

Peshastin Community Council
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2025

Peshastin Library

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Jessica Mahugh, Mark Smith

Council members absent, excused: Nick Wood, Cheryl Parsley, Patricia Ortiz, Doug Clarke

Community members: Nick Rossi, Melissa Rossi, Mike Pflugrath, Monique Pflugrath, Mark Pulse, Lisa Deaver, Melissa Reuter, John Romine

Guest: Susan Dretke, Chelan County Community Development Planner

Other: Carnan Bergren, Chelan Falls

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Susan Dretke was introduced, present to give information on the Comprehensive Plan update, and the Peshastin UGA update as part of that. She began with background information:

The initial Comprehensive Plan was created in response to the 1990 Growth Management Act. Chelan County passed their first plan in 1997, with projections to cover the next 20 years. The first update was completed in 2017, and the county is now working on the second one, scheduled to be completed at the end of 2026. The state provides data on population projections to aid the county in planning, specifically how many people will be moving into the county in the next 20 years, and how much housing will be needed for that growth? The Growth Management Act dictates that growth needs to happen where there is already clustering of population.

For the purpose of current Chelan County planning, the state projects no change in the population in Peshastin for the next 20 years, in spite of several planned developments within the UGA boundary. The state directs that growth in the Peshastin area needs to be accommodated within the UGA, but that should include housing for all income levels. Most of the lack of housing in Chelan County currently is for low and middle income residents. With a recent passage of state law, multifamily dwellings are allowed in zones previously limited to single family residences, but this does not mean that developers have to include multifamily dwellings for any given development.

The draft update is scheduled to be ready in the spring of 2026. One of the important elements of the Comprehensive Plan is receiving as much community input as possible. The county website has more detailed information, as well as a link for completing the survey to elicit further input.

Lauri urged all in attendance to attend the quarterly meetings held at the Leavenworth fire hall as the planning process moves forward, as they are very informational. The floor was opened for questions directed to Susan Dretke.

Q.1: who determines what is a “robust outreach” as related to community participation for the planning process?

A: The state Department of Commerce oversees the county participation, looking at all incorporated cities within the county to assess participation and uses this as a comparison for the unincorporated areas.

Q.2: Will there be a possibility of changes to the UGA boundaries during this process?

A: No. The state does allow for equal swaps in and out of the UGA, but the total area of the UGA will remain unchanged. The capacity analysis says the projected population will fit within the UGA boundary for Peshastin. Mike Pflugrath has a driveway that is split by the current boundary, and asks about potential adjustment. Susan will look into the specifics of this and communicate with him.

Q.3: Will the county help Peshastin review and revise the UGA document?

A: Now is the time for residents to tell the county what Peshastin wants. It is unlikely the Peshastin UGA will increase in size as there isn't the level of services (i.e. water and sewer) available.

Lauri proposed the council call a special meeting to collect community questions and input to forward to Susan Dretke. As there is not a quorum present, no scheduling done at this time.

Library Update:

1). Ice cream social proceeds of \$3907.10, slightly above average. Costs for bouncy house and live band still need to be paid. Activities included performance by Saddle Rockers, and Peshastin Library Ukulele Circle, volunteer led carnival games, fire truck rides, and a piñata donated by Dryden Grocery Store.

2). Friends of the Library are looking for more board members and/or volunteers to help organize future ice cream socials. Contact cmorrison@ncwslibraries.org

Minutes from June 18th council meeting have been reviewed; no action taken as a quorum not present.

Treasurer's report: \$609.02 bank balance; outstanding check for \$100 to the band for June Kids and Pets Parade.

Old Business

1). Nick has researched alternatives to Constant Contact for dissemination of information to Peshastin residents. He recommends keeping it for now, as it is a high quality tool.

2). Discussion about alternative dates and greater outreach for Kids and Pets Parade will be deferred until September meeting when full council present.

New Business

None scheduled.

Carnan Bergren, PUD Commissioner, comments on the provision of power to Microsoft in Malaga. Power previously sold to Alcoa may be sold to Microsoft at a higher rate; the PUD can provide transfer of power from other sources and charge more for that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peshastin Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary

Assisted in absentia by audio recording and notes from Lauri Malmquist.