



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 14, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Aletha Howes, Councilmembers Paula Dix, Stacy Saal, and Brad Wheeler.

EXCUSED: Councilmembers James McCarthy and Tom Stowe.

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Water Department Supervisor Bob Durr.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the December 10, 2024 minutes as amended. Councilmember Saal seconded.

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

Councilmember Saal moved to approve the December 30, 2024 minutes as amended.

Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the Final December 31, 2024 Claims Register for check numbers 16718 through 16736 in the amount of \$30,591.91.

Councilmember Dix seconded.

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

Councilmember Dix moved to approve the Final January 14, 2025 Claims Register for check numbers 16737 through 16746 in the amount of \$32,529.25. Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

MIDDLE HOUSING: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported on behalf of Town Planner Stacia Schroeder that the Planning Commission continues its work on the Town's Middle Housing ordinance. The timing for when it will come to Council for review and approval depends in part on what happens at the Planning Commission's January meeting.

BELLEVUE FIRE INCIDENT SUMMARY: Clerk/Treasurer Spens remarked that she included a copy of the year-end incident summary for information only.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mayor Howes reported that a tent was pitched in Pit Park recently. It was reported to Bellevue Police, though she also spoke with the Sheriff to make sure they were aware.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that he is working to complete and submit a Department of Health survey regarding lead pipes in our water system. He commented that the Water Department does not have lead pipes in its distribution system, but there may be lead pipes in some of the older homes. He asked that a note be added to the newsletter asking homeowners if they know whether they have lead pipes.

WABA REPORT: No report. Mayor Howes remarked that WABA is preparing for the upcoming Winter Dinner and gearing up for dock repairs.

APPEARANCES: None.

RESOLUTION NO 340 ARCH 2025 BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM:

Clerk/Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that this is mainly a housekeeping item. Participating in ARCH allows the Town to help develop affordable housing in our area, since doing so within town boundaries is difficult.

MOTION: Councilmember Saal moved to adopt Resolution No. 340 approving the ARCH Administrative Budget and Work Program for 2025. Councilmember Wheeler seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

DRAFT CAMPING REGULATIONS: Mayor Howes explained that Town Attorney Linehan drafted the proposed regulations using Mercer Island and Covington as examples. She has shared the draft with the King County Sheriff's Office and will share their response when received.

One thing she wants to check is whether the Town has access to services through Bellevue CARES as part of our contract with Bellevue Fire Department. She will investigate further.

Councilmembers suggested that parking at Glen Path be added to the Parking Provisions section and that golf carts be added to the definition of Vehicle.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens will share those suggestions with Town Attorney Linehan. Mayor Howes asked that the topic be included in next month's agenda for further discussion.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Mayor Howes reminded the Council of their discussion with a resident last summer about reviewing our Animal Control code and determining if the code should be changed to require all animals off property to be leashed. After some discussion, the Council decided that no change is needed at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEDURES: Mayor Howes stated that the Planning commission has been busy with work associated with the Comprehensive Plan update and Middle Housing for some time. She wants to be proactive about prioritizing other work for the Planning Commission to tackle when their workload lessens. Some suggestions are to study an ordinance to protect critical areas and our current tree code. She asked the Council to consider ideas for other land-use projects they would like the group to study, recognizing that the Council needs to approve all studies before the Planning Commission embarks on

them. She also reminded that requirements placed on the Town by the legislature must always take priority due to the deadlines they impose. The Council will review these ideas and assign priorities and other guidelines to them before sending them to the Planning Commission.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: Mayor Howes asked the Council for help updating last year's list of legislative priorities. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the only update needed to the list is to remove the now-completed Comprehensive Plan from the list. Once updated, the list will be posted on the Town's website.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

GREAT SHAKE OUT: Councilmember Saal reported that this drill did not happen over the holidays, but it remains on her radar.

GREENSPACE MAINTENANCE: Councilmember Wheeler mentioned that the old hanging baskets need to be removed from the street sign posts. Mayor Howes will ask Marc Schaadt to remove them when he returns and store them behind the water shed.

Councilmember Dix reported on the oak that fell along SE 29th Street, noting that while it showed significant health decline inside the trunk, there were no serious exterior signs of decay. She has asked Tree Solutions to examine the other oaks and maples in the vicinity for similar health issues.

She also has a list of trees needing attention and wants help determining how to prioritize them for a work plan.

CANOPY STUDY: Councilmember Dix reported that PlanIt Geo is moving forward with a canopy study for the Town and will also prepare a comparison to five years ago (or more if possible) for reference.

GLEN PATH: Councilmember Dix reported that she held a meeting with owners adjacent to this path to discuss their concerns. She noted that all who attended expressed a strong interest in increased screening for the adjacent properties and suggested that mahonia would be a cost-effective solution. Mayor Howes reminded everyone that the idea was to ask the adjacent residents to share in the expense of new plantings. Going forward, Councilmember Dix will work with Lumo to develop a plan for planting Pacific Wax Myrtle and Mahonia along both sides of the path. She will bring a cost estimate to the February meeting for further discussion.

Councilmember Dix reported that when the additional planting is complete, she will get started on the irrigation system at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Councilmember Dix also asked about installing stop bars in the parking area at the south end of the path. It was suggested that trunks from recently felled maples could be used.

STATE LEGISLATURE: Mayor Howes reminded all that the 2025 Legislative Session

opened yesterday, and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and lot splitting are both back on the table.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 11, 2025 at Councilmember Howe's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Saal moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk/Treasurer