

Town Council – February 16, 2006 @ Noon

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

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

Others present: Town Administrator Fitch, Attorney Eaton, Treasurer Picinich, & Land Use Administrator Bertrand

Mayor Jones led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jones thanked Councilmember Brooks for performing the Mayoral duties on February 2, 2006.

Ordinance #1300

Mayor Jones introduced draft Ordinance #1300. An ordinance rezoning portions of Lots 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the Evergreen Addition, Unit 1, from single family residential to light industrial. Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Gillette seconded to adopt Ordinance #1300. Councilmember Emery inquired if the portion of the required fencing, that fell down during the recent wind storm, had been repaired. Land Use Administrator Bertrand answered that the fence had been repaired and outlined how future enforcement of the restrictions to this rezone would be implemented. Attorney Eaton explained how the restrictive covenant on this property obligates the property owner to maintain specific conditions. Following this discussion, the motion passed 4 to 0, with Councilmember Brooks abstaining because she recused herself during the public hearing regarding said rezone.

Application for License to Use Public Right of Way

Mayor Jones opened discussion of an application by Craig Goring on behalf of Wayne & Joanie Kaemingk to use the public right of way at 618 Warbass Way. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of the request to use public right of way to replace an existing deteriorated pedestrian access ramp with a pedestrian stairway. Following inquires, Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Illg seconded to approve the License for Use of Right of Way at 618 Warbass Way subject to the property owner providing satisfactory documentation that Craig Goring is an authorized agent to apply on the Kaemingk's behalf. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #1497

Mayor Jones introduced draft Resolution #1497. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce to provide a tourism promotion program for the year 2006 in the amount of \$33,976.00. Administrator Fitch explained the particulars of said resolution. Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Brooks seconded to adopt Resolution #1497 as stated. Councilmember Illg disclosed that her personal company has business with the Chamber and although it is unrelated to

this agreement, she would be abstaining. The motion passed unanimously with the remaining Council members.

Income Survey

Mayor Jones opened Council discussion of the community income survey. Administrator Fitch asked for Council direction regarding the income survey process. Councilmember Brooks indicated that the San Juan County Housing Board is interested in said survey information. Councilmember Emery volunteered to gather information from other jurisdictions for Council to see how other cities approached a survey of this type. Councilmember Illg volunteered to assist Councilmember Emery. Mayor Jones indicated that he would put additional discussion on this subject on the March 16th Town Council agenda.

Draft Resolution #1498/Ordinance #1301/Resolution #1499

Mayor Jones explained that labor contract negotiations were still under discussion, therefore deliberations of draft Resolution #1498, draft Ordinance #1301, and draft Resolution #1499 regarding labor contract, wages, and personnel guidelines, were not necessary. Administrator Fitch indicated that said draft resolutions and ordinance would be deleted, which would allow these ordinance and resolution numbers to be utilized on other items.

Review of Parking Infractions

At 12:32 PM, Mayor Jones opened discussion of the review of parking infraction fees and charges for miscellaneous services. Administrator Fitch explained staff recommendations regarding said fees. Councilmember Brooks suggested that the cost of fees and infractions should be relative to the expense. Discussion and inquiry between staff and Council followed regarding how building permit fees differ from infraction fines; the addition of a new demolition fee; wrong direction particulars and decreasing the proposed infraction fee; increasing the infraction fee for parking too close to a fire hydrant; and public notification. Mayor Jones indicated he would place further discussion on a future agenda.

Public Access

None

Administrator's Report

Administrator Fitch introduced draft Resolution #1498. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #1 on the contract for the Linder Street Stormwater Main Construction Project in the amount of \$25,682.95. Following explanation, Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to adopt Resolution #1498 as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Fitch explained discussions with San Juan County Health and Community Services Director, John Manning, regarding the Town's use of RCW 36.22.178 (also referred to as HB2060) funds to assist affordable housing by

augmenting utility connection fees. Discussion followed regarding the components necessary to implement a renters assistance program.

Administrator Fitch mentioned that the water transmission main, which is listed in the Town's adopted Capital Improvement Program is scheduled for 2006-2009 in phases. Mr. Fitch observed that he would be meeting with other utility companies on San Juan Island regarding how best to coordinate this project.

Administrator Fitch mentioned that the owners of the property at the corner of Harrison and A Streets would like to vary from the current road standards regarding sidewalks and right of way in an effort to preserve the rock outcropping located on said corner. Mr. Fitch explained the different configurations of the proposed sidewalk variations. Following inquires, Council did not express any discord with varying the street standards to accommodate the preservation of the rock outcropping.

Administrator Fitch commented that the staff's report for the March 2, 2006 Public Hearing regarding a rezone request on Park Street was available for Council review.

In regards to the submarine sewer line alternatives to be discussed at the evening Town Council meeting, Administrator Fitch called attention to a memo from Brown and Caldwell Engineering dated 2/10/06; a memo from him dated 2/6/06; a memo from Mike Wilks, Town Utilities Superintendent dated 2/14/06; and a letter from Steve Simpson, Director of the Port of Friday Harbor dated 2/14/06.

Minutes

Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Illg seconded to approve the Town Council minutes of February 2, 2006 noon and 5:30 PM meetings as written. Councilmember Gillette indicated that the evening minutes on page 2 pertaining to the additional submarine sewer main alternatives was missing remarks about a walkway structure over the water from the US Customs house to pump station #2. Councilmember Emery commented on a clerical error on page 1 of the noon meeting. Following discussion, the motion to approve the minutes including the clerical correction noted by Councilmember Emery was approved 4 to 1 with Councilmember Gillette opposed.

Claims

Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Emery seconded to approve the payment of claim warrants #27407 through #27469 in the amount of \$193,181.52. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-agenda

Councilmember Illg urged Council to attend the AWC Economic Development Workshop in March. Administrator Fitch commented that the Town was

successful in its \$30,000 grant application for funds to draft an economic development element to its comprehensive plan.

Councilmember Rosenfeld suggested the Town Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) or Planning Commission discuss deferral incentives as an enticement to preserve historic residences. Mayor Jones indicated his suggestion would be referred to the HPRB.

Council inquired about upcoming agenda items.

At 1:37 PM, hearing no further business, Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned.

David F. Jones, Mayor

Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk