



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2025

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

EXCUSED: None

STAFF: Deputy Clerk Addie Tych, Town Engineer/Planner Stacia Schroeder.

GUESTS: Water Department Supervisor Bob Durr.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Dix moved to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Saal moved to approve the Final May 13, 2025 Claims Register for check numbers 16811 and 16813 through 16825 in the amount of \$53,439.06.

Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

2024 ANNUAL REPORT: The Town's Annual Report to the State Auditor's Office is due on May 30, 2025. Clerk/Treasurer Spens has completed and balanced the primary piece of the report and should be able to easily complete the remainder when she returns from recovering from her surgery.

BANKING / ONLINE BILLPAY QUESTIONS: Clerk/Treasurer Spens is still working on finding out more and hopes to have more information to present at the June meeting.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: The Town continues to receive complaints about parking on Town rights-of-way. Mayor Howes reported that many of the complaints are for construction-related vehicles. She mentioned that many of the surrounding municipalities have strengthened their construction parking code, but they also have their own police to help enforce the parking code in a timely manner. Mayor Howes will investigate outsourcing parking enforcement to private companies, which is what some larger cities including Bellevue also do.

WATER REPORT: Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that an overflow pipe has been installed on the water tower with the help of Eric Antonelli.

WABA REPORT: No report.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT MIDDLE HOUSING REGULATIONS: Mayor Howes opened the public hearing at 7:23 pm and asked for public comments.

As there were no public comments, Mayor Howes closed the public hearing at 7:24 pm.

Town Planner Schroeder reviewed the redlined code changes and answered the Council's questions. Prior to the meeting, comments from Councilmember Dix were distributed to the Council. These comments were also reviewed and discussed.

The recommendations from the Planning Commission also included code revisions outside of the middle housing scope. It was the consensus of the Council to pull out anything not related to middle housing and discuss those proposed revisions at a future meeting, possibly in July.

At the end of this discussion, it was decided that Town Planner Schroeder will prepare an updated draft of the redlined code sections. At last month's meeting, Town Attorney Linehan had recommended that the Council adopt different ordinances for each revised code section. Once Town Planner Schroeder has updated the drafted sections, she will forward them to Town Attorney Linehan so that he can draft three ordinances needed to adopt the new regulations. The drafted ordinances and revised code sections will be presented to the Council for review and possible action at the June meeting.

COB FRANCHISE FOR WATER SUPPLY LINE THROUGH BEAUX ARTS:

Councilmember Stowe gave an update on the franchise negotiations. The franchise agreement has been sent to the Town Attorney for review. Councilmember Stowe stated that the rate of return will be changed to 6% to match King County. Once the Town Attorney has reviewed the agreement, it will be submitted to the City of Bellevue for their review. When both sides are satisfied, the Council will need to pass an ordinance to establish the franchise agreement.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

TOWN SIGNAGE: Councilmember Wheeler reported that he has ordered a new blind driveway sign to replace the one that was stolen and should have it by the end of the month. Mayor Howes also mentioned that a signpost at the intersection of SE 29th St and 106th Pl SE that needs to be replaced.

SIGHTLINES ALONG 108TH: Councilmember Wheeler mentioned noticing that some of the trees along 108th have become overgrown and may need to be trimmed to maintain sightlines and pedestrian safety.

PLUMBER NEEDED FOR SHED: Councilmember Saal is still looking for a plumber to fix the sink.

GLEN PATH / ANGLE PATH: Councilmember Dix reported that she has nearly finished installing irrigation along the Glen Path but is waiting for the waterline stakes to be

delivered. Mayor Howes will meet with her on Clean Up Day to decide where the path signage should be placed.

TREE WATERING HELPER: Councilmember Dix reported that she has another helper this summer to assist with watering the town trees.

MITIGATION TREES: Councilmember Dix has requested that the Town's current tree mitigation policy be added as a future agenda item. This discussion would be about how mitigation trees are currently being handled and tracked and would be separate from the larger tree code discussion.

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE: Mayor Howes mentioned that parking has become a topic that keeps coming up. The Council agreed to add it as a future agenda item.

SPRING HANGING BASKETS: Gail Knowles and Candice Soderquist filled and hung baskets full of fuchsias around the Village. A note thanking both residents will be added to the June newsletter.

BELLEVUE SEWER: Mayor Howes, along with the other points' mayors, met with Bellevue Water to discuss the sewer infrastructure and future replacement plans.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 10, 2025 at Councilmember Wheeler's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk/Treasurer