



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Aletha Howes, Councilmembers Paula Dix, Tom Stowe, and Brad Wheeler

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Stacy Saal and James McCarthy

STAFF: Clerk/Treasurer Amy Myhre, Water Superintendent Eric Antonelli

GUESTS: Susan Casey, Ann Bowen, and Tony Garon

Mayor Howes called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

MINUTES: Councilmember Wheeler moved to approve the Feb 10, 2026, minutes as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

CLAIMS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the Final March 10, 2026, Claims Register for check numbers 16970 through 16986 in the amount of \$44,395.31.

Councilmember Wheeler seconded.

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

PETTY CASH: The petty cash of \$100 was deposited into the Town's bank account at the end of February.

COYOTE SIGHTING: We've had the first reported coyote encounter of 2026, and it has been reported to APHIS as of 3/2/26. The Town renewed its contract with APHIS for 2026, and they will deal with sighting/encounters as needed. An officer was in touch with the Clerk on 3/3/26 about this particular encounter, and since another report was made just outside the town limits a few days ago, an officer will come by within the next few days to investigate. Villagers should contact the Clerk if there are any unusual or disturbing wildlife encounters so they can be reported to and followed up on by APHIS. Please note the date and time of the incident in your communication.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST: Eight Villagers sent a letter to Council requesting a streetlight at the junction of 29th Street and South Angle Road. There is a light post there, but the light was removed years ago, and the residents are concerned that the area is too dark.

Two residents attended the meeting to reiterate the need for a light for safety purposes. They clarified that the light came down two years ago in a storm. Councilmember Dix suggested looking into streetlights that are better for wildlife and the night sky to cut down on light pollution.

Council may need to look at all the streetlights in the town to see if there is a need to add, remove, and/or replace any lights. They will discuss and decide whether this needs to be added as an agenda item in a future Council meeting.

BAV DIRECTORY: Clerk Myhre updated the BAV Town Directory to include contact information, as requested by Councilmember Dix.

RACKSPACE MIGRATION: Clerk Myhre recommended using Rackspace to migrate the town's archived emails to Microsoft. This will cost approximately \$350, but it will be the best way to ensure a secure and complete migration. Council agreed that this is the best option. Clerk Myhre will begin the migration process with Rackspace.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING DATE: The Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 14, 2026, at Councilmember McCarthy's house. There is no need to reschedule the meeting, as it does not fall during Bellevue School District's spring break.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

WATER REPORT: Superintendent Antonelli submitted the annual water usage report to the Department of Health. Water usage reported from the town meter differed from the amount billed by the town. Councilmembers Wheeler and Stowe will work with Superintendent Antonelli, Clerk Myhre and possibly Town Engineer Schroeder to investigate why we have such a large difference.

Building Official Kolke led a meeting with the Bellevue Fire Marshall and town staff to discuss fire flow, fire hydrants and residential sprinklers. Superintendent Antonelli was able to provide Bellevue Fire with a map of the town, including fire hydrant locations. Bellevue Fire shared that WAC codes require that we provide hydraulic modeling. Town Engineer Schroeder will follow up with Council to determine next steps for the modeling.

WABA REPORT: Mayor Howes signed the town up to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. The tentative plan for the celebration will be led by WABA on June 14th at their new members' welcome event at the beach.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC CAMPING ORDINANCE NO. 488

Councilmember Stowe moved to approve Ordinance No. 488 as amended. Councilmember Dix seconded.

Discussion: Council felt the 8-hour parking limit on town rights-of-way, without a parking permit, for vehicles not owned or used by a town resident, was too short. Consensus was to change the 8-hour limit to 12 hours. Issuing parking permits may end up being time consuming for staff, so Council will monitor and reassess this section in 6 months if the process is burdensome.

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

REVIEW OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Council reviewed the Town Procurement Policy and suggested potential changes to some of the amounts in Section 3, which outlines Delegation of Purchasing Authority, and Section 4, outlining Purchases of Equipment, Materials, Supplies or Purchased Services. These amounts have not changed in some time, and the suggested increases will be more in line with the increased costs of goods and services.

Council is monitoring HB 2420, which may require additional updates to the Procurement Policy if enacted. Town Engineer Schroeder will revise Sections 3 and 4 to reflect Council's recommended changes and incorporate any required updates resulting from HB 2420. Council will review the revised Procurement Policy at the April Council meeting for potential adoption.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

STORM WATER CATCH BASIN CLEANING: Pro Vac cleaned the storm water catch basin on SE 27th on February 27th.

ASPHALT REPAIRS: The areas that need asphalt repairs were marked by Councilmember Wheeler and Town Engineer Schroeder. The asphalt work should begin soon. Once dates are set, Villagers will be notified.

COB WATERLINE PROJECT: There's no update on the schedule for the waterline project. 104th Street, 28th Street, and 105th Street will be affected. Once we know the dates for the project, Villagers will be notified via email and mailbox posts. The work will be very disruptive to all Villagers.

TREE WORK: Tree work throughout the Village took place in late February and early March. Thank you to Superintendent Antonelli for splitting cords of wood. Wood from downed trees is available to Villagers on a first come first serve basis.

TOWN CLEAN UP: The spring town clean up event will occur on April 18th. Villagers can help split wood and take some if they can use it. Villagers can also work to remove spurge laurel, which is a noxious weed. More details on work plans will be discussed in early April.

SPURGE LAUREL – Councilmember Dix confirmed with King County that spurge laurel is a noxious weed and the County encourages residents to remove it since it is toxic. If it is not removed, King County does have the right to hire someone to remove it from a property and then charge the property owner for the removal costs. If the owner does not pay for removal costs, a lien can be placed on their home.

URBAN TREE CANOPY: Councilmember Dix attended a conference that discussed

balancing housing with urban tree canopy. The main takeaway was aiming for housing *and* trees. This may mean houses need to get taller rather than wider.

KING COUNTY URBAN FORESTRY FORUM: Councilmember Dix attended the King County Urban Forestry Forum in March. The Planning Commission should keep in mind ripple effects when updating and changing the tree code. King County may be able to help residents with trees but can only work on 1+ acre areas. If adjoining neighbors joined together and their land equaled at least 1 acre, they could get assistance from the county.

SCA SMALL TOWN GROUP – Councilmember Stowe plans to join the SCA Small Town Group, and they will likely hold their first meeting in late March/early April.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE/HOUSING: The Department of Commerce is looking to split off a separate housing department. Councilmember Stowe has participated in a survey to help shape this new housing offshoot of DOC. He's waiting for more information, but this could be positive, since the Department of Commerce is so large and encompasses so much. It would be nice to have all housing issues under one umbrella, separate from Commerce.

KING COUNTY CRIME RATES: King County crime rates decreased approximately 25% from the prior year. This may be due to differences in reporting but is a positive trend.

APHIS CONTRACT: Mayor Howes signed a new contract with APHIS for wildlife control for 2026. The Town Clerk will report wildlife sightings to APHIS, and we only pay for their services if they come into the town to investigate.

TOWN STREET LIGHTS: Council agreed that they will add a discussion of the town streetlights to the agenda for the April Council meeting. Mayor Howes will do a survey of the streetlights in town and create a list to review. There may be areas where the town no longer needs lights, and other areas where lights should be added. There may also be options for lights that put out less light pollution and are better for wildlife.

COMP PLAN UPDATE: The Department of Commerce has all the materials they requested from us for our Comp Plan review. The reviewer from the Department of Commerce is out of the office until March 20. We will have 120 days to respond once DOC gets back to us with their detailed requests for updates to the plan.

COUNCILMEMBER BALDUCCI: Council will invite King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci to attend the May BAV Council meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL TOPICS: Town streetlights and the Procurement Policy update.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 14, 2026, at Councilmember McCarthy's house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive Session

ADJOURN: Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.
Councilmember Dix seconded.
Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Myhre
Clerk/Treasurer