

## **Town Council – September 18, 2003 @ 5:30 PM**

The Town Council met in regular session with Mayor Boothman presiding.

Members present: Brooks, Gillette, Jones, LaPorte, & Rosenfeld

Others present: Town Administrator Fitch, Attorney Eaton, Treasurer Picinich

Mayor Boothman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public access items forthcoming.

### Resolution #1344

Mayor Boothman introduced draft Resolution #1344. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement for dispatching services with San Juan County for the calendar year 2003. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said resolution. Councilmember LaPorte moved and Councilmember Jones seconded to adopt Resolution #1344 as stated. Following some clarification, the motion passed unanimously.

### Resolution #1345

At 5:39 PM, Mayor Boothman introduced draft Resolution #1345. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Port of Friday Harbor for fire protection services and assistance. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said resolution. Attorney Eaton explained the differences between the draft agreement distributed in the Council packets and the newly drafted agreement before Council.

Councilmember Jones inquired if the agreement contained language addressing the Town's policy that the fireboat could be dispatched anywhere within San Juan County at the Duty Officers discretion.

Attorney Eaton explained that following discussions with the Port of Friday Harbor and Fire Chief Low regarding uses of the fireboat and said Town policy, the issue was referred to under Section 4(B) of the agreement where it states "...and for any purpose which is authorized by the official "run card" to be maintained on file at the San Juan County Sheriff's dispatch office...".

Following discussion, Attorney Eaton suggested the Fire Department review the activities listed on its "run card" for completeness.

Administrator Fitch commented that the interlocal agreements with other fire districts will need to be amended to include the fireboat. Mr. Fitch noted that a basis for the hourly reimbursement cost of the fireboat has not been found and said amount would have to be set by Council prior to amending said agreements.

Following general discussion, Councilmember LaPorte moved and Councilmember Jones seconded to adopt Resolution #1345 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Restrooms – tape sequence #725

Mayor Boothman opened Council discussion of public restroom siting. Councilmember Rosenfeld mentioned that Verne Howard, owner of King's Market, has volunteered to rent space to the Town for \$1 per year for 30 years to locate two restrooms in the King's Market back parking lot corner facing Second Street. Approximate size of the building could be 18' X 18'.

Administrator Fitch noted that other businesses have volunteered to place public restrooms within their establishments in the past also. Mr. Fitch read a portion of Town Council minutes from 1933, where the Council was discussing the placement of public restrooms.

Councilmember LaPorte suggested that Mr. Howard's option could be used in the future, but a larger restroom complex was more important at present. Councilmember Rosenfeld responded that perhaps the Town should start with Mr. Howard's location and then additional time could be used to locate and procure property for a larger restroom complex.

Councilmember Jones asked Gordy Peterson if he would sell space to the Town for public restrooms within his projected building. Mr. Peterson indicated that he did not believe condominizing his building would be workable.

Discussion continued regarding the best location for the public restrooms; length of a lease in Mr. Peterson's building; restroom hours of operation; the differing development costs for each location; parking at both proposed locations; restroom management; and square footage.

Councilmember LaPorte suggested that the Town currently owns the house on Sunshine Alley and should move forward with the development of this site for its public restrooms.

Councilmember Jones maintained that the location of the Sunshine Alley house was superior because the 1<sup>st</sup> Street location was too close to the public restrooms provided by the Port of Friday Harbor and Washington State Ferries. Councilmember Jones supported moving ahead with the development of public restrooms within the Sunshine Alley house.

Councilmember Brooks expressed apprehension at the lighting situation at both the lower level of the Peterson Building and the Sunshine Alley location. Ms. Brooks stated that in an effort to move forward with the restroom project, she supported developing the Sunshine Alley location.

Councilmember Gillette moved to accept Gordy Peterson's offer for placement of public restrooms within his proposed building project with a long term rental lease at \$1.30 per square foot. Councilmember Rosenfeld seconded the motion for discussion.

Councilmember Brooks observed that such a decision was premature. She explained that until safety and lighting issues at Mr. Peterson's site were addressed she was not ready to abandon the Sunshine Alley location.

Administrator Fitch commented that should the Town lease property from Mr. Peterson for public restrooms, it would be best if the Town had a separate water and sewer hookup.

Mr. Peterson indicated that if the Town was not interested in placing the restrooms on the lower level of his building project, perhaps he would co-mingle the public restrooms with the restrooms for the entire building and create a larger restroom area on the upper level. Mr. Peterson volunteered to return to Council with a new proposal for an upper building location.

Councilmember Jones expressed concerns with the Town involving themselves in a major capital expenditure that will belong to someone else.

Following further discussion, Councilmember Gillette moved and Councilmember Brooks seconded to table the previous motion until a new proposal is received from Mr. Peterson.

Administrator Fitch asked Council to consider the logistics of a co-mingled restroom situation in regards to operational issues. Such as management; water and sewer consumption cost distribution; and cleaning. Attorney Eaton observed that hours of operation would also be a factor with a co-mingled situation.

The motion to table passed 4 to 1 with Councilmember LaPorte opposed.

For Mr. Peterson's benefit, Attorney Eaton clarified that the Town was not interested in restrooms on the lower level of Mr. Peterson's building project. It was a 4 to 1 consensus of the Council that the restrooms proposed on the lower level of said building project were not acceptable. Councilmember Gillette was the opposing member.

#### Claims – tape sequence #2510

Councilmember Jones moved and Councilmember LaPorte seconded to approve the payment of claim warrants #23521 through #23580 in the amount of \$465,714.40. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-agenda – tape sequence #2519

Following inquiry by Mayor Boothman, Council agreed that the Mayor should pursue acquiring the Town's portion of the funds collected by San Juan County that are generated per RCW 36.22.178 for affordable housing.

Council reviewed the 4/1/03 through 6/30/03 "Traffic Statistics Rider Segment Report" from Washington State Ferries.

Councilmember Gillette suggested that approved minutes be placed on the Town's web site rather than the draft minutes. Discussion followed regarding the lag in time from Town Council meetings to the approval of its minutes. Council agreed that the draft minutes should be placed on the Town's website until the Town Council approves them, subsequently, the approved minutes should then replace the draft minutes.

Councilmember Rosenfeld reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee has chosen Option #4 of the Caines and Nash Street options proposed. Option #4 is the "traffic circle". Councilmember Rosenfeld elaborated that should the "traffic circle" not be feasible at this location, then the Committee's second choice was the option that would finish the sidewalks on Caines Street. Following inquiry regarding Option #4, Councilmember Rosenfeld said that he did not envision stop signs, but did hope that crosswalks could be added.

Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Jones seconded to review the Fireboat Mission Statement in a year to ascertain if there are any problems or revisions to be made. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jones inquired of Administrator Fitch what the timeline for building public restrooms at the Sunshine Alley house location would be. Administrator Fitch responded that the project could be completed in approximately 4 months.

At 7:02 PM, hearing no further business and no objection, Mayor Boothman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Gary G. Boothman, Mayor

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Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk