

Regular meeting of Peshastin Community Council

August 10, 2017 at Peshastin Memorial Hall

Members present: Doug Clarke, Steve Keene, Patricia Ortiz, Lacey Price, Leticia Vizcaino, Stan Winters

Member absent, excused: Cheryl Parsley

Community members present: Melissa Reuter and Eada Alsoodani of Peshastin

The meeting was called to order by chair Steve Keene at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of meeting June 6, 2017 were read and corrections made to clarify the purpose of the Regionalization Study for Water and Wastewater.

Treasurer's report: current bank balance is \$1032.30.

A bill dated July 26, 2017 has been received from the Chelan County Cemetery District #2 for \$574.75, for the Community Council share of the Peshastin web site update. Steve reports this is in error; the actual amount due is \$100, as reported in previous meetings. A check for this amount will be forwarded to the Cemetery District at P.O. Box 348, Peshastin WA 98847-0348.

Old Business:

The Peshastin sign has been completed and installed. The old sign will be retrieved for keeping in the Memorial Hall.

The office of the Peshastin Water District has now moved to a space behind the Chelan County PUD office in Leavenworth, on Chumstick Highway. The drop box is currently not marked, shared with the PUD drop box for bill payment.

The first meeting of the Chelan County Regionalization Study for Water and Wastewater was held August 7, 2017 in Cashmere. Fact finding is the current focus, to delineate the water and wastewater services available in Cashmere, Dryden, Peshastin and Leavenworth. The city of Cashmere recently completed a \$20 million water system upgrade, resulting in \$120 per month charge per water connection. Leavenworth and Cashmere water systems do not have adequate water supply; Peshastin has an abundant supply. There is an ongoing survey of assets and needs, benefits and drawbacks of each system. The committee will meet monthly, for an anticipated 6 month process.

Stan Winters reported on investigation into nightly rentals in the Peshastin area. According to the UGA plan developed by the community of Peshastin and approved by the county in 2008, non-owner occupied nightly rentals are not allowed within the borders of the UGA. There is currently an ad easily visible on the web site of VRBO for a nightly rental on Lynn and Riverview Streets that will accommodate 16 people. Stan contacted the Community Development Enforcement office of Chelan County and filed a formal complaint. Any rental that accommodates over 10 people is classified as a hotel. The Enforcement office may send up to 4 letters regarding a violation, then a property owner may be subjected to a \$750 per day fine for continuing violation. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council will also file a formal complaint in this matter. Further, the issue of nightly rentals within the UGA will be a topic for review when the entire UGA plan is reviewed and updated. The Council will move toward scheduling this review, likely after results of ongoing survey.

Lacey has been receiving results of survey to elicit opinions of future plans for the community of Peshastin; responses are due August 31, 2017. She expects to have a report of results at the next meeting.

The ice cream social put on by Friends of the Library was a successful event. No report is available yet of the proceeds, which fund ongoing maintenance of the library.

The next regular meeting of the Community Council will be held September 14, 2017 at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary