

Peshastin Community Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting October 11, 2018
Peshastin Memorial Hall

Council Members Present: Steve Keene, chair; Leticia Vizcaino, Patricia Ortiz, Lacey Price, Doug Clarke, Stan Winters , Cheryl Parsley

Community Members Present: Brian Burnett, Peshastin; Dixie Barker, Peshastin; Melissa Reuter, Peshastin; Reava Davis, Issaquah; Craig Davis, Issaquah; Rich Taylor, Peshastin

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes of meeting September 13, 2018 were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Bank balance \$639.32, with no outstanding bills.

Peshastin Water District:

Steve reported that the water lines are in place for the school district, P-D School major remodeling project.

The Upper Valley Consolidated Study held its last meeting last week, heard two proposals for ongoing management of the PWD, and recommended merger of the PWD with the Chelan County PUD. Next there will be scheduled presentations to these boards, and public meetings to discuss the proposed change. See minutes of PWD meeting October 11, 2018 for further details.

The Peshastin Water District hours remain Monday and Wednesday , 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the location on Chumstick Highway, although the PUD will no longer maintain office space there after December 2018.

There was further discussion of the proposed merger of PWD and PUD.

Traffic:

Steve received a suggestion from former Cashmere Mayor Geoff Gomes that we request assistance from the Washington State Patrol to help control speeding through Peshastin. Steve spoke with WSP, who stated they have no manpower to do this. It was suggested we could collect data of the number of cars passing the speed monitor cart on Main St., as well as speeds, and use that data to back up request to the county for more patrol efforts. After discussion it was agreed that the speed cart is not ideally placed in its current position at the foot of Ludwig Hill Rd., but would provide better data if placed at the Memorial Hall parking lot. Tricia will contact Eric Pierson of Chelan County Public Works to request this change, and request the monitor run 24 hours per day, and that data be forwarded to the council after one month.

Steve spoke with Joel Walinski, Leavenworth administrator, about who might have requested that the radar speed sign be turned off during Oktoberfest but he had no knowledge of this and said the City of Leavenworth's main concern during the festivals is safety and the ability of emergency vehicles to be able to respond via both Highway 2 and North Road. They will employ flaggers on the roads during Christmas Lighting, but no other actions have been taken. Steve will request that a member of the Peshastin Community Council be included in Leavenworth city's ongoing discussions of traffic.

Steve reports the fire hydrant on School St. has been cleared of weeds and obstructing debris.

On 9/18/2018 Tricia spoke with Eric Pierson, Director and County Engineer for Chelan County Public Works about traffic concerns. He responded that he would check with the Sheriff's office and report back, but without any guarantees for the dates we requested for speed monitoring and increased patrols. He stated the county will add two more 25 mph signs through town; will check to see if there is code in place for NO PARKING signs on the

Burlington -Northern side of Main St., but otherwise the council needs to go through the process of requesting code change to allow for signs. He stated he will check on adding a crosswalk at the pedestrian underpass in front of the post office, and will check on repairing the walkway under the railroad at the main vehicle underpass. To date no follow up report has been received from him.

Elections:

Doug and Tricia submitted petitions for re-election in the upcoming elections of November 2018. Craig Davis and Reava Davis, husband and wife, submitted petitions for election as well. There was discussion of their eligibility to enter the election since they are not full time residents of Peshastin. They own property and run business in Peshastin and have registered to vote in Chelan County; they receive mail in Issaquah and Chelan County records show their permanent address in Issaquah; Washington State driver's license has Issaquah address, and they spend less than half of their time at their property in Peshastin. It was noted the bylaws state persons running for election must be residents of Peshastin but does not define this, so a bylaws revision will be needed to clarify this issue. (The Davises will be entered into the election if they have the proper documentation of residency at the time of the election)

Health and Safety Hazard:

Lacey spoke with Angel Hallman, Chelan County code enforcement about the concern of a motor home on Main St. with excessive garbage and concern of possible health department violation if people are living there full time without water and sewer connections. Lacey was directed to talk with the volunteer Fire Department. Consensus is that county code enforcement is way behind in enforcing violations so is essentially immobilized. After discussion it was recommended Lacey contact Chelan Douglas Health Department with this concern.

UGA document review and revision:

Lacey and Tricia met 9/21/2018 to begin review of the 2008 Peshastin UGA document. Upon review of the first 26 pages, they noted a number of minor updates related to background data. On page 27, Policy O regarding second home development and nightly rentals needs to be clarified to reflect current community desires; this will need to be reviewed by the entire council in the near future. Lacey and Tricia will continue to meet for further initial review of the document and highlight other needed revisions.

Nightly rentals in Chelan County:

Although the county stated intent to complete a study of nightly rentals throughout the county, and develop a countywide plan to guide use and development, there has to date been no contract awarded to a consultant to proceed with the study. The county has repeated the goal that this plan will be in place by the end of 2018; Commissioner Goehner has recently said he has no information about this. Two months ago the County Commissioners made the determination that nightly rentals are not allowed in any of the residential zones of the Peshastin UGA; there has been no code enforcement to date.

There was discussion about the lack of affordable housing in the region in general and Peshastin in particular.

Brian Burnett reports that he is the newest member of the Peshastin Cemetery Board; Doug Clarke is also a member.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held November 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary