

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 27, 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, Molly Hughes, Pat Powell and Jackie Henderson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Marshal Rick Norrie, Public Works Director Willy LaRue and Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech.

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The following changes were made to the Agenda: EXECUTIVE SESSION should read "...- ~~Personnel Evaluation~~ To review the performance of a public employee...".

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Pat Powell, to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor commented on the great turnout for the Memorial Day Parade and Commemorative Ceremony, and thanked the Chamber as well as everyone else who was involved in this year's event.
- The Mayor informed the Council of the progress on the Madrona Way project. The project involves a number of agencies and is moving along.
- The Mayor had a meeting with staff concerning options for how to address the Front Street slide. A drawing will be available at the Jun 10<sup>th</sup> workshop to illustrate one of the options.
- The Mayor attended the Open House for the new Island Transit facility and commented on what a fabulous facility it is.
- The Mayor informed the Council of the status of the Holbrook Barn roof repair and the need to have a contractor finish the project. She thanked the Lions for all of their hard work up to this point.
- The Mayor is planning to attend the next monthly meeting of Council of Governments where Island County Human Services will give a presentation on homeless and affordable housing.
- The Mayor reminded the Council that June 10<sup>th</sup> will be a workshop, and that the next regular meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup>. Bob Clay will be representing the Town of Coupeville at the annual AWC Conference in Spokane June 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. The Lion's annual garage sale will be June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATION**

Sherrye Wyatt of Whidbey & Camano Islands Tourism presented information to the Council, including research statistics, a copy of the new Whidbey Life Magazine, and a copy of the Whidbey and Camano Islands Community-based tourism strategic plan and marketing

recommendations for 2014-2015. Sherrye also informed the Council that Whidbey Island was included in the top 20 islands list put out by USA today.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 14-05 declaring certain property surplus.**

##### RESOLUTION NO. 14-05

A RESOLUTION of the Town Council of the Town of Coupeville, Island County, Washington, declaring certain property surplus.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Bob Clay, to approve Resolution 14-05 declaring vehicle V32 (1975 Jeep) as surplus, and authorizing the sale of this equipment through the bid process. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of May 27, 2014 Claims Vouchers/Warrants and April Payroll - Staff recommends approval of the May 27, 2014 claims vouchers/warrants #26574 to #26636 for a total of \$193,233.51; and April 2014 payroll warrants #14789 to #14812 for a total of \$66,024.53.**

Questions were asked and answered and no changes were suggested.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Molly Hughes, second by Councilmember Dianne Binder, to approve the May 27, 2014 claims vouchers/warrants #26574 to #26636 for a total of \$193,233.51; and April 2014 payroll warrants #14789 to #14812 for a total of \$66,024.53. The motion passed unanimously.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Marshal Rick Norrie commented on the calls he received from citizens regarding the protesters in front of the Post Office and that the situation was handled properly by the Postmaster and his office. Marshal Norrie briefly spoke about the Marshal's Office Activity report, and the new traffic data collecting trailer with speed display. The Marshal stated that he is hopeful that the new Coupeville police cars will be ready for use in May. Questions were asked and answered.

Public Works Director Willy LaRue shared that facility maintenance is continuing at the Fort Casey Well, including new paint on pipes to control corrosion, and changing out bolts on flanges. Willy mentioned he is also looking at plans to replace and expand the gate at the water treatment plant to accommodate the vector truck. He reported that commercial meter replacements are on schedule, and the Sunset Reservoir is scheduled for cleaning in July. The public comment period on the NPDES permit has closed and we have a renewed permit, good for 5 years. The Consumer Confidence Report has been completed and will post on our website in June. All regulatory permit renewals and reports have been completed and submitted. Utility Worker Jesse Lynn has successfully passed his exam as a Water Treatment Plant Operator I and is now working on his Waste Water Certification. Questions were asked and answered.

Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech spoke about the monthly financial reports, some training she had attended in May, completed and ongoing tasks. She also mentioned that the upcoming hardware/software upgrade is tentatively scheduled for the second week in August. Questions were asked and answered.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Jackie Henderson reported that the picnic for this year's Water Festival participants was smaller than usual. Councilmember Molly Hughes added that low participation was likely due to conflicting events, including the funeral of a well know elder which was reported to have 6000 people in attendance. The festival has been tentatively scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> next year. Councilmember Henderson also reported that the hospital foundation is working with nonprofits on fundraising strategies. Many organizations are considering having just one major fundraising event each year rather than multiple events throughout the year. Local Chambers are considering setting up calendars that track all fundraisers in their area so folks have one place to look for information.

Councilmember Bob Clay commented about the new Island Transit facility and shared some details about the materials and artwork used in the building of the new facility. He expressed his gratitude to everyone who was involved in the project, and his appreciation for Island Transit staff and the Board. Councilmember Clay also reported on the Law and Justice Council meetings. The council has identified some areas they want to take action in and the result was the formation of three separate committees. One of the committees will be focusing on security at the district court in Oak Harbor. Another group is working on a restorative justice program, primarily at the count level. The third group is working on drug abuse, specifically heroin use, and their task force will be presenting a report on their findings at the next meeting.

Councilmember Pat Powell mentioned that there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Krueger Woods Trail. It was a fun event attended by a number of neighbors and community members. Councilmember Powell also commented on the Island Transit grand opening event.

Councilmember Dianne Binder urged attendees to check out the [whidbeycamano.com](http://whidbeycamano.com) website to learn more about what the Whidbey & Camano Island Tourism group has been working on. Councilmember Binder reminded the Council that the new ferry, Toketai, will be dedicated on June 8.

Councilmember Molly Hughes commented on the art at the new Island Transit facility and congratulated everyone who participated in the completion of that project. Councilmember Hughes also thanked everyone who participated in the Water Festival activities. Stamp Out Hunger campaign gleaned twice as much food this year as last year. Councilmember Hughes also mentioned that she attended an all day, annual retreat for the Ebey's Landing Trust Board to work on their annual plan in preparation for the 2014-2015 budget. She expressed her appreciation for the hard work of the new director, and excitement for the direction the Trust is heading in.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

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Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

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Nancy Conard

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