

**Town of Coupeville**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 12, 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, Utilities Superintendent Joe Grogan

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 28, 2020, were approved as submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes and other key staff will be meeting with representatives from Island County to discuss the planned development of the County's new campus in Coupeville. The project is still in the preliminary stages.
- Mayor Hughes reported that staff reviewed a preliminary site plan, submitted by the Coupeville Boys and Girls Club, for their proposed development of a vacant lot on South Main. The focus is now on pedestrian safety.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the Navy project (water treatment plant) is almost complete.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that Planning Director Owen Dennison organized the Town's first remote meeting for our Hearing Examiner, regarding a project on Front Street.
- Mayor Hughes shared that Island County has created a COVID Recovery Task Force.
- Mayor Hughes reported that local businesses are still having success with the financial support options available to the during this crisis. Loans and grants are being approved, and funding is flowing.
- Mayor Hughes announced that the County will begin expanding testing, to include over 3000 Island County residents.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that the Town is eligible to receive pass-through federal CARES funding from the state, and that we may be eligible for up to \$57, 750 in reimbursements for qualifying COVID expenses.
- Mayor Hughes shared that a number of festivals and event shave had to cancel due to COVID, and she added that the Coupeville Chamber r of Commerce is working on a website called Explore Coupeville, to promote local businesses and give them a venue for online sales.
- Mayor Hughes reported that the 40<sup>th</sup> Community Garden plot was assigned this past week.
- Finally, Mayor Hughes reminded the audience and Councilmembers that the next meeting will be held remotely and is scheduled for 6:30pm on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Moore had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bright had nothing to report.

Councilmember Powell reported that the latest tourism report indicates visitors will begin traveling again on short trips to places with a lot of open space. She added COVID is still on the minds of many, and visitors will choose to visit cities and towns that they feel have taken steps to keep visitors safe.

Councilmember Henderson had nothing to report.

Councilmember Walti had nothing to report.

**DISCUSSION**

The Mayor led a discussion about the possibility of accepting supernatant, which is actually a clear liquid byproduct of sewage treatment that requires further treatment before discharge. Utilities Superintendent Joe Grogan gave a brief report describing the pros and cons of entering into an interlocal agreement with the County regarding the Town treating just a portion of their supernatant. Council requested additional information about this proposal, including more detail on truck traffic, plant capacity, and financial impacts.

Mayor Hughes led a discussion about the recent bid opening and contract award for the media change at the Water Treatment Plant. The project will allow the Town to substantially increase the amount of water treated on a daily basis. Specifically, the Mayor informed the Council that she would be bringing a budget to the Council at a future meeting, to roll the 2019 budget for this project into 2020.

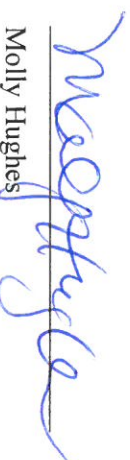
**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Clerk Treasurer Kelly Beech

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes

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