

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of regular meeting
March 15, 2023

Peshastin Memorial Hall

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

Council member absent, excused: Melissa Reuter

Community members: Mark Smith, Peshastin; Kelly Carter, Peshastin

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devera Sharp has withdrawn her petition for candidacy to fill one of the open positions; therefore Lauri Malmquist and Mark Smith will fill these positions and no election is necessary. Council unanimously agreed to accept their candidacy.

Minutes of the meeting February 15, 2023 were read and approved unanimously after motion by Doug, second by Steve.

Treasurer's report: \$745.72

Old Business:

Deanna Walters has accepted the position as director of Community Development. Lauri reports the county is making public the list of all STRs in the county. She has not yet received any response from Deanna Walters regarding the inquiry about STRs within the Peshastin UGA where they are not permitted. Lauri will continue to ask for information.

Discussion was held regarding potential conflicts regarding irrigation water for some water users adjacent to the Peshastin school, as the school district is replacing their irrigation lines.

The state legislature is considering a number of bills about housing during this session; we will continue to monitor for results.

Community Council By-laws:

Suggested changes:

- 1) clarification of Article VIII, section 7.to ensure public comment at every meeting.
- 2) clarification of Article V, section 1
- 3) Article V, section 3. Remove specific dates, and number positions
- 4) Article VIII, section 10.b, update.
- 5) Article V, section 2: consider changing length of terms.

A committee will be formed with members Lauri, Steve and Tricia to write a draft proposal for these changes, which will be brought back to the entire council. After agreement, there will be a special meeting for the public to vote on the changes. Meanwhile the committee will entertain further suggestions from any council members at any time.

New Business:

Tricia reports Ted Alway has contacted the Public Works department at the county regarding poor drainage and flooding along Derby Canyon Rd.; he requests the council to follow up with Public Works in support of this. Motion by Doug, second by Cheryl; unanimous vote in favor of a letter in support.

RC3 report: Lauri states Brian Patterson from Chelan sent a letter to Chelan County regarding the need to change the methods of traffic analysis to provide more realistic information.

Mark Smith contacted Sheriff Morrison with thanks for the increased patrols in and around Peshastin. He returned the call with information that deputies have been shifted from traffic control to regular patrol duty.

Sheriff Morrison has been invited to attend the next council meeting in April; Peshastin residents are invited to bring any questions. One question is consideration of a permanent solar powered speed sign across from the Memorial Hall, and /or near the fire hall.

Mark raised the concern of potential disaster with frequent rail traffic through Peshastin; after discussion it was decided to contact the Governor, with copies to Keith Goehner, Mike Steele and Brad Hawkins, to inquire about disaster response plan for this area in the event of a serious rail accident.

Election of Officers for the remainder of 2023: Motion by Doug, second by Mark to accept the slate: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Doug Clarke vice-chair; Cheryl Parsley treasurer; Patricia Ortiz secretary. Passed by unanimous vote.

Kelly Carter is willing to be back-up for Steve for electronic communications.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday April 19, 2023 at the Peshastin Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary