

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of regular meeting
April 19, 2023

Peshastin Library

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

Community members: Clare Morrison, Peshastin Library; Kim Smith, Cyndi Garza, Dixie Mauch, Peshastin

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6: 34 p.m.

The first item on the agenda was a scheduled visit from Mike Morrison, Chelan County Sheriff. It was determined that there had been miscommunication between the council and the sheriff's office, and his visit is scheduled for the May council meeting.

Library update: April 22, 2023: bird walk scheduled at the mill flat at 9 am.

April 25: the original Mary Poppins movie showing

May 4: activities for Star Wars Day

May 6: wild flower walk is scheduled with Ted Alway and Team Naturaleza

May 23: community engagement meeting regarding the planned upgrades to the library

The minutes of March 15, 2023 meeting were read; motion for approval by Mark, second by Cheryl. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: current balance \$745.72
No outstanding bills.

The by-laws committee consisting of Lauri, Steve and Tricia sent out suggested changes to update by-laws. Since council has not had a chance to review these, further action will be tabled until the next meeting. Council members are asked to review these changes and bring any comments to the next meeting, with the goal of voting on approval at that time. Once changes are approved by the council, a special meeting will be scheduled at which any community members can vote on recommended changes.

Peshastin UGA revisions: Lauri contacted Alex White , planner with Chelan County, who responded that the county can help with UGA review in 2024. He states that ongoing legal actions with the county regarding short term rentals and the proposed Pine Ridge development may affect the UGA. The county accepts applications for renewal of active STRs between September 1 and October 31; active licenses expire on December 31. In addition the County begins accepting applications for new STRs on June 1.

She also communicated with the Chelan County PUD; Andy Wendell will be assisting with adjustments to the Growth Management Act, and will be available to informally discuss infrastructure.

Prior to the next meeting all council members are asked to review the current UGA document; at that meeting the council will start preliminary planning, need for committees, and preliminary timeline for the review.

Peshastin Water District: Steve reports finalization of the merger process with the PUD may well be completed by October of this year. Currently the PUD is working to obtain permits for two additional crossings under the Burlington Northern railroad, and approximately 30 property owners need to provide easements to allow access to the water meter boxes. The PUD will be changing to smart meters for both electrical and water meters, and hope to install both at the same time, ideally in October as well.

New Business

1). Lauri was approached about requesting council backing for proposed P-D playground improvement, but this was related to tourist development and not appropriate for the school.

2). Discussion regarding garbage on the mill flat. WDFW removed the garbage can they had provided, due to misuse. A motor home and truck parked on Hi-up property at the entrance over the winter has recently been moved, with a large amount of garbage remaining. There is continued heavy use by dogs, with significant animal waste not cleaned up by owners.

3). Spring clean up is scheduled for Sunday May 7, meeting in front of Post Office at 9 am. Clean up will be along Main Street, and only extend to the mill flat area if there are enough participants.

4). Kids and Pets Parade

Parade scheduled for Saturday June 3, to start at 10:00 am at the Memorial Hall, and end at the library. Cheryl will contact the band, for assembly at 9:30, and provide popsicles. Melissa will be stationed at the library to hand out popsicles, and Clare will provide an activity and reading information table at the library.

5). Cyndi Garza, a member of the Cemetery Board which also manages the Memorial Hall, asked for input from the Council regarding needed repairs to the hall, including a new roof, electrical repair, wall stabilization, plumbing updates, lighting etc. Discussion ensued about the historical value of the building to the community. Suggestions were presented to obtain more information about needed repairs and cost estimates, which may help determine what is possible to be done as well as potential sources for revenue with which to pay for them. Cyndi will take these suggestions back to the Cemetery Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Peshastin Library

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary