

Peshastin Community Council
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2025

Peshastin Library

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Mark Smith, Doug Clarke, Cheryl Parsley, Nick Wood, Jessica Mahugh, Patricia Ortiz

Community members present: Mary Diane Yonaka, Fire District 6, manager Peshastin site; Andy Lee, Chief, Fire District 6

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Representatives from Fire District 6, Andy and Diane are guests to bring awareness of wildfire preparedness in our region. Andy states there is currently a stage 2 burn ban in place, 45 days earlier than typical for the season, and this will likely progress to stage 3 by next week. Year to date rainfall here is 2.9 inches, compared with typical 11-12 inches. In addition the Department of Natural Resources is working with a 50% budget cut, although staffing for fire is still good; the US Forest Service has good staffing for fire but is significantly lacking in other departments that are utilized in the case of larger fires.

Fire District 6 has a new website, chelanfd6.org/, which includes information about the upcoming levy for the first rate increase in over 50 years, scheduled for August 5, 2025. The proposed levy is an increase from \$0.315 to \$1.40 per \$1000 assessed property value. By law the fire district is not required to provide emergency medical services, yet one third of the budget currently is used for EMS. Without this additional funding the district will face critical shortage of equipment and training needed to provide fire protection services, and would need to suspend EMS.

The current fire district newsletter and cards were left for dissemination through the library, and Chief Lee encourages anyone with questions to contact him at 509-663-1678, AndyLeeChelanFire6@gmail.com

The fire district was thanked for their participation in the Kids and Pets Parade.

Library report:

Upcoming activities include a needle felting workshop Saturday June 21, a lunch program for children and teens through age 18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays June 24 through July 31, and English/Spanish conversation on Thursdays June 26, July 24 and August 21.

The minutes of meeting May 21, 2025 have been reviewed by all. Motion by Mark Smith to approve; second by Jessica Mahugh. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: bank balance of \$870.72

Old Business

1). Lauri has signed the PRSA interlocal agreement

2). Kids and Pets parade review: 4 fire trucks and the high school band participated, which contributed to a successful event. The only animals present were dogs, and it was suggested that a theme be chosen for next year. There was discussion about announcements prior to the next parade, including on the Cascade School District web page, in the library, on social media such as Peshastin Facebook page, and via advertising banners at stores.

Discussion was held regarding date for next year, trying to avoid the date of graduation, festivals in Leavenworth , bike races, or other potential conflicts. For 2026 graduation is scheduled for June 5, and the last day of school June 10. Council members are urged to consider options, with the goal of setting a date at the next meeting.

New Business:

1). Cheryl Parsley moved the Council donate \$100 to the Cascade band for participation in the parade; second by Nick Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

2). Lauri requests reimbursement for 13 month service from Constant Contact which she has paid, for \$261.70. Motion by Patricia Ortiz to approve this amount; second by Jessica Mahugh; the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the use of Constant Contact, and other potential alternatives for disseminating information to community members. Nick and Jessica are willing to review the Constant Contact services and report back to the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the library on Wednesday July 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary