

Peshastin Community Council minutes of regular meeting

April 12, 2018

Council members present: Steve Keene, Cheryl Parsley, Doug Clarke, Stan Winters, Patricia Ortiz, Lacey Price

Council member absent, unexcused: Leticia Vizcaino

Community members present: Brian Burnett, Dave Wilkie and Anita Wilkie, Peshastin; Sharon Waters, Leavenworth; Reava Davis and Craig Davis, Issaquah.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by chair Steve Keene

Minutes of meeting March 08, 2018 read and approved.

Treasurer's report: balance \$882.52, with outstanding check of \$100, dating from December 2017

Peshastin sign: Steve reports the sign has been repaired and reinforced.

County information: Hank Lewis has resigned from the Community Development Department

Kids and Pets Parade: Mylie Woodin has suggestions for two themes: "When I grow up..." or Super Hero. After discussion the former was selected. Lacey will contact Mylie with this information, and to review other details. The parade date is June 2, 2018. Cheryl will provide popsicles.

Chelan County nightly rental update: the county is looking for a consultant to assist in the discussions regarding county wide regulation of nightly rentals.

Lacey attended a private pre-planning meeting at the county, with the developer who has purchased property in the UGA from Carnan Bergren and has preliminary plans for a 31 house development. Salient points include: A) water is available for this size development. B) the soil is erosive, and will need an environmental study, as well as soils testing, especially for lead and arsenic as it is currently in orchard. C) roads and access are major concerns. Ludwig Hill road cannot be upgraded to handle more traffic, Larson Rd. would need upgrading to allow development, there may be an option for a new access from Derby Canyon Rd., and there is need for a traffic impact study which may result in the need for changes to the Peshastin bridge/Highway 2 intersection. D) There was discussion of an initial 14 house development, with phase in of further housing. Lacey shared the concern regarding need for housing in the upper valley. There would likely need to be zoning change in this area to allow for multi-family housing.

Brian Burnett asked the Council to write a letter to Chelan County, requesting two more speed limit signs through Peshastin, specifically, in front of Boswell Building, and in front of the Memorial Hall. He recommended the request include flagging the signs as well, for increased visibility. There was discussion of electronic flashing speed signs, realizing these are expensive; it was also mentioned we can request increased sheriff patrol for speeding before and/or after signs installed. Steve recently attended a seminar on "tools for infrastructure funding", which included "Safe Routes to Schools" and "Ped & Bike." The walking routes through Peshastin likely fit into these categories, so there may be grant funds available for a project such as flashing signs. Deadline for applications are April 16 and May 11, 2018 for this round of funding, but we may be able to get in on the next round. Website for more information: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/SafeRoutes/CallForProjects.htm>

Lacey is willing to review grant applications, with the goal of preparing an application for the next funding cycle. The council is in agreement with sending this request to the county, and a letter will be drafted.

Peshastin Water District:

Steve reported on the budget and cash flow analysis just completed for the PWD; Steve was hired to perform this analysis. Findings include increased cost for chlorine, and labor costs doubling, so the district needs approximately \$100,000 increased revenue per year to balance the budget. Most water systems have a base rate, before charges for water use, and this will be incorporated into the new rate structure. Three tiers in the system will be residential, commercial, and industrial. The Peshastin Water District web site has the new updated rates, effective April 1, 2018. The two warehouses together use 96% of the total water usage in Peshastin; the county average for residential use is 7000 gallons per household per month. The water district is working on updating its comprehensive plan. There were questions regarding Carnan Bergren continuing to serve on the water board, as he no longer lives in Peshastin but has moved to Chelan Falls. The board is soliciting a new member, for a 6 year term.

There is also a current opening on the cemetery board, which manages the Memorial Hall in addition to the cemetery.

Lacey asked about the timetable for reviewing the UGA plan. Since the county development department is in transition with change of personnel, and has other pressing issues, they may not be available to assist with this for some time. Lacey and Tricia will work together to make a proposed timeline for the council to review the plan, and prioritize any sections that may need revision.

Sharon Waters reports that Leavenworth is working to resolve some of their traffic issues, and it is important for citizens to contact the County Commissioners with any input or concerns.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next meeting will be held May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, secretary