

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 25, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hughes, Councilmembers Jenny Bright, Rick Walti, Pat Powell, Jackie Henderson, and Michael Moore.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech and Planning Director Owen Dennison

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor suggested adding a DISCUSSION item to the Agenda. No motion was made by the Council to approve the addition.

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2020, were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes and Public Works Superintendent Kelly Riepma met with Shannon Bly from the Whidbey Island Conservation District. The group decided on a planting area near the Community Garden, and plan on planting approximately 50 small trees on Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>).
- Mayor Hughes attended an Island County Historical Society and Whidbey Island League of Women Voters joint event to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of women's suffrage.
- Mayor Hughes reported that Puget Sound Energy connected the new water treatment plant to its permanent power source last Friday, and everything is running well.
- Mayor Hughes attended a meeting sponsored by The Pacific Northwest Art School to discuss the process for creating a Certified Creative District in Coupeville.
- Mayor Hughes reported she spent nearly three hours getting to know the Deputy Regional Director for the National Park Service's (NPS) Pacific West Region, Randy Lavasseur, during meetings.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the Council that the Coupeville Chamber will host their presentation of annual business awards/casino night on Friday in the Rec Hall, and that next weekend is Musselfest.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of January 2020 Payroll and February 2020 A/P transactions and warrants**

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Henderson, second by Councilmember Walti, to approve January 2020 payroll transactions and warrants #34727 to #34731 as attached; for a total of \$96,502.40; and February 2020 A/P transactions and warrants #34737 to #34787 as attached; for a total of \$167,781.40. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**

The Mayor led a discussion with the Council concerning current Council policies, procedures, and rules of conduct, which were adopted by the Council on January 13, 2009. The Council suggested some changes and updates they would like to see incorporated into a new Resolution, which will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech led a discussion on the proposed 2021 Budget Calendar, which includes discussion items to be addressed at upcoming Regular Council Meetings. Council asked clarifying questions and ultimately agreed to the proposal. A final calendar will be presented to the Council at the next Regular Meeting for formal approval.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Henderson had nothing to report. She will forward information about the latest I-976 ruling on to the Council later in the week.

Councilmember Moore reported that his first Law & Justice Committee meeting will be tomorrow. He added that Randy Lavasseur spoke at the Ebey's Trust Board meeting, establishing time parameters for putting together a new cooperative agreement in six months.

Councilmember Powell had nothing to report.

Councilmember Walti reported that the Utility Advisory Committee discussed this year's Washington Cities Insurance Authority small risk mitigation grant program. The group discussed applying for a number of projects, including a lift station pump replacement, and seismic upgrades to the in-town water plant. The group received a report on a major water main repair on Cathedral Drive, and discussed damage reports from the latest weather event.

Councilmember Bright reported that the climate team met last Wednesday. The group received a report from the Mayor on the FEMA project and the stormwater study grant. Additionally, they talked about moving the sustainability fair to an outdoor event. Councilmember Bright is creating a website with resources on sustainability, including a link to "DoOneThing.org", which lists some simple changes anyone can make, to help the environment. The groups next meeting is on the 25th of March.

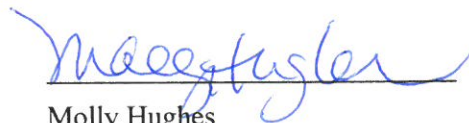
**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

MAYOR:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech



Molly Hughes

*A complete audio recording of this meeting is available upon request from the Clerk-Treasurer.*