



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

October 7, 2025 – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Aletha Howes, Councilmembers James McCarthy, Tom Stowe, and Brad Wheeler.

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Dix and Saal.

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: None.

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7pm.

PROPOSED FRANCHISE WITH BELLEVUE TO CONSTRUCT WATER MAIN:

Mayor Howes announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to complete a first reading of the proposed franchise in anticipation of its passage by ordinance at next week's regular Council meeting.

She then offered the following summary of the important points covered:

- The term of the agreement is 15 years with an option for one five-year extension.
- The franchise fee is set at approximately \$20,000 for the first year with an annual increase equal to the CPI for the year.
- Bellevue has 60 days after the agreement is fully executed to provide GIS surveys of the existing water line location.
- The agreement covers both the existing A/C, which will be abandoned in place, and the new replacement lines; however, the agreement also stipulates that Bellevue must remove the abandoned lines if the Town so requests.
- The agreement does NOT address the existing intertie connection. That connection will be handled with a separate agreement that is in process.

She added that if the Council approves the agreement next week, it will go to Bellevue for their acceptance.

On discussion, Councilmembers suggested some minor revisions, which Mayor Howes will share with Attorney Ann Mari Soto, who will then provide a final copy to Clerk/Treasurer Spens for inclusion in the Council's meeting packet for next week.

It was the consensus of the Council to add consideration of the franchise ordinance to the October 14, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.
Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk/Treasurer