

**Town of Coupeville  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 25, 2022  
6:30 p.m.**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Fiscal Clerk, Allison Gubata

**CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Council Member Bright to amend the agenda, moving the approval of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022 minutes to the next meeting. Council Member Pat Powell seconded, unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hughes reported that effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe Grogan has been promoted to Public Works Director and Jesse Lynn has been promoted to Public Works Supervisor.
- The Town hosted a public workshop for the Comp Plan to get community input on the first draft of the plan.
- Mayor Hughes reported that she conducted a ribbon cutting at Regency, formally Careage last week.
- Mayor Hughes informed the Council that NET conducted a neighborhood assessment drill on October 20<sup>th</sup>, National Shake out Day.
- Mayor Hughes reported that DCG has 100% engineering plans for the FEMA waterline and will be ready to go out to bid in the next week or two.
- Mayor Hughes reported that she attended the Coupeville Chamber annual business awards dinner and casino night last week.
- Mayor Hughes reminded Council that the Halloween Parade is on October 29<sup>th</sup> with a street dance afterwards.
- Mayor Hughes reminded Council that on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm is the second and last budget workshop at the Coupeville Recreation Hall.
- Mayor Hughes reminded Council that the Ebey's Reserve Potluck at Crockett Barn is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.
- Mayor Hughes reminded Council that right before the next Council meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Recreation Hall at 4:00 PM, for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to look at the Comp Plan together.

**PRESENTATION**

No Presentations.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hughes opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 PM to discuss Ordinance 781, regarding the 2023 Property Tax Levy.

No conflict of interest or appearance of fairness problems.

Mayor presented staff report regarding a 1% property tax increase.

The public was invited to comment, none were heard.

No comment letters were submitted.

No questions from Council members.

Mayor Hughes closed the Public Hearing at 6:51 PM

## NEW BUSINESS

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Michael Moore, second by Jackie Henderson to approve Ordinance 781, Levying Taxes on all Real Property setting the 2023 Property Tax Levy budget in the amount of \$450,000, to account for a 1% increase and additional revenue the Town may be entitled to, due to new construction and improvement, in 2023. The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$4,153.79. The motion passed.

### **Temporary Closure of portion of Grace Street extended to November 30, 2022.**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Jenny Bright, second by Jackie Henderson to approve the extension of a temporary closure of approximately 65' of the northern most end of Grace Street from November 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of 2% Grant Awards for the 2023 funding year.**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Walti to award the 2% grants in the amount of \$49,000.00 distributed to the following organizations, second by Councilmember Michael Moore.

- Island County Museum: \$10,000.00
- Tour de Whidbey: \$5,000.00
- Coupeville Chamber of Commerce: \$26,000.00
- Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association: \$8,000.00

### **Approval of the September 2022 Payroll and October 2022 A/P transactions and warrants.**

Council Action: A motion was made by Councilmember Rick Walti to approve the September 2022 Payroll transactions and warrants #36905 to #36911, for a total of \$128,759.66, and October 2022 A/P #36912 to #36961 for a total of \$148,251.01 second by Councilmember Jenny Bright.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Henderson reported that the NET drill was educational, and she appreciates all of the volunteers who are involved with this community program.

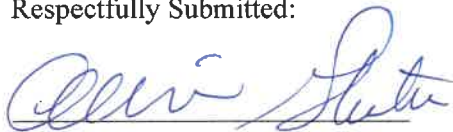
Councilmember Moore reported that the Law and Justice Department has been focused on the aircraft recovery from the sea plane that crashed in September. In the jail, the body scanner is up and running. There continues to be under-staffing issues.

Councilmember Bright will be visiting the Wenatchee transit system where they are using electric vehicles and zero emission buses.

Mayor Hughes invited the Council to participate in the Council of Governments meeting via Zoom on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Island County, 2023 Legislative Priorities will be presented to our Legislators.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Fiscal Clerk Allison Gubata

MAYOR:



Molly Hughes

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