

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
January 28, 2014
6:30 pm**

Mayor Conard called the Regular Meeting of the Coupeville Town Council to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Nancy Conard, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Bob Clay, Jackie Henderson, and Pat Powell.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Clay, second by Councilmember Henderson, to excuse Councilmember Molly Hughes. The motion passed 4-0.

STAFF PRESENT: Town Marshal Lance Davenport, Clerk-Treasurer Judy Thomas

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the Agenda as submitted. The motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014 were approved with the following correction: Page 3, Executive Session, should read, "...Mayor Conard, Councilmembers Binder, Clay, Henderson, Hughes and Powell, convened to executive session at 9:40 pm and reconvened to regular session at 10:10 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: ~~9:40 pm~~ 10:10 pm",

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Conard attended the Ebey's Partners Meeting last Friday, along with representatives from Island County, Washington State Parks, and National Park Service, and had the opportunity to meet with Karen Taylor Goodrich (North Cascades Superintendent and Regional Supervisor over Ebey's Reserve), and also the new Ebey's Reserve Manager, Kristen Griffin. Kristen has been the Spokane (city and county) historic preservation officer since 2008 and is well regarded in what she has done there; also she is a board member of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. She started her career working with the National Park Service.
- Regarding the RTPO (Regional Transportation Policy Organization), the Town of Coupeville has qualified for additional funding for street resurfacing projects through the end of this year; similar to what we qualified for in 2013. We will wait until we have finalized the 2013 projects to see if we have the necessary matching funds for the 2014 projects.
- She explained that we have been putting together a small gym at the Water Treatment Plant for use by Town employees and council members, as part of our wellness program.
- We are currently advertising for two positions, the Maintenance Worker and the Clerk-Treasurer positions.
- The Town-hosted Short Course on Planning will be at Service Alternatives on February 5th and she asked Councilmembers to please let her know if they wished to attend.
- Saturday, February 1st is Sound Waters and noted that there is still time to register.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Interlocal Agreement with Island County for Law Enforcement Services - Mayor recommends a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Island County and the Town of Coupeville for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services, effective March 1, 2014.

Mayor Conard gave a recap from the discussion at the previous meeting about the interlocal agreement. She explained how this agreement came about as the result of staff turnover being an issue that peaked in October 2012; and the three options that were considered, as explained in her staff report.

Marshal Davenport noted that he has a plan in place for the department and it is ready to go if Council so chooses to not approve the interlocal agreement.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Clay, to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Island County and the Town of Coupeville for the Provision of Law Enforcement Services, effective March 1, 2014. The motion passed 4-0.

Marshal Davenport thanked Deputy Gowdey for all his help and cooperation over the past year.

Mayor Conard called for a recess at 6:58 and reconvened to regular session at 7:04 pm.

Approval of January 28, 2014 Claims Vouchers/Warrants - Staff recommends approval of the January 28, 2014 claims vouchers/warrants #26340 to #26383 for a total of \$138,660.28.

Several questions were asked and answered and no changes were suggested.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Binder, to approve the January 28, 2014 claims vouchers/warrants #26340 to #26383 for a total of \$138,660.28. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Conard noted that the furnace at the Rec Hall is in and operational.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Thomas provided a written report for November 2013 and explained that she is in the process of closing out 2013, and offered to answer any questions.

Town Marshal Davenport provided the statistical reports for November and December and offered to answer any questions. Councilmember Clay noted that according to the report there were only 10 burglaries in 2013, which is lower than recent years.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Binder reported on Tourism and asked if council would like an update from Sherry Wyatt; and Council agreed that they would. Jill Johnson is the new chair of the Tourism Committee. They have a tourism commercial that will be on KOMO TV in March. Tourism in Island County is up 7.1 % and they were able to give Sherry Wyatt a pay increase.

Councilmember Clay reported that the Island Transit Board met last week; everything is going fine at the new facility; people's attitudes are improved and everyone has more space. He reported on the most recent audit which included the \$24 million project, with which the auditors found no problems, but they found that Island Transit didn't have an adequate tracking system for the use of Transit vehicles and fuel cards. Ridership is up 2%. Last year at this time he spoke with state legislators in Olympia, but this year he's writing letters to maintain funding. RTPO

met and discussed funding some projects around the County; there is some funding available for repair and maintenance. The Law & Justice Council met, and Sheriff Brown and Greg Banks discussed the increased use of heroin and the increase in burglaries.

Councilmember Henderson commented that only 9% of the persons in rehab were heroin addicts; and the drugs of choice are still alcohol and marijuana. She attended the League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast and Senator Bailey and Representatives Smith and Hayes discussed what they thought would happen in the legislature this session. Last Thursday was the national homeless count and there were a lot of people involved in this program; they will have those numbers within the next month; she cited the importance of accurate numbers and she will share that information at a future meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Catherine Ballay, lives on NE Jackson Street, Coupeville, explained that she is a member of the Citizen Health Advisory Board, and Jackie (Henderson) has talked with them about how we can interface. The Health Department has handouts and does presentations about many issues including: drug use, violence, physical activity, depression and suicide.

Mayor called for a short recess at 7:41 pm. ..

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Evaluation and Salary Proposal

Mayor Conard called for executive session to discuss Personnel Evaluation and Salary Proposal for about 30 minutes. Mayor Conard, Councilmembers Binder, Clay, Henderson, and Powell, convened to executive session at 7:48 pm; and reconvened to regular session at 8:20 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

Judy A Thomas, Clerk-Treasurer

Nancy Conard

A complete audio recording of this meeting is available upon request from the Clerk-Treasurer.