

Town Council – July 6, 2006 @ 5:30 PM

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

Members present: Brooks, Gillette, Illg, & Rosenfeld
Council excused Councilmember Emery's absence at the noon meeting.
Others present: Town Administrator Fitch, Attorney Eaton, & Treasurer Picinich

Mayor Jones led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Island Network & 1st Reading draft Ordinance #1318

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing to consider granting a franchise to operate and maintain a fiber optic communication service system within the Town's public right of way by Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO) d/b/a Island Network.

Randy Cornelius, General Manager of OPALCO, expressed appreciation for the work the Town Administrator has put in on this project. Mr. Cornelius noted approval of the language in draft Ordinance #1318 and encouraged Council to approve said ordinance.

Administrator Fitch reviewed the process in regards to the Island Network franchise agreement development and the 5 year franchise term. Councilmember Brooks noted a correction in the franchise term stated in draft Ordinance #1318.

Discussion followed regarding exclusive versus non-exclusive rights and the telecommunications act.

Mr. Cornelius indicated that Island Network is currently operating in the "red", but they hoped to be in the "black" soon. Mr. Cornelius described fiber optic infrastructure within the islands and other possible infrastructure promoting uses of said fiber optic communications.

At 5:50 PM, hearing no further public input, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing on said franchise agreement.

Public Access

There were no public access items forthcoming.

Minutes

Councilmember Brooks asked for the following sentence change within the 6/15/06 5:30 PM Town Council meeting minutes: "...Councilmember Brooks inquired if the Town had requested its ~~housing bank~~ 5% portion of 2060 funds from San Juan County." Councilmember Gillette asked for the following sentence change within the 6/15/06 noon Town Council meeting minutes:

“Administrator Fitch thanked Councilmember Gillette for attending participating at the interviews with potential Guard Street Phase 4 engineering firms...” Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Rosenfeld seconded to approve the Town Council minutes of June 15, 2006 noon and 5:30 PM meetings as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims & Payroll

Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember Gillette seconded to approve the payment of claim warrants #27980 through #28040 in the amount of \$415,358.01 and payroll warrants #11636 through #11715 in the amount of \$192,506.71. Following inquiries and assurances that Administrator Fitch would look into a note on the Richard Lawson Construction invoice for asphalt, the motion passed unanimously.

Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law – Country Village Estates

At 6:02 PM, Mayor Jones opened discussion of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding Long Subdivision Application #10 and SEPA Checklist #254 for Country Village Estates. Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Rosenfeld seconded to approve said Findings of Fact. Following discussion regarding planned Lampard Road improvements, the motion passed unanimously.

Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law – Friday Cove

At 6:12 PM, Mayor Jones opened discussion of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding Planned Residential Development Application #2 and SEPA Checklist #255 for Pacific Synergy Group. Councilmember Brooks moved and Councilmember Gillette seconded to approve said Findings of Fact. The motion passed unanimously.

Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law – FH Land & Cattle

Mayor Jones opened discussion of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law regarding Zoning Designation Application #53, a request to change from light industrial to multi-family residential for Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Friday Harbor Land & Cattle Short Plat. Councilmember Illg moved and Councilmember Gillette seconded to approve said Findings of Fact. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance #1316 & 1317

At 6:14 PM, Mayor Jones opened discussion of draft Ordinance #1316. An ordinance clarifying the requirements for connections to the Town sewer system, amending Ordinance No. 1088 and repealing Ordinance No. 1308. Attorney Eaton explained the particulars of draft Ordinance #1316 and draft Ordinance #1317. Draft Ordinance #1317 is an ordinance establishing the responsibility for utility accounts and amending portions of Ordinances No. 1080, No. 1088, and No. 1092. Following discussion and inquiry regarding the utility billing and connection procedures, Councilmember Rosenfeld moved and Councilmember

Illg seconded to adopt Ordinance #1316 and Ordinance #1317 as stated. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Administrator's Report

Administrator Fitch noted that the contractor for the Guard Street Improvement Project – Phase 3, would be working this Saturday, July 8th to compensate for the loss of construction progress on the 4th of July holiday.

Administrator Fitch reported that a Washington State Ferries Intermodal Group consultant would be conducting a traffic analysis for 2-3 days beginning July 21st.

Non-agenda

Councilmember Brooks suggested the Town reconsider the layout of the sidewalk located on the west side of Caines Street. Following discussion, Mayor Jones indicated that Administrator Fitch would bring forth the preliminary designs of Caines Street for Council review at the next Town Council meeting.

Councilmember Rosenfeld asked if the development of the Browne Lumber property will continue to allow a path via this property to the post office. Administrator Fitch answered that he was unaware of any solid plans for said property development.

Mayor Jones noted the resumes for Sara Waterbury, Taylor Bruce, and David Champlin. These individuals have volunteered to serve on an Art's Sub-Committee to redraft the preliminary recommendations previously developed by the Town Historic Preservation Review Board. Council agreed with the selected Committee members.

At 6:37 PM, hearing no objection, Mayor Jones declared the meeting adjourned.

David F. Jones, Mayor

Kelle Wilson, Town Clerk