

## **Town Council – July 7, 2005 @ Noon**

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

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

Others present: Town Administrator Fitch, Utilities Superintendent Wilks, Historic Preservation Coordinator Strehlou, & Treasurer Picinich

Mayor Boothman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public access items forthcoming.

### Historic Preservation

Noting that Sheriff Cumming was not yet in attendance, Mayor Boothman asked Historic Preservation Review Board Coordinator, Sandy Strehlou, to begin her update.

Ms. Strehlou distributed an endangered and potentially endangered historic buildings chart. Discussion began regarding various methods that could be used to help protect historical buildings on San Juan Island. Historic Coordinator Strehlou commented that the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) has been working on language regarding demolition. Following discussion, Council asked Ms. Strehlou to report back with said Board's recommendations. Ms. Strehlou explained the three phase project of the Friday Harbor House Hotel expansion and the HPRB concerns regarding said project. Ms. Strehlou commented on other important historical structures, such as the building on the north corner of West and 1<sup>st</sup> Streets; the former Virgil Fritz house; and the San Juan County Courthouse. Following discussion, Mayor Boothman thanked Ms. Strehlou for her update.

### Sheriff Report

Sheriff Bill Cumming distributed June 2005 Law Reports. Mr. Cumming noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was relatively uneventful in regards to law enforcement. Mr. Cumming noted that the Town fireboat, Confidence, was helpful during the recent plane crash incident near Lopez Island. Mr. Cumming described a new emergency response boat the Sheriff's Department has commissioned to be built. Mr. Cumming remarked that methamphetamine investigations continue.

### Utilities Department

Utilities Superintendent, Mike Wilks, reported on June rainfall (1.5"), Trout Lake level (12' below spillway), and water production (11.6 million gallons). Mr. Wilks reported that hopefully next week the City of Everett's ozone generator will have arrived at the Town Water Treatment Plant so that an ozone pilot study can be conducted sometime in August. Mr. Wilks indicated that the trihalomethane levels in the Town's water have been below the state standards for the first two quarters of 2005. Mr. Wilks noted that rock impediment has slowed the Islanders Addition II sewer main installation. Mr. Wilks reported on a meeting with the Department of Ecology regarding the Town's submarine sewer line. Mr. Wilks indicated that chipsealing on

Marguerite, Perry, and Marble Streets would begin near August 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilks mentioned that Joe Cheyney began employment in June as the Town's new refuse truck driver.

#### Affordable Housing

At 12:39 PM, Paul Losleben, representative for the Campaign for Affordable Housing, gave background information regarding said group. Mr. Losleben attributed the high cost of housing to the declining active workforce population on the islands. Mr. Losleben described how the Campaign for Affordable Housing group is trying to find a permanent solution by pulling together organizations and funding. Mr. Losleben indicated that one proposal is to tax real estate sales, similar to the Land Bank tax, to raise funds for permanent affordable housing projects. Mr. Losleben distributed a list of ten initial recommendations compiled from the Housing Summit held on June 4, 2005.

Councilmember Brooks expressed that the Town should have a representative on any future affordable housing board or commission that is created. Mr. Losleben indicated he was agreeable to re-structuring the group to allow for Town representation. Discussion followed regarding the structure of said affordable housing group and the expansion of the targeted consumers that will be served by this organization. Discussion and inquiry followed.

#### Resolution #1460

At 1:04 PM, Mayor Boothman introduced draft Resolution #1460. A resolution authorizing the Town of Friday Harbor's participation in the development of an all hazard mitigation plan, formalizing the planning process, providing for a public involvement process and setting a schedule for completion, pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (44 CFR 201.6) and consistent with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Brendan Cowan, San Juan County Director of Emergency Management, described the particulars of said resolution. Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Brooks seconded to adopt Resolution #1460 as stated.

Councilmember Emery inquired about the obligation, if any; the Town would commit itself to should they approve this resolution. Mr. Cowan answered that he did not feel the Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) held enough political clout to obligate the Town to follow any specific criteria and did not feel the Town would be financially negatively impacted by approval of the final plan. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Resolution #1456

At 1:12 PM, Mayor Boothman introduced draft Resolution #1456. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement between the Town of Friday Harbor and the Port of Friday Harbor for design and preparation of construction plans and specifications for improvements to the Spring Street Landing. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said resolution. Councilmember

Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Jones seconded to adopt Resolution #1456 as stated. Following inquiry, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #1458

Mayor Boothman introduced draft Resolution #1458. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Town of Friday Harbor and the engineering firm of Gray & Osborne, Inc., to update the Town's Stormwater Management Plan on a time and material basis, not to exceed \$2,300. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said resolution. Councilmember Jones moved and Councilmember Gillette seconded to adopt Resolution #1458 as stated. Following inquiry, the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

At 1:23 PM, Administrator Fitch reported on a meeting with the Department of Ecology (DOE) held on July 6, 2005 at the Town Shop regarding the Town's submarine sewer line located in the harbor. Mr. Fitch indicated that the Town was working towards a compliance order or agreement with DOE. Mr. Fitch explained the various alternatives for repairing or relocating said submarine sewer main. Discussion followed regarding funding.

Mr. Fitch reported that the Malcolm Street sewer main replacement project is currently out for bid. Mr. Fitch explained the basics of the project.

Mr. Fitch announced that the joint Town Council and Town Planning Commission public hearing regarding changes to the Town Comprehensive Plan, including the draft Airport Overlay District would be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 5:30 PM.

Administrator Fitch indicated that new Town aerials have been purchased and are available for review.

Following inquiry, about the Trout Lake emergency plan, Administrator Fitch answered that a representative from Brown and Caldwell would come to a Council meeting soon to answer questions.

Following inquiry, regarding ferry traffic control pedestrian signage, Administrator Fitch indicated he would speak with Mr. Akin, Anchor Management owner, regarding Council signage concerns.

At 1:43 PM, hearing no objection, Mayor Boothman moved the passage of the Town Council minutes to the evening meeting and declared the meeting adjourned.

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Gary G. Boothman, Mayor

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Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk