

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2021  
Via videoconference

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Doug Clarke, Leticia Vizcaino, Cheryl Parsley, Patricia Ortiz, Stan Winters, Steve Keene

Guest: Troy Campbell, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Troy Campbell introduced himself, new to the area and the Chamber, where he started as Executive Director in June of 2020. He has a varied background, including tourist business, travel, event production and non-profit business. He discussed ideas for developing Leavenworth to be more attractive but not necessarily attracting larger crowds. There was discussion regarding the impact Leavenworth has on the Peshastin area, including traffic concerns. At the close of this discussion Troy left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

The minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting were read and approved.  
Treasurer's report: bank balance of \$680.49, with no outstanding bills.

New Business:

Carnan Bergren of Chelan Falls has completed application to the Community Development department for a Planned Development entirely within the Peshastin UGA R1 designation. Public comments on the SEPA portion of the proposal are due to Community Development by March 20, 2021. Lauri called Alex White in CD department who is receiving comment and was told that public comment on the proposal will be accepted until 2 weeks before the proposal goes before the Hearing Examiner.

Council members have concerns about a number of inconsistencies in the application. Lauri will collate council comments specifically related to environmental issues and send them to Alex White before the March 20 deadline. He will be available to attend the next council meeting to answer questions; Lauri will send him the invitation.

Old Business:

1) Peshastin Water District

Steve reports the PUD is moving forward with the merger of the Peshastin Water District. When completed the PUD would manage water, sewer, fiber and electric for the area. There are federal funds coming available for infrastructure projects, and the PWD will be submitting an application for grant funding for the new well. There may be other grant fund applications becoming available as well that are potential funding sources for needed upgrades to the system.

2). Safety issues

Doug suggested requesting from the county two mph signs for Peshastin: one coming into town off the bridge, near the school; the second one at the bottom of the North Road entering town from the west. The continued speeding of vehicles through town is an ongoing safety issue. If grant programs for safety come up, this is an item for request.

3). Economic Development

Steve has had conversation with Blake Baldwin about county tax money for economic development, specifically earmarked for rural communities to support infrastructure. The PWD may be able to make application for a grant to help support the water system.

4). STR Task Force

Stan participates with meeting of the RUN organization that gives input to the county BOCC regarding STRs. Kirvil Skinnerland is the representative on the Task Force who would give voice to concerns of the Peshastin Community. Stan has communicated to her the request from Peshastin community members and the Council that the Peshastin UGA be honored in the task force report. He has requested that she share with other Task Force members the fact that within residential areas of the Peshastin UGA, no STRs are allowed. Concerning the question of what percentage of homes in the 98847 area should be allowed for STRs (which includes Peshastin areas outside the UGA), it was agreed that this should be 0%. Doug pointed out that STRs don't help the community.

5). PRSA

Lauri reports the PRSA is interviewing to hire an outreach worker for assessing recreational needs of community members within the PRSA. She believes there is recognition at the board level that there needs to be more attention to county residents outside of Leavenworth. It was suggested Bill Goebels be invited to share in board discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday April 21, 2021 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted ,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary