



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

April 25, 2006

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Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm reminding those in attendance that this is a regular meeting of the Council continued from April 11, 2006 due to lack of a quorum.

PRESENT: Mayor Judee Wells, Councilmembers Carol Clemett, Richard Leider, Tom Robinson, Aaron Sharp, and Bruce Young.

EXCUSED: None.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Water Superintendent Bob Durr.

MINUTES: Councilmember Clemett moved to approve the March 14, 2006 minutes as written. Councilmember Leider seconded.

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

WARRANTS: Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the April 11, 2006 warrant list, including warrant numbers 6994 through 7023 in the amount of \$19,080.54. Councilmember Clemett seconded.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilmember Leider reported that he had reviewed the 1st Quarter 2006 Treasurer's Reports with supporting documentation and found them to be accurate and in balance. Councilmember Clemett asked if there is any way for the Town to confirm that we are receiving all of the sales tax to which we are entitled. Clerk-Treasurer Spens answered that the State Department of Revenue provides a monthly report listing all of the entities that have coded sales tax revenues so as to be directed to the Town. Ms. Spens explained that it is impossible to know what potential transactions might be missing from that report due to a vendor or contractor failing to properly code their sales tax collections. Councilmember Leider offered to review the monthly reports and the sales tax the Town would expect to receive from construction projects and determine if there is a means of correlating the revenue reports with the sales tax dollars we would anticipate.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: Water Superintendent Durr reported that Bill Beck has started taking classes to maintain his water-operator certification. He also reported that he is looking at the costs and benefits of wireless meter reading equipment and hopes to report his findings in the near future.

TREE WORK PLANNED: Councilmember Young reported that a tree on the water-tower lot near the basketball hoop is nearing the end of its life and is showing signs of failing health. He added that Ian with Trees for Life recommends that the tree be removed because it has begun to drop its branches and has wires running those branches that could be broken. He added that John Chihak and Jeff Elston have expressed an interest in improving the basketball “court” after the tree is removed. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Chihak and Mr. Elston be asked to prepare a brief description of the scope of the planned improvements and estimated costs.

WABA REPORT: While there was no WABA representative present, Councilmember Leider reported that he had attended several recent WABA Planning Committee meetings and that this committee is working to develop a clear process and timeline for determining and developing its plans for the beach and other WABA property. He explained that WABA currently has a committee of 20+ members that will review subcommittee reports and recommendations and use that information to develop a plan to submit to the WABA Board in December 2006. He added that while this is an ambitious undertaking for WABA, their results may yield a number of valuable elements for the Town’s consideration in managing our public spaces.

Councilmember Clemett stated that she would like to see the Town develop a plan for all of its parks and public spaces. Councilmember Leider commented that he sees some synergy in the Town developing its plans concurrently with WABA’s in a “total picture” approach.

UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES: Councilmember Leider reported that he reviewed the concept of undergrounding utilities with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and learned that the current tariff set forth a cost sharing plan where PSE pays 60% of the cost to underground the electric utility lines and the Town pay 40%. He added that PSE can prepare a rough proposal for the Council’s consideration at no cost but that once the proposal moves to engineering and design, costs begin accruing to the proposed project. He stated that the total overall cost of the project could range from \$1.2 million to \$2.5 million with additional out-of-pocket costs to homeowners for undergrounding their individual service lines. He added that he plans to bring more information to the next Council meeting.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Robinson reported that he talked with staff at the City of Bellevue about their neighborhood-based program for emergency planning and preparations since they are using a program he plans to implement for Beaux Arts. He added that we have access to training through the Bellevue Fire Department as part of our fire-services contract. He stated that recent information on Avian Flu suggests that residents plan to stockpile enough food, water, medications, etc. to supply their needs for two weeks rather than the three days that have been suggested earlier.

Councilmember Robinson reported that he plans to attend a presentation on wireless communications networks that, if used in conjunction with a generator, could provide communications during and after an emergency.

CONFIRMATION OF JOHN CHIHAK’S APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Wells asked the Council to confirm the appointment of John Chihak

to the Planning Commission for term that expires on 12/31/2011.

Motion: Councilmember Robinson moved to confirm the appointment of John Chihak to the Planning Commission for term that expires on 12/31/11. Councilmember Clemett seconded.

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

CONFIRMATION OF ROBIN STEFAN'S APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF

ADJUSTMENT: Mayor Wells asked the Council to confirm the appointment of Robin Stefan to the Board of Adjustment for a term that expires on 12/31/2010.

Motion: Councilmember Clemett moved to confirm the appointment of Robin Stefan to the Board of Adjustment for term that expires on 12/31/2010. Councilmember Young seconded.

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

Mayor Wells noted that there is still one vacancy on the Planning Commission and one on the Board of Adjustment to fill. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will put an item in the newsletter asking interested residents to contact Mayor Wells.

[Councilmember Leider was excused from the remainder of the meeting and left at 8:20 pm.]

ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING REGULATIONS FOR BOAT TRAILERS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that one of the questions from last month's discussion of this issue was who would enforce the ordinance. She explained that she reviewed this question with Town Attorney Stewart and recommends that the King County Sheriff enforce it by writing citations to the owners of boat trailers that remain parked in violation of the regulations.

Councilmember Clemett recapped the process implemented to date to notify residents of this change to active enforcement of the parking regulations. She stated that she has posted notices on all mailstands in the Village and that a notice was inserted in the April newsletter. She asked that a second notice be placed in the newsletter in the upcoming newsletter.

Councilmember Clemett asked if we want to actively contact boat-trailer owners who are out of compliance now or wait until after June 1st. It was the consensus of the Council that Councilmember Clemett should prepare a list of those trailers that remain out of compliance at this time, draft a letter to each household on the list informing them of the violation and the need to develop a plan to bring the situation into compliance, and asking that they provide evidence of action taken toward implementing their plan.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 341 CHANGING THE STARTING TIME OF

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that Town Attorney Stewart has reviewed the proposed ordinance and approved it as to form.

MOTION: Councilmember Robinson moved to pass Ordinance No. 341 establishing a new time of regular meetings of the Town Council and repealing Ordinance No. 135.

Councilmember Young seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

TREE REMOVAL: Councilmember Young reported that in addition to his earlier report about the tree on the water-tower lot, there is a tree on the water-well lot near the Jordans with a split trunk as well a several firs and deciduous trees that he will have Ian with Trees for Life evaluate.

Councilmember Clemett stated that she has been asked to bring a request to the Council to leave long stumps in place when trees are removed in places where the appearance of the stump will not be noticed or considered offensive. It was the consensus of the Council that long stumps can be left if the nearby residents have no objections.

ROAD REPORT: Councilmember Sharp reported that the new stop sign on westbound SE 29th Street have been installed and that he will ask Bill Beck to paint a stop bar on the pavement. He also reported that the catch basin on 106th Pl SE between the Youngs and the Fultons has been repaired. He also reported that he is working to contact paving contractors to complete the work on this year's TIP, including overlaying on SE 28th from 5 Corners to 105th and from 102nd to 103rd and smoothing the speed bump on 106th Pl. He also noted that potholes on 104th SE are just north of the Town boundary and asked Clerk-Treasurer Spens to notify the Bellevue Department of Transportation.

BUILDING SERVICE PROVIDERS: Councilmember Sharp reported that he had not done any work on this project but will generate a list of possible firms and work with Councilmember Leider and Water Superintendent Durr to begin evaluating them.

STORM DRAIN AS-BUILTS: Councilmember Sharp reported that this project is still in process.

TOWN CLEAN-UP: Councilmember Clemett reported that the recent Town Clean Up was successful though the turnout was smaller than anticipated, probably because it was the Saturday before Easter. She noted that next year's clean-up will probably be scheduled to tie into Earth Day.

OUTGOING MAILBOX: Councilmember Clemett asked about the USPS replacement of the outgoing mailbox. Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that she has contacted the Bellevue Post Office several times and has been told that action is planned but no box has been installed yet. She added that our carrier has mentioned that if the Town purchased its own outgoing mailbox, he could pick up outgoing mail when he makes deliveries to residents. She will get more details about the styles of boxes available and pricing.

Mayor Wells asked for the name of the contact at the Bellevue Post Office so that she can contact them for one last try before we purchase our own box.

BATES HEDGE: Mayor Wells reported that spoke with Ms. Bates about the hedge and that Ms. Bates is concerned about the safety of her property and would prefer that the hedge be allowed to remain. After some discussion about what conversations and work has already taken place regarding this hedge, Councilmember Sharp offered to determine how much trimming needs to take place now that the stop sign has been installed. He will report his findings at the May Council meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT:

NEW METER READER: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that our current meter reader will complete his last rounds in June and is willing to train his replacement. She has posted a notice on mailstands asking interested parties to contact her for more information and a simple application.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council the May meeting is scheduled for May 9th at Councilmember Young's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Councilmember Clemett seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer