November 13, 2018
Gillem

Mayor Gillem called the meeting to order at 7pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Gillem, Councilmembers Kathy Corra, Paula Dix, Aletha Howes, and Tom Stowe.
EXCUSED: Hans Juhle.
STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens
GUESTS: WABA President Susan Bogert, Water Supervisor Bob Durr.

MINUTES: Councilmember Howes moved to approve the October 9, 2018 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Corra seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the November 13, 2018 Claims Register for check numbers 15042 through 15068 in the amount of $74,699.65.
Councilmember Corra seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK’S REPORT:
WRSA 8 STATUS: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that Snohomish County is seriously considering withdrawing from the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council for budgetary reasons. She noted that no action is needed at this time, but the Council should be aware of the possible withdrawal because it could have a financial impact on the remaining members.

ARCH PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that ARCH is asking its member cities for time on each Council's meeting agenda for a staff presentation. The presentation will cover ARCH's proposed projects for 2019 and beyond and will likely include a request for increased funding. She noted that ARCH has not attended a Beaux Arts Council meeting for several years. The Council has several new members, and she wondered if the Council wants such a presentation early next year. It was the consensus of the Council that they would prefer to use Council time to address the Town's immediate concerns.

ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the Town of Hunts Point is considering leaving the Association of Washington Cities because of that group's support of a state income tax. She noted that no action is needed at this time.

PROCUREMENT POLICY: It was the consensus of the Council to hold review of the draft procurement policy over until January when the Council's agenda should be lighter.

KENYON-DISEND FEES TO DATE: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported there was one
invoice (#187695) billed against our retainer in the amount of $644.45. Remaining balance = $848.37. Town Attorney David Linehan and a paralegal at Kenyon Disend are working with Councilmember Stowe to prepare easements for Town utilities that cross WABA property, and Councilmember Stowe expects the cost of this work to exceed the remaining retainer. For this reason, Clerk/Treasurer Spens processed a $5,000 retainer check with the November Claims to replenish our balance.

MARSHAL’S REPORT: Mayor Gillem reported that there was a minor incident along 107th Ave SE, which has been resolved.

WATER REPORT: The Council is finalizing the funding for the Water Department’s project to replace leaking distribution lines along SE 27th/103rd Ave SE/SE 28th. The Water Department needs to purchase a pipe locator at a cost of about $1,200 to locate pipes to a depth of six feet. Clerk/Treasurer Spens noted that she can place the order using the Town credit card if Councilmember Stowe or Water Supervisor Durr will set up the order.

WABA REPORT: WABA President Susan Bogert reported:
- Christmas Ships are scheduled for 12/18/2018 at 7:15 pm.
- An encroachment agreement with the Nielson’s for their driveway approach is complete.
- The WABA Trustees are considering whether to retain ownership of SE 27th Street from about 103rd Ave SE to the North Beach Parking lot. The Trustees recognize that ownership of this street offers an opportunity to limit traffic to the beach and strengthen its private status. But they also recognize that WABA’s ownership creates challenges for property owners that abut this section of roadway.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET: Mayor Gillem opened the public hearing at 7:35 pm. Water Supervisor Bob Durr asked if the budget includes the water project previously mentioned. Mayor Gillem answered yes. As there were no other comments, he closed the public hearing at 7:39 pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Spens outlined the minor changes made as a result of the October Council meeting. The Council then spent time reviewing each fund on a line-item basis, making adjustments in the process. Clerk/Treasurer Spens will update the worksheets to reflect these adjustments and will distribute a clean copy in the next week for Council review and comments. She reminded the Council that the budget will be adopted in final form at next month’s meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 436 SETTING THE PROPERTY-TAX LEVY FOR 2019: Clerk/Treasurer Spens explained the statutory requirements for and limits on the Town's property-tax levy. Mayor Gillem opened the public hearing at 8:20 pm. As there were no public comments, he closed the hearing at 8:21 pm.

Councilmembers noted that despite a strong desire to not increase property taxes, the costs of essential Town services, particularly police and fire services, continue to rise. In addition, the Town is embarking on a number of infrastructure projects that cannot be put off any
longer. These factors make an increase in the property-tax levy necessary.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to pass Ordinance No. 436 authorizing an increase in the property-tax levy for 2019 and setting the amount to be collected. Councilmember Howes seconded.

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

LIME BIKES IN BEAUX ARTS: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reviewed the reasons for tonight’s discussion starting with a complaint that Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp received about the appearance of parked LimeBikes in Beaux Arts, particularly on WABA’s private beach property. Ms. Kulp made several phone calls to learn more about the LimeBike program in general and about Bellevue’s LimeBike Pilot Program. From those calls she learned that LimeBikes should never be left in Beaux Arts, because we are well outside the limits of Bellevue’s program area. After sending an email to Villagers about the bikes and how to request their retrieval, she received a wide variety of comments ranging from more complaints about the bikes to suggestions that Beaux Arts consider sponsoring a pilot program also. As a result of those comments, Mayor Gillem asked that an item be added to the agenda for Council discussion.

As part of that discussion, the Council reviewed the program and discussed how best to approach the situation, recognizing that there are three options:
1. Do nothing other than deal with “rogue” bikes by calling them in to the local Lime Bike program coordinator for pick up.
2. Explore options for allowing limited drop-off zones, e.g. at the old Metro stop along the 104th/105th arterial.
3. Invite LimeBike to expand Bellevue’s pilot program into Beaux Arts.

At the conclusion of this discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that more information about resident interest is needed. Mayor Gillem will draft an item for the December newsletter asking Villagers to offer their opinions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Councilmember Howes reported that she has updated the Beaux Arts Village Disaster Plan based in large part on the results of the Council’s drill in October. She will provide a copy to Clerk/Treasurer Spens for posting on the Town’s website after private information is redacted. She also reported that she is finalizing a proposal for the contents of emergency-response backpacks and is working on a calendar for Council and Town-wide drills to cover about nine months.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mayor Gillem commented that the Council is already working on most of the items listed in the latest Strategic Plan. He noted that the Public Safety section still needs work. Councilmember Stowe suggested that one way to address improved lighting in the Village would be to require homeowners to install lamp posts that spill light into the streets in conjunction with any new construction or major reconstruction. He added that before doing so, the Town would need to prepare standards outlining what is required and what is acceptable to meet those requirements.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:
STORMWATER PROJECTS FOR 2019: Councilmember Stowe reported that he would like
the Council to consider accelerating a few of the Stormwater Projects listed in the CIP to 2019 completion. He will provide more information before the next Council meeting.

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANT: Councilmember Dix reported that her application for an Urban Forestry Grant has been approved and the Town has been awarded $17,000 to help with obtaining expert advice in managing an urban forest. She plans to use the money for a canopy study and to develop a Tree Management Plan.

TREE MANAGEMENT: Councilmember Dix reported that she is working with Arborwell along 108th Ave SE, for pruning the cedar at 27th and 104th, and for removing a dead madrone near Juhle.

FALL TOWN CLEAN-UP REMINDER: The Fall Town Clean Up will be held on Saturday November 17th. Councilmember Dix has prepared a list of projects and is asking the Council to choose their preferred duties. One project not listed that needs attention is the stairs leading from 103rd SE near Leider down to SE 28th. She is working to find a volunteer to spearhead that repair.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER NEEDED: Mayor Gillem reported that he is beginning to look for a Planning Commissioner to replace Jeff Kendall, whose term expires at the end of this year. He asked Councilmembers to offer suggestions.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday December 11, 2018 at Councilmember Juhle’s home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 pm. The session is to discuss personnel performance and is expected to last about 10 minutes. At 9:30 pm the Council reconvened the regular session.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Dix moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Councilmember Howes seconded. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer