

**TOWN OF HUNTS POINT  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY October 7, 2013  
7:00 PM**



**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fred McConkey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Ken Fisher  
Dan Temkin  
Pat Finnely  
Ted Frantz

Council Member Absent:

Heather Smith

Staff:

Sue Ann Spens, Finance Coordinator  
Bob Sterbank, Town Attorney  
Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Lt. Dan Yourkoski, Medina Police Acting Chief

Public Attendees:

Joe Sabey, Planning Commissioner  
Rod Olson, Planning Commissioner  
Annie Ottesen, Planning Commissioner

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Consists of routine items for which Council discussion is not required. A Councilmember may request that an item be moved to Regular Business for discussion. Consent items are approved with one vote.

**MOTION:** Approve the Consent Calendar including the September 9, 2013 minutes as amended and warrants numbers 149797 through 149828 as corrected in the amount of \$33,626.98. Moved by Temkin, seconded by Finnely.

Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Medina Police Department**

Acting Police Chief Dan Yourkoski reported that there were no incidents during the prior month in Hunts Point.

### **Bellevue Fire Department – No Written Report Received.**

## **RESOLUTION REGARDING AWC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TRUST HEALTH CARE PROGRAM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Finance Coordinator Sue Ann Spens provided information regarding the AWC Health Benefits Trust. She indicated that the trust is becoming self insured however the administrator and plans will not change. Further that no increase in premiums will occur for the forthcoming year. Hunts Point does not at this time have any employees under this plan directly however we do reimburse the Town of Beaux Arts for one half of Finance Coordinator's benefits through this plan. Even though it is not required that we sign the agreement at this time there is no problem with signing it. It maintains the option for the Town to participate in the future if they so desire.

**MOTION:** That resolution 13-226 regarding AWC Employee Benefits Trust Health Care Program Interlocal Agreement be approved and the Mayor be authorized to sign the AWC Employee Benefits Trust Health Care Program Interlocal Agreement. Moved by Temkin seconded by Fisher.  
Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE**

The Mayor noted that it was appropriate for the Town to support this initiative and recommended signing the statement of support.

**MOTION:** That the Mayor be authorized to sign the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Moved by Fisher seconded by Frantz.  
Passed 4 - 0.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DRAFT INFORMATION**

Mayor McConkey provided an overview of the budget process. He indicated that the Town's budget in general was in good financial condition. Finance Coordinator Sue Ann Spens discussed the various funds. She noted that although at this time the preliminary budget indicates that expenditures exceed revenue, during the budget process the line items will be reviewed to provide a balanced budget. The Council discussed various accounts and asked questions regarding particular items. It was noted that budget priorities will be a topic at the upcoming retreat.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **WSDOT Update**

Mayor McConkey discussed his conversations with representatives of WSDOT and ECC. He provided the following updates:

- 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue – the issue has been resolved and it will be done as per the previously approved plans
- Pollution issues – a concern was expressed that the report indicated only issues related directly to Fairweather Basin. There could be events in other areas that impact Fairweather Basin.
- Noise issues – this has been discussed with employees and they have been asked to be respectful of the residents. Any further incidents should be reported and will be handled appropriately
- Landscape Screening – a revised plan will be forthcoming shortly. Also the ECC landscape architect, Juliet Vong, will work with the Town landscape architect, Berger Partnership to work out a solution to include larger trees to provide better screening of the sound walls.
- Bike Path Screening – there will be a chain link fence with slats to provide visual screening. There was a question as to how tall the fence would be. The Mayor indicated he will ask how tall the fence will be and request that it be at least six feet tall to provide adequate screening.
- Shielding of lights – it was indicated that the current shielding meets the requirements in the plan. There was a discussion regarding how much is spilling in to the neighborhoods and into resident's homes. There was also discussion on the design of the shields. It was determined to wait for the response from Fred Tharp of WSDOT regarding the light shields and ask for specifications on the current lights and shields.
- Non conformance reports – ECC will not release those reports as they believe it would not provide any answers to issues and cause more problems.
- Noise Walls – the walls west of 84<sup>th</sup> on the north side of SR 520 will be installed by end of December 2013.
- Roundabout – the roundabout on the lid is expected to be completed in January 2014. The Town will work with the ECC and WSDOT staff to ensure a smooth opening. It was suggested that ECC/WSDOT put information in the local press regarding the new roundabout and include diagrams and instructions.

### **Signalization of roundabout – Transpo Report**

The report from Transpo regarding the new roundabout on the lid was discussed. The recommendation from Transpo is not to install signals when the roundabout opens. They recommended that the roundabout be in operation for at least three months to monitor the traffic flow to determine if signals are needed. They also recommended establishing criteria for signalization to measure traffic flow against.

### **Proposed Lane Changes On Points Drive**

Mayor McConkey reported on a meeting with George Martin the Mayor of Clyde Hill regarding proposed lane changes on Points Drive. Mayor Martin wanted to narrow the lanes on Points Drive to provide a bicycle lane and more access for residents of Hawthorne Court. The Council discussed the safety issues regarding the narrower lanes. It was determined that for safety issues as well as access to Hunts Point that the Town is not in favor of the proposed changes to Points Drive. Mayor McConkey will notify Mayor Martin that Hunts Point is not in favor of the changes and wishes to have the lanes remain the standard recommended width.

### **SHOULDER GRAVEL ON HUNTS POINT ROAD**

A proposal to remove grass and install gravel at five locations on Hunts Point Road was discussed. The issue was whether or not the Town should pay to install the gravel. At the time Hunts Point Road was redone the residents had the choice of gravel or grass which the Town installed. The Town Attorney, Bob Sterbank, noted that the Municipal Code states that the resident is responsible for the right of way area. However the grass has not been successful. Also there was a question about the state of the other areas on Hunts Point Road that currently have grass instead of gravel. It was determined that the Town Engineer should look at the various properties on Hunts Point Road that currently have grass in the right of way to determine if there is an issue with those other than the five proposed addresses. The Council took no action on this issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer