

Town Council – January 20, 2005 @ 12:00 PM

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

Members present: Brooks, Emery, Gillette, & Rosenfeld
Council excused the absence of Councilmember Jones.
Others present: Town Administrator Fitch & Treasurer Picinich

Mayor Boothman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
There were no public access items forthcoming.

Mayor Boothman noted that Fire Chief Low had just received a fire response call and therefore would be delayed.

System Administration Report

Seeing that the Sheriff also was not yet in attendance, Mayor Boothman asked System Administrator Dubail to give his report. Mr. Dubail distributed an activity summary dated January 2005 for the System Administration Department. Mr. Dubail reported on equipment purchases; new programs; and a link on the Town's website for citizens to email Council. Following Mayor Boothman's inquiry, Mr. Dubail answered that videotaping of Council meetings had been discontinued until the sound quality could be improved. Council discussed whether or not they would rather run videotapes of Town Council meetings on the Cable Channel with poor sound quality or not at all. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council that said tapes should be shown.

Sheriff Report

At 12:22 PM, Sheriff Cumming distributed the San Juan County (SJC) Law Reports for 2004. Mr. Cumming indicated that he would be asking the new Board of County Commissioners to support a Law & Justice levy for voter approval. He observed that he would be asking for Council support of said levy also. Mr. Cumming explained the necessity for a new Sheriff's boat being purchased in 2005 for approximately \$170,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Cumming reported on his department's response when the Washington State Ferry, Sealath, hit Reid Rock on Christmas Eve. Mr. Cumming described discussions regarding the SJC Fire Marshal position.

Fire Department Report – tape sequence #1264

Fire Chief Low explained the fire response he just attended at the Sandpiper Apartments. Chief Low reported that the Fire Department received 86 fire calls in 2004 and 8 calls so far in 2005. Mr. Low reported on equipment repairs and maintenance; indicated the draft Airport Response Plan and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manual were available for review. Mr. Low reported on the superior outcome of the recent fire at 450 Spring Street. Mr. Low reported on training; recruit classes; and new fireboat responder training rules.

Councilmember Rosenfeld asked for a list of volunteer firefighters so that appreciation could be expressed to them.

Mayor Boothman and Council thanked the Chief for the lovely Fire Association sponsored banquet held on January 7th, 2005.

Resolution #1433 – tape sequence #1590

At 12:47 PM, Mayor Boothman introduced draft Resolution #1433. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #2 on the contract with Award Construction, Inc., for improvements to the water distribution system. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said resolution. Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to adopt Resolution #1433 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion and inquiry followed about the status of the project.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Fitch explained that a draft false alarm ordinance and a draft noise ordinance would be forthcoming at the next Town Council meeting following Attorney Eaton's review.

Administrator Fitch reported that a series of land use ordinances would be forthcoming to become consistent with current state law.

Administrator Fitch observed that the San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of Court Street for both Saturday and Sunday the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2005 for an Arts Fair. Following discussion about the logistics of the event, Council agreed with the use of Court Street for said days.

Administrator Fitch noted that the Board of County Commissioners is meeting with Doug MacDonald, Secretary, DOT and Mike Anderson, WSF, next Tuesday at 2:30 - 4:00 regarding ferry public involvement.

Administrator Fitch mentioned that the design process for historic landmark designation is almost complete and will be forthcoming for Council review and adoption following legal review.

Administrator Fitch explained flooding troubles within Town limits. Mr. Fitch reminded Council that the Town has an adopted stormwater management plan that lists planned improvements to its stormwater system. Mr. Fitch observed that Council could change said listed priorities. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of the revenues received from said utility and the high cost of improvements. Discussion and inquiry followed.

Councilmember Brooks inquired about sewage pipes beyond the Trailer Park located on Roche Harbor Road and an offensive odor. Administrator Fitch

indicated that the Town did not have sewer lines in the area indicated, but he would investigate the problem.

Councilmember Emery commented on her recent tour of the Town's treatment plants and suggested other Councilmembers take the tour to gain a better appreciation of the Town staff and its operations.

Minutes

Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to adopt the Town Council minutes of January 6, 2004 noon and 5:30 PM meetings. Councilmember Emery asked that the 5:30 PM minutes of said date be amended to read "Councilmember Emery indicated she would attend the Board of County Commissioners meeting next Tuesday to hear Bob Distler, Ferry Advisory Committee member, discuss ferry related issues ~~discussion regarding retainage of the second ferry slip in Friday Harbor.~~" The motion to approve said minutes as amended passed unanimously, with Councilmember Brooks abstaining, as she was not in attendance at said meetings.

Non-agenda

Administrator Fitch indicated that he would like Council to think about if they want Council emails from constituents distributed to them electronically or via paper.

At 1:30 PM, hearing no further business before Council and no objection, Mayor Boothman declared the meeting adjourned.

Gary G. Boothman, Mayor

Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk