

**Town of Coupeville
Regular Council Meeting
October 27, 2015
6:35 p.m.**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech, Utility Superintendent Willy LaRue, Town Planner Tammy Baraconi, Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma

CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Bob Clay, second by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015 were approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Conard gave the Council an update on the Madrona Way Project.
- Mayor Conard informed the Council that a draft version of the 2016 budget would be ready on November 2nd.
- Mayor Conard attended an Emergency Preparedness workshop co-sponsored by the Town, The Coupeville Chamber, and Puget Sound Energy.

PRESENTATION

Utility Superintendent Willy LaRue accepted an Outstanding Water Treatment Award on behalf of the Town.

Barbara Bennett and Derek Pritchard presented information about the newly formed Sound Water Stewards organization which used to be called the Beach Watchers.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the September 2015 payroll transactions and warrants, and October 2015 A/P transactions and warrants.

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jackie Henderson, second by Councilmember Bob Clay to approve the September 2015 payroll transactions and warrants #31058 to #31064 for a total of \$83, 231.14 and October 2015 A/P transactions and warrants #31065 to #31138 for a total of \$726,909.28.

STAFF REPORTS

Utility Superintendent Willy LaRue gave a brief presentation on multiple projects he and his crew are working on the Water and Wastewater utilities. Including progress of a new biosolids product that has reduced the cost of biosolids treatment and shipment, the status of outfall repairs that were made last year, and the status of Well 1-06. Questions were asked and answered.

Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma gave a brief report on annual water main flushing, fire hydrant testing conducted by the Central Whidbey Fire Department and ongoing Stormwater facilities maintenance. Questions were asked and answered.

Town Planner Tammy Baraconi gave a brief report on an upcoming Comp Plan preparation training and the Town’s acquisition of a GIS program to help with mapping. She also presented a short Powerpoint on the Whidbey General Hospital Expansion Project. Questions were asked and answered.

Clerk Treasurer presented her monthly fiscal report to the Council. Questions were asked and answered.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Jackie Henderson reported that the 2016 Budget for Island Transit would be presented in November at a public hearing. She also commented that Island Transit is currently looking for a search firm to help them find a new Director.

Councilmember Bob Clay attended a Law & Justice Council meeting last week where they discussed the report on the jail facility, which is available online. He mentioned the Sheriff Brown had already implemented many of the changes recommended in the report, and that the Council has a special committee that will oversee progress in the jail as changes are made.

Councilmember Dianne Binder gave a brief report about the Utility Advisory Committee and the ongoing Rate Study.

Councilmember Molly Hughes attended a Personnel Risk Management workshop in Arlington along with most of the managing staff from the Town. She also gave a brief report about the second non-profit meeting of the year which had a large turnout.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor stopped the regular Meeting at 8:30pm to enter into Executive Session to review the performance of public employees. The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:50pm and the Regular Meeting Resumed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:

Kelly Beech, Clerk Treasurer

Nancy Conard

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