

Peshastin Community Council Minutes of regular meeting

March 08, 2018

Council members present: Steve Keene, Cheryl Parsley, Leticia Vizcaino, Doug Clarke, Patricia Ortiz, Lacey Price

Council member absent, excused: Stan Winters

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chair Steve Keene

Minutes of meeting February 8, 2018 read and approved.

Treasurer's report: balance \$882.52, with outstanding check of \$100.

Water and Utilities:

Steve reported on recent meeting of the Regionalization Water and Sewer Study, attended by Lacey and himself. The final report is due within the next few weeks. There have been two plans proposed: 1) formation of a completely new and separate utility, with board, serving Cashmere, Dryden, Peshastin and Leavenworth. Yearly cost estimated at \$800,000 per year. 2) turn over the current utilities to Chelan County PUD for ownership and management, with a separate advisory board made up of representatives of all the communities served. Yearly cost estimated at \$400,000 per year. After public informational meetings, there will be a vote on the options; all communities need to be in agreement to proceed with one or the other option. If once of those plans is selected, gradually increasing rates will be part of the Regionalization Plan.

There will be regional community meetings to solicit input from water/utility users. Chelan County PUD already owns and manages the Peshastin sewer district, which is not true for the other communities.

Peshastin Water District has had a huge expense for maintenance/repair in the district in 2017. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund was not funded to allow any assistance for Peshastin Water District in the fall of 2017, but is now funded with the new legislative budget, so there may be funds available for future capital improvements. The proposed plan for the long term is to make application to WSDWF for a project to construct a new well, and a second application for a project to consolidate with the Timberline Water system, which at this time has 9 customers.

There will be community meetings in the near future to communicate the proposed plans and solicit feedback. There are several options for rate increase schedules, with the goal of encouraging conservation and of being fair and equitable with all water users, individuals as well as fruit warehouses. The Peshastin Water District needs to increase rates to cover new costs. PWD is considering both water usage and capacity for instantaneous access to various volumes of water as they create the new rate structure.

Community Development:

Notice has been received that the County Community Development Department will hold a hearing for comments on a proposed 31 house development on land currently in orchard, between Larson and Ludwig Hill roads. Concern was voiced for traffic and safety at the intersections of Larson Road and Derby Canyon Road, Main Street and Ludwig Hill Road, the Main Street underpass and Derby Canyon bypass, as well as the Peshastin bridge.

It was noted that there is a housing crisis in the area, and what is needed most are low to moderate priced housing for primary residences, not second homes. High cost homes contribute to gentrification and ethnic, racial and economic stratification and segregation, which is not what we want for this community.

There was agreement that developers within the Peshastin UGA need to be cognizant of the fact that nightly rentals are not allowed in R1 designation under current regulations.

There is also a 9 house development farther along in the application process, planned for upper Larson Road area. The same concerns regarding traffic, safety housing needs and existing regulations hold true for this area as well.

Miscellaneous :

Cheryl received concern from a citizen regarding a noise complaint, and this matter was referred to the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary