of the Points Cities recently contracted with Mercer Island Marine Patrol, replacing Seattle harbor Patrol. It was the consensus of the Council to stay with King County Marine Patrol for now.

NEXT MEETING: The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10, 2023 at Councilmember Dix' house. This will be an in-person meeting with a remote option if any Councilmembers are only able to attend remotely.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.
Councilmember McCarthy seconded.
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer