



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

Thursday, May 5, 2016 – Council Chambers – Afternoon Session

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lacher called the regular session of the Town Council to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Position No. 1, Steve Hushebeck; Position No. 2, Noel Monin; Position No. 4, Farhad Ghatan and Position No. 5, Barbara Starr.

Others Present: Mayor, Carrie Lacher; Treasurer, Kelle' Wilson; Town Administrator, Duncan Wilson; and Clerk, Amy Taylor.

Anna Maria de Freitas (Position No. 3) was absent.

EXECUSED ABSENCE

Council unanimously excused the absence of Councilmember de Freitas.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lacher conducted the flag salute.

PUBLIC ACCESS TIME

No public access was forthcoming.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proclamation – Historic Preservation Month (History Lives Here!)

At 12:01 p.m., Mayor Lacher proclaimed May 2016 as Historic Preservation Month in the Town of Friday Harbor. The theme of History month is "History Lives Here". Sandy Strehlou, Historic Preservation Coordinator, reviewed the calendar of upcoming events.

Street Naming Policy

At 12:15 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the proposed street naming policy. Sandy Strehlou, Historic Preservation Coordinator, explained that the purpose of discussion was to refine the criteria that will be considered for the Town's policy. Administrator Wilson suggested that the policy should be broadened to include names of living individuals that are prominent in our community. Discussion followed regarding impacts to existing addresses, business owners, safety and emergency response issues. **Council consensus to return with a final draft for consideration.**

Fire Department Signage

At 12:31 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of signage for fire department. Mayor Lacher noted that the Friday Harbor Fire Department is not dissolved and that every effort is made to acknowledge existing firefighters that transferred to Fire District 3 and history of the Town Fire Department. Discussion followed regarding acknowledgment of the Department through interpretive signage. Sandy Strehlou, Historic Preservation Coordinator, described concepts for panels. No action was taken.

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SJC Update

At 12:50 p.m., Bob Jarman, SJC Councilman, provided an update on issues of mutual concern. Mr. Jarman reported on the Point-to-Point Connector Road, County speed limits and signage, chipsealing schedule, environmental issues, plastic bag ban, County Comprehensive Plan updates, and housing forum issues. Discussion followed regarding housing issues. Mayor Lacher thanked Mr. Jarman for the report.

Plastic Bag Ban

At 1:16 p.m., Mayor introduced discussion of the initiative to ban plastic bags in the County. Administrator Wilson explained that the County is in the process of considering a draft Ordinance to ban bags and asked the Council if they are in support or would like to consider a similar ban. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of a ban. **Council consensus to support the County’s decision to consider a Plastic Bag Ban.**

Sand Filter

At 1:46 p.m., Mayor Lacher introduced discussion of the sand filters at the Water Treatment Plant. Administrator Wilson explained how the filters function and that broken parts need replacement for one of the three filters. The media needs to be removed and replaced at the same time. Administrator Wilson explained that parts and new media will cost approximately \$11,000 and the purchase will come from the equipment fund. **Council consensus to move forward with the purchase.**

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Monin, seconded by Starr, to affirm the payment of Payroll Warrant Nos. 16712 through 16723 and 4/29/16 Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$258,927.59; approve the payment of Claim Warrant Nos. 41614 through 41668 in the amount of \$172,191.52; and preapprove the payment of Invoice No. 29210 in the amount of \$65,717.50 by Mike Carlson Enterprises for the Spring Street Reconstruction Project. Motion passed 4-0 with de Freitas absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ghatan, seconded by Starr, to approve the minutes of **April 21, 2016 as submitted.** Motion passed 4-0 with de Freitas absent.

FUTURE AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Administrator Wilson explained that the State Department of Health will present an award to the Town Water Department for exemplary surface water treatment. This award was earned by 11 municipalities in Washington.

Administrator Wilson requested that the Council make time to take a tour of Zylstra Lake. **Council consensus to schedule the tour on Thursday, May 12, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.**

CITIZEN RESPONSE

No citizen response was forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Lacher adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved on May 19, 2016. The original document is retained by the Clerk in the Town Council’s permanent records. Attest: Amy Taylor, Town of Friday Harbor Clerk