

Peshastin Community Council  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 20, 2021  
Via videoconference

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

Council member absent, unexcused: Stan Winters

Community member present: Clare Morrison, Peshastin Library

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Clare Morrison gave the library report: the hours of service for the library will be changing in November, so on Thursdays and Fridays it will be open from 1 to 5 pm, which results in the library being open Monday through Friday for after school hours. Clare left the meeting after the report.

The minutes of September 15, 2021 meeting were read; motion to approve by Doug, second by Cheryl. Approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: bank balance \$584.11, with no outstanding bills.

Old Business:

- 1). Speed carts from the Sheriff's department: there is one remaining, at the entrance to town on Main St. from North Rd. They do seem to work when present. All agreed it would be beneficial to have two permanent ones, one at each end of town. Currently the cost is prohibitive, but is a goal for the future.
- 2). Lydia Folden in the old Grange building has water leaking into the basement again. Investigation is ongoing but the source is yet unidentified. The county says the storm drain repair is being put off indefinitely; Steve will continue to follow up with Lydia.
- 3). Steve has received an update from Ron Slabaugh with the PUD for the merger with Peshastin Water District, expected "sometime in 2022".

New Business:

- 1). Pine Ridge proposed development  
Lauri has received an updated traffic study from Alex White in Community Development. She has spoken with Bob Dodge, Peshastin resident who is willing to serve on a sub committee to review this study. The Council will develop formal comments to submit to the County as soon as possible. The council will schedule a study session specifically to review the traffic analysis. Doug comments that the Burlington Northern railroad underpass is substandard, BNRR is not likely to widen the underpass, and that adding 2000 vehicle trips per day is not feasible.
- 2). The study conducted by PRSA has been completed; random constituents were sent a 4 page survey, and 320 responses were received. The highest priority for future activity is a trail from Leavenworth to Peshastin, as part of a trail from Leavenworth to Wenatchee. Second priority is an indoor swimming pool, followed by use of the Osborne property for recreation needs, and in general new pedestrian and bicycle trails. The major issue for developing trail systems is crossing private property, especially working orchard property. Lauri noted that

these results are centered around the Leavenworth area (no council member received the survey), and as noted in the past, Peshastin would like to withdraw from the PRSA.

3). Clarification of status for STRs existing within the Peshastin UGA: Lauri contacted Commissioner Bob Bugert about this, and he confirmed that existing units can be “grandfathered” in as long as they meet criteria set forth in the new STR code. What happens next remains to be seen.

4). Council vacancy: Steve understands that Stan Winters is moving out of the Peshastin area and will no longer be serving on the Council. Once the council receives word from Stan to verify this, we will start the process to appoint someone to fill out his term, which continues through December 2022. Discussion was held regarding need for all council members to make contacts encouraging participation; Doug emphasizes the need to have council members representative of the community. All are in agreement.

5). Tricia received a call from Tom Alexander, Peshastin resident, with questions about burn piles, burn ban decisions, and alternatives to burning. Steve forwarded contact information for the county Fire Marshall, Bob Plumb:

[bob.plumb@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:bob.plumb@co.chelan.wa.us)

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6). Santa Breakfast: A decision needs to be made within the next 2 weeks whether or not to proceed with planning for the Santa Breakfast in December. Due to continuing uncertainty as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic and surrounding risks, it was decided to cancel breakfast for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday November 17 at 7 p.m.

Respect submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary