

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2016
6:34 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Molly Hughes, Councilmembers Dianne Binder, Jackie Henderson, Pat Powell, Catherine Ballay and Lisa Bernhardt.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Planning Director Owen Dennison, Marshal Rick Norrie

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Workshop of July 26, 2016; and the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that of the 16 applications received for the Utility Operator position left vacant by Paul Vinsant, an offer was made to Pepper Ringenberg. Mr. Ringenberg will start in his new position on August 15th.
- Mayor Hughes let the Council know that Town staff have begun preparations for this year's Arts & Crafts Festival scheduled for this weekend.
- Mayor Hughes and Clerk Treasurer Beech met with Sherrye Wyatt to discuss streamlining the application process for filming on the island. This was the first step to coordinating the application process for all agencies on the island.
- Mayor Hughes and Public Works Superintendent Riepma were invited to attend the annual Coupeville Garden Club potluck where the Mayor thanked them for all of their hard work to beautify the Town.
- Mayor Hughes attended a Community Health Board Meeting where they discussed the survey results. Attendees were encouraged to set a goal in one of the focus areas where they would be able to enact change in the next year. The Mayor is on the Housing Committee.
- Mayor Hughes and Public Works Superintendent Riepma met with members of the Coupeville Lions to discuss plans to remodel the kitchen at Town Park.

AUDUENCE INPUT

A Coupeville resident expressed her concern about traffic on the one-way section of Front Street and asked if the Town would consider lowering the speed limit, or placing signs limiting access to local residents only. No action was taken.

PRESENTATION

NET Coordinator Bonnie Abney briefly described the drill conducted by volunteers in June and gave the Council an update on the program. Questions were asked and answered.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing at 7:00pm. The Mayor asked if there were any conflicts of interests or appearance of fairness concerns. None were voiced. The Clerk Treasurer presented the staff report discussing the 2016 Budget Amendment. The Mayor invited the public to speak. No comments were made. Councilmembers had no questions and the Hearing was closed at 7:10pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 727 Amending Ordinance 725 by changing 2016 Budget Appropriations

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Catherine Ballay, to approve Ordinance 727 Amending Ordinance 725 by changing 2016 Budget Appropriations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Proposed NE Gould Street Vacation

Planning Director Dennison presented his staff report describing preliminary discussions regarding a possible street vacation of NE Gould. He emphasized that no application had yet been made, and that at this time he was seeking guidance on the conditions under which the Council would consider a street vacation. Questions were asked and answered – no action was taken.

Utility Rate Education Materials

Clerk Treasurer Beech presented a PowerPoint about the proposed rate increase and asked for feedback from the Council. The presentation to the public is scheduled to occur on August 18th at 5:00pm in the Rec Hall, and again on August 30th at noon in the Rec Hall. Council suggested a few changes. No action was taken.

2% Distributions Recommendations

Councilmember Pat Powell reported that she is ready to discuss this topic further in a workshop setting. Some discussion about what a future application might look like occurred. No action was taken.

Social Service Funding

Councilmember Jackie Henderson presented examples of applications used by the County and suggested something similar be used by the Town when considering providing funding to other agencies. Council agreed the first step would be to identify Town needs and prioritize those needs before accepting any kind of application. This topic will be revisited during the Budget Workshop. No action was taken.

STAFF REPORTS

Marshal Rick Norrie thanked the Council and Mayor for the opportunity to serve in Coupeville and expressed his appreciation for the community as well.

AUDUENCE INPUT

A Coupeville resident spoke about community priorities and expressed his desire that the Town offer flagger training to those willing to volunteer when needed.

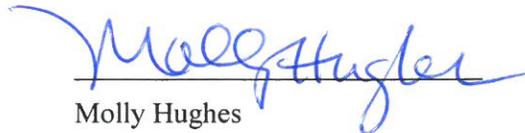
ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes

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