

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Bob Clay, Ann Dannhauer, Molly Hughes, and Jim Phay.

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Malcolm Bishop, Town Marshal Dave Penrod, Clerk Treasurer Judy Thomas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Binder, to amend the agenda to add the Sales and Purchase Agreement of the Coupeville Library property; and change item #5 Claims Warrants as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of July 14, 2009 and Workshop of July 21, 2009

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2009 and Council Workshop of July 21, 2009 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Conard noted that Saturday night's lightening storm hit a transformer nearby, which caused some problems with the phones and server at Town Hall. They are being worked on and should be resolved in the next couple of days.
- The 2009 population estimate from the Office of Financial Management (OFM), for the Town, is 1,910, as of 4/1/09. This was down by five, from 1,915, in 2008.
- The Sheriff has issued a full burn ban for Island County; which does not allow any recreational fires. The only exception is in county, state or national campgrounds, which only allow burning charcoal briquettes.
- The 60th Anniversary of the ICHS Museum event was last Saturday and they had a great turnout.
- The annual Tribal Canoe Journey will be coming to Coupeville on Thursday, July 30th.
- She has been working on the sustainability grant which is due by September 1st. This grant will help fund continuing efforts to implement our climate action plan.
- In response to the jet noise discussed at the last meeting. There are two squadrons preparing for deployment. Coupeville is not a designated no-fly zone, they have elevation restrictions to not fly below 500 feet over rural areas, and 1,000 feet over urban areas; except on landing and take-off. Tom Tack has been facilitating some conversations with NAS Whidbey and he believes there is some fine tuning that is possible. You can call NAS Whidbey any time day or night, as the phones are manned 24/7; and all calls are investigated. (*NAS Whidbey 257-2681*)
- She gave a quarterly update on Sales & Use Tax revenue, and as of January to June, the Town has received \$150,478, and looks good for meeting our budget. The Hotel/Motel Tax revenue so far is at \$7,358, which is at about 50% but the greater numbers will appear in the second half of the year. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) revenue is low and we may not meet the budget but REET revenue goes into the Capital Improvement Fund, which is not dependent on this figure to meet budgeted expenditures.

- The first public hearing of the Joint Planning Commissions, on the joint design review process, was held at 1:00 pm today and the next public hearing is scheduled for August 25, 2009, at 6:30 pm. There will be two open houses, the first will be on August 11th to discuss signs and parking; the second open house will be on August 18th to discuss the joint design review process; both open houses will be held at the Coupeville Rec Hall, and will begin at 6:00 pm. Information is included in the bi-monthly newsletter, on the reverse side of the utility bills.
- She submitted a letter to the County Commissioners requesting consideration to allow the Town Council to use of the hearings room beyond the 9:00 pm closing time. The County Commissioners will consider the request at their next meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Gary Piazzon, Coupeville, discussed a resolution recently approved by the American Medical Association, regarding the industrial food industry and obesity, which promotes good health. He talked about the importance of eating ‘real’ food, eating less food, and eating more vegetables. He congratulated the Town on hiring Cathy d’Almeida; and the success of the Pea Patch (Community Garden). He discussed bike riding and bike racks; and global warming. Mayor Conard noted that there will be a presentation on ‘Slow Food’ in August.

Robert York, Coupeville, commented on the jet noise and noted that the F-18’s are louder; but this training is necessary and very important; as they save lives.

PRESENTATION

Wastewater Treatment Plant Award presentation by Department of Ecology

Malcolm Bishop introduced Allison Evans and Kevin Fitzpatrick from the Department of Ecology. Mr. Fitzpatrick presented the 2008 Wastewater Treatment Plant Award to the Town’s operators, Willy LaRue and Paul Vinsant, and Public Works Director Malcolm Bishop. This award recognizes Coupeville’s WWTP as one of the top facilities; a lot goes into the daily operations which includes thousands of tests and lots of hard work.

Mayor Conard called for a short recess at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 09-03 adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program – Staff recommends conducting the public hearing and approval of Resolution No. 09-03, adopting the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2010-2015.

Mayor Conard explained that the public hearing is required, prior to adopting the 6-year TIP, and it is essentially the same as last year. All the listed street projects will need external funding and they must be included on the Town’s TIP, to be eligible for grant funding.

Councilmember Dannhauer asked about #3 on the staff report, South Main Street Sidewalks and whether it would be constructed with pervious surfacing. Mr. Bishop responded that we will use LID standards, whenever possible. She spoke about TIP Priority item eight, the Fourth Street NW Extension and the impact it would have on the Libbey House.

Mayor Conard declared the public hearing open at 7:20 pm. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve Resolution No. 09-03 adopting the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2010-2015.

Discussion: Councilmember Clay noted that all of these projects have been discussed, and they will be done at some time in the future, when time and funds become available. Councilmember Dannhauer was opposed to approving the TIP, as long as item eight (Fourth Street Extension) was on the list. Councilmember Hughes spoke in favor of the eventual connection between Main Street and Broadway.

The motion passed 4-1 (Dannhauer).

RESOLUTION NO. 09-03

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Island County, Washington, adopting the six-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2010 through 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Award contract to Sturdeweld Construction for the Telemetry Improvements Project - *Staff recommends approval of contract to Sturdeweld Construction in a total amount not to exceed \$185,082.53.*

Mayor Conard explained we have been working on this for some time and are pleased that we are ready to proceed. She responded to a question that there will only be one phase to this project. Mr. Bishop explained that the telemetry will be connected to all the wells and lift stations; it will replace the phone line communications with radio communications.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Phay, to award the contract to Sturdeweld Construction for the Telemetry Improvements Project, in a total amount not to exceed \$185,082.53. The motion passed 5-0.

Award contract to Sullivan Contracting LLC, for Johnson Building Demolition Project - *Staff recommends approval of contract to Sullivan Contracting LLC in a total amount not to exceed \$47,988.14.*

Mayor Conard explained that we received one bid and Ryan Goodman has determined that Sullivan Contracting is a reliable contractor and recommends approval. She noted that the contractor will recycle wherever possible.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Phay, to award the contract for the Johnson Building Demolition Project at 905 N. Main Street to Sullivan Contracting, LLC, and to allocate up to 10% contingency for a total not to exceed \$47,988.14. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of July Claims Vouchers and June Payroll - *Staff recommends approval of July 28, 2009 claims vouchers/warrants #22076 through #22167 #22168 for \$119,480.04 \$125,280.04; and June payroll warrants #12495 through #12531 for \$103,520.04.*

Several questions were asked and answered and no changes were made to what was submitted.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the June 24 through July 28, 2009 claims vouchers/warrants #22076 through #22168 for \$125,280.04; and June payroll warrants #12495 through #12531 for \$103,520.04. The motion passed 5-0.

Purchase and Sale Agreement of the Coupeville Library Property

Mayor Conard explained that Sno-Isle Libraries is ready to proceed with the purchase and sale agreement of the Library property, which is consistent with the interlocal agreement.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Binder, to authorize the Mayor to sign and enter into the agreement as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Thomas provided a written report and offered to answer questions.

Town Marshal Penrod explained that he attends Juvenile Drug Court on Thursdays and he shared one of the success stories of the program. There was a fire on July 25th, at a residence at Olympic View Trailer Park; there was no one in the residence, and no injuries. The Law & Justice meeting for July was cancelled. He is applying for a grant with CTED for \$9,999 that will be used for replacement of vests and some other needed equipment for the department.

Mr. Bishop gave an update on projects: three building permits were issued this month, and one was for a new home; the Library project and Prairie Station projects have begun and are going well. He noted that awarding the contract and proceeding with the telemetry project was coming at a good time. Mayor Conard added that we still are not sure on the stimulus grant for the Front Street overlay and we are considering doing it on our own budget.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Hughes attended the CWCC meeting and NAS Whidbey Commander David spoke about the future of the base. The CWCC has moved the Visitor Information Center (VIC) to the Mariner's Court building on Front Street, and they are very excited about their new location and getting more visitors. Last Saturday was the ICHS Museum's 60th anniversary, and several non-profit agencies were represented, including members of the Town Council who had a booth and were available to answer questions. Tomorrow is the Saratoga Community Housing meeting. Thursday, July 30th the annual Tribal Canoe Journey will be stopping in Coupeville, greeted by Mayor Conard, and served dinner by the Town Council and volunteers; they will spend the night at the Swinomish Reservation, and continue their journey from Coupeville on Friday morning.

Councilmember Binder gave a summary on the accomplishments of the Island County Joint Tourism Committee (JTC). She attended the Council of Governments (COG) meeting, at which they discussed the City of Oak Harbor withdrawing from the interlocal agreement. She gave an update on what is on the tourism website, and noted that they have had approximately 20,000 hits per month and 382,500 hits on the website since November of 2008; with lodging as the most popular hit from home page.

Councilmember Phay reminded residents that the Postal Service is opening up mail delivery to, within one-quarter mile radius of the post office; and reminded residents to be sure select the service they want. He added that the Arts & Crafts Festival is this coming weekend.

Councilmember Clay discussed issues of the Island Transit Board which included a public hearing that was conducted on the transit tax issue; ridership is holding steady; the ballots on the transit tax issue have been mailed. He attended the Island Transit audit entrance conference which is being done as the result of receiving federal funding. There was no RTPO meeting in July but there will be in August. He enjoyed last Saturday's event with ICHS Museum and noted that six more people signed up (at the Town Council booth) for the Green Power Challenge.

Councilmember Dannhauer attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and they discussed the Rec Hall remodel, the playground at Peaceful Valley, and the berm on Highway 20. The workshop with Dan Burden, 'Smart Growth and Complete Streets', will on August 4th, at the

Service Alternatives building. She discussed Bainbridge Island's provision for bike racks, which are located at all public parking facilities. She also discussed bike racks that allow for locking up a bicycle. Mayor Conard added that this month's newsletter is asking for input and suggestions on bike racks in Coupeville.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Robert York, Coupeville, asked if there had been any increases in speeding violations on Broadway. He talked about solar powered speed radar and offered to get information on pricing, if the Town was interested. Marshal Penrod responded that he would look at citations written in the past month, to see if there was an increase in that area.

DISCUSSION

Island Disposal proposal for curbside recycling

Mayor Conard provided a staff report on curbside recycling and discussed the estimated costs. Island Disposal proposes a mandatory pay, voluntary use program. The proposal will not allow for glass to be recycled but Island Disposal is willing to provide a glass dumpster (in Town) for free. Council discussed the proposal and suggested having a public hearing before approving an agreement. Mayor Conard noted that she when she has an agreement for Council consideration, we will have a public hearing.

Use of Town Logo

Mayor Conard has been contacted by numerous people to use the Town logo. She explained that some cities copyright their logo and some have strict guidelines on the use of their logo. She and Council discussed some of the pros and cons, she asked Council to think about it further and they can discuss it at a future meeting.

Restricting (new) national chain stores in Coupeville (Dannhauer)

Councilmember Dannhauer asked if anyone was interested in pursuing restrictions on allowing national chain stores in Coupeville; and she discussed the rationale and some precedents, for not allowing them. Councilmember Clay asked questioned where she thought the Town was vulnerable for these types of business; as we don't allow any drive-thru businesses. Councilmember Phay asked if any chains had expressed an interest. Councilmember Clay responded that we don't have the population to support those types of businesses. Mayor Conard added that the issue was about displacing local businesses. She read the study and found that it emphasized shopping locally and the benefits of doing so; she agreed that we should do everything we can to promote local businesses. She asked the Council how they felt about continuing discussion but did not hear overwhelming support to continue the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

Judy A. Thomas, Clerk Treasurer

Nancy Conard, Mayor