

Peshastin Community Council  
Regular Meeting  
Peshastin Library

January 24, 2024, rescheduled from January 17 due to conflicts

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

Council member absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley

Community member: Clare Morrison, Peshastin Library

The meeting was called to order by chair Lauri Malmquist at 6:30 p.m.

Library update: Nutritionist from WSU extension will be teaching a class about healthful cooking and eating, at 4 pm Thursdays in February. Included will be a separate children's activity, to allow parents to attend.

The library closure dates to allow for refurbishment are not yet settled; closure may well last 3 months.

The minutes of the regular meeting November 15, 2023, and special meeting January 10, 2024 have been reviewed; there were no corrections. Motion to approve November 15, 2023 meeting minutes passed with 5 ayes, no nays, one abstention (Keene). Motion to approve minutes of January 10, 2024 passed with 5 ayes, no nays, one abstention (Keene).

Treasurer's report: Bank balance of \$1,197.72. Outstanding check from Cascade Choir for \$100. Cheryl submitted receipts for Santa Breakfast costs, in the amount of \$273.88. Patricia moved reimbursement to Cheryl for that amount, second by Steve; motion passed unanimously.

Peshastin Water District

Steve reports on recent meetings with PWD and PUD regarding merger. Information has been posted on the Peshastin website.

Discussion was held regarding possibly changing the time, day, and/or place for Council meetings, due to conflict with the ukulele circle held at the library on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30. In addition the library will be closed for several months. After discussion, motion made by Steve to change the meeting time to 7 pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the Peshastin Memorial Hall, starting with the next meeting on February 21. The following meetings will be on March 20, April 17, and May 15. Second by Mark; motion passed unanimously.

The slate of officers for 2024 were nominated: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Melissa Reuter, vice chair; Cheryl Parsley, treasurer; Patricia Ortiz, secretary. Patricia moved to accept this slate; second by Doug; motion passed unanimously.

2024 is an election year for Council positions. Discussion held regarding changing some or all of the seven Council positions from 6 years to 2 or 4 year terms. Motion by Doug to change to four 4 year terms and three 2 year terms, with two of the 4 year terms open each election to allow for continuity. Second by Patricia; motion passed unanimously. These changes will be brought back at the next meeting for consideration and to accept input from community members prior to a vote to change the by-laws.

Peshastin Mill flat proposals:

The county in conjunction with the Council has scheduled an information gathering meeting at 7 pm Tuesday January 30 at the Memorial Hall. Discussion was held regarding what council members would like to have developed in that area.

Council members concerns include:

- 1) limit light and noise pollution; activities such as exercise loop with stations, skate park, “the quieter the better”
- 2). No road close to the river.
- 3). Keep activities away from living quarters on adjacent property
- 4). No restrooms (potential for becoming overrun, not maintained)
- 5). Leave as is, or add replanting and/or reforestation
- 6). Day use picnic access would be nice, but close at night and no camping
- 7). Restore wetlands: high priority
- 8). No ballfields, but level area for uses such as kite flying
- 9). Need stations and pickup for garbage and pet waste; who will maintain? How often?
- 10). Boardwalk through wetland area
- 11). Safe access to swimming area
- 12). Organizations outside of Peshastin advertising for what they want (dog park, etc.); how to handle this?
- 13). ADA access?
- 14). Do nothing
- 15). No access upriver
- 16). Doing something saves this area from further development; all agree less development better than more. Not all Council members agree on all these issues, but the majority agreed on the majority of the issues.

Steve Keene will discuss with Bill Goebel, land owner, prior to the January 30 meeting.

These preliminary thoughts will be shared with the County prior to January 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 7 pm, at the Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary