

Peshastin Community Council
Regular Meeting June 16, 2021
Via videoconference

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Doug Clarke, Steve Keene, Patricia Ortiz

Council members absent, excused: Leticia Vizcaino, Stan Winters, Cheryl Parsley

Using a new videoconference platform, there were technical difficulties with connectivity from 7:00 p.m. until 7:27, when Chair Lauri called the meeting to order. Of note Lauri had sent email invitations to several people who had requested them, but were not present.

The minutes of the regular meeting May 20, 2021 were read and approved; the minutes of the special meeting June 2, 2021 are still in draft form and will be available at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1). Commissioner Bob Bugert gave Lauri contact information for Sheriff Brian Burnett and chief deputy Adam Musgrove. Chief Musgrove has spoken with Lauri, stating that staffing of deputies is at a critical level, and there is not the personnel available to have a deputy dedicated to the Peshastin area as the Council had requested. He was unable to attend this meeting, but is happy to meet with the Council to discuss issues of concern. Lauri will contact him to schedule a meeting.

2). It was noted that the parking area in front of the Post Office and the Peshastin Market has been paved and striped. Doug reports this is private property, unlike the parking area in front of the old grange hall and tavern. He states the county has no easement or right of way on the Burlington Northern property, but "BNRR tolerates it".

3). Lauri was able to attend one of the recent BOCC workshops on the development of a county wide STR code. No public comment was taken, but of concern is that during discussion the commissioners mentioned that within a Planned Development inside the Peshastin UGA, STRs would be allowed. This is not what has been stated previously, and all members are encouraged to send comments to Jim Brown of the Community Development department to make it clear that this is not in alignment with the wishes of Peshastin residents. Stan was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but also urges the council to include the issue of not grandfathering any previously operating STRs within the residential zones of the UGA.

4). Steve reports that the county has opened up the storm drain in front of the old grange hall owned by Lydia Folden, and is working with Jason Williams of the Peshastin Water District to find the origin of the water that continues to periodically flood the basement of the building so this can be resolved.

5). Lauri has investigated a program that can be used by the council to manage the email list and send informational email to people registered with the council to receive them. Steve offers past experience with the program Constant Contact, and the PWD would be interested in sharing the service and the cost of a year's subscription. Tricia moved the Council pay half the cost of the year's subscription, Doug seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6). Lauri has spoken with several Peshastin residents who wanted to attend the special meeting June 2, 2021 to provide comments about the Pine Ridge planned development, but were unable to make the connection. It was suggested the Council schedule another meeting, in person outside the library, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday June 30, 2021. Lauri and Steve will meet to send notification to residents.

7). PWD: Steve gave a presentation to the county Capital Improvements Fund advisory committee, requesting a grant for the Water District to help defray the costs of needed infrastructure upgrades. The committee has received 9 applications; the decision will be made by the BOCC by June 30 for award of the funds.

Steve reports that recent discussion with Ron Slabaugh of the PUD confirms that any consolidation of the PWD with the PUD will take many more months for resolution.

New Business:

The library board reports that the ice cream social is scheduled to take place behind the library on Saturday July 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. Details will be forthcoming.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday July 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted ,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary