

# **LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

## **March 9, 2010**

Mayor Eaton called the March 9, 2010 Study Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Council Present: Mayor Robert Eaton, Peter DeVries, Tibor Lak, Michael Molohon, Lucky Moore, Elmer Larsen, Robert Francis, and Cheri Kelly Farivar.

Staff Present: Connie Krueger, Chantell Steiner, and David Schettler.

### **1. Council Open Discussion**

Councilmember Peter DeVries gave an update on the Carillon Bells and shared the design. He also distributed copies of Council, Mayor and Staff duties, together with an explanation of the separation of powers. Public Works Director Schettler gave an update on the pavers in front of the Gazebo. Councilmember Tibor Lak updated the Council on the fountain in front of the Festhalle.

### **2. Cascade School District Comprehensive Planning Process – Rob Clark**

Rob Clark, Superintendent, Cascade School District: Rob Clark presented Council with an update on the District's Comprehensive Planning process to address the school district's facilities challenges. Superintendent Clark explained that the Board is moving towards constructing a new K-5 facility in Peshastin and upgrading the High School facility with a bond in 2010 or early 2011. Should this occur then it is likely that Osborne Elementary would be vacated and the District would like to see the area remain green space. He said that the M&O Levy will have to proceed regardless. Superintendent Clark mentioned the future potential for a partnership with the City regarding the bus garage building and how it may be a possibility for a recycling center or other use.

### **3. Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation – Rob Eaton**

Tony Keyser, President, Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation: Mr. Keyser gave a Power Point presentation to Council regarding the proposed Leavenworth Pavilion and Ice Rink. He reviewed the history of the Foundation and what initiatives the Foundation is working on, including the Leavenworth Pavilion and Ice Rink. Mr. Keyser demonstrated the year round benefits this project would bring the community and showed renderings of what the Pavilion and Ice Rink would look like. He discussed the proposed Lion's Club Park improvements and possible partnerships for the project. Mr. Keyser presented estimated construction costs and possible funding sources and shared the City of Winthrop's Ice & Sports Rink success story. Winthrop and Moses Lake's actual fee models and Leavenworth's estimated fee model were shared together with a projected schedule for the project. Concluding the presentation, Mr. Keyser shared the Foundations next steps. Mayor Eaton thanked Mr. Keyser and the Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation and remanded the project to the Parks and Economic Development Committees for further review.

### **4. Music on Demand – Michael Molohon**

Gary Thiebault, Projekt Bayern: Mr. Thiebault gave the Council a Power Point presentation demonstrating the benefit of outdoor "music on demand" in the form of a "Spielorgan". He stated that Projekt Bayern was able to locate a Speilorgan or concert organ in the Midwest that has been used for outdoor applications and shared their research findings with Council including pictures.

Projekt Bayern is not requesting funds at this time; however they asked the City to assist in the permitting process.

#### **5. Public Works Trust Fund, Stephen Dunk, Representative**

Stephen Dunk gave an update on the status of the P WTF Funding for future allocations and opportunities. He explained that although projects may have been earmarked for funding they may not remain that way. Mr. Dunk explained that the City's current loan has a 5-year payback with stipulations to extend to a 20-year payback if construction were to occur and that 30% of construction may be enough to extend. He noted that the current engineering loan remaining funds may also be transferred over to construction funds. Community Development Director Connie Krueger and Mayor Eaton briefed Council on a residential allocation and explained that a greenhouse gas policy is needed as it is a new item on the application. Applications will be accepted starting in May.

#### **6. Lodging Tax Group Funding Requests – Rob Eaton**

Council reviewed requests received from the Leavenworth International Dance Festival, Upper Valley Historical Society, Leavenworth International Accordion Festival, Icicle Creek Theatre Festival, and the Great Leavenworth Wine and Food Festival. Council then discussed ideas on criteria for awarding funding to groups such as funding a maximum amount per request, specific amounts, realizing event turnout, what the festival has risen versus the request from the City, what they are requesting, future and past requests, and festival stability.

#### **7. Christkindlmarkt Update – Peter DeVries**

Councilmember Peter DeVries provided pictures to Council of potential booth designs for Christkindlmarkt. He explained that Elsa Meinig has asked him to design a booth. He questions who will buy, maintain, store, put up and take down the booths. Mr. Bob Kelly noted that Council is only being asked to see if a booth such as the examples Councilmember DeVries presented would be approved for use, not to do the set-up, etc. Another question that was presented is who would be responsible for the electricity for the booths, and snow removal may also be a concern. It was noted by many how being indoors has created some discern over authenticity.

#### **8. LAP Update – Peter DeVries**

Councilmember DeVries suggested the idea of "Woody", a giant nutcracker, being the City Mascot. Karl Ruether, President, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce presented "Woody" and noted the use of "Woody" in current advertising. He explained that although the concept is not Bavarian, it is German and LAP has endorsed the use of "Woody" in advertising. It was suggested rather than calling "Woody" a mascot that ambassador might be more suitable. Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce also endorses the idea. Discussion continued on various aspects of the topic. Mr. Ruether suggested a town meeting with a potential facilitator to get community input.

#### **9. Utility Maintenance Worker Position / Fog Position / Seasonal Positions**

Public Works Director Dave Schettler reviewed the costs of adding a new utility maintenance worker position and the need for additional staff. He discussed the combined Fog and Parks

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employee and the challenges of having multiple supervisors and duties. Lengthy discussion continued with regard to the need of an additional person.

**10. Shared Resource Conservation Manager Program**

Mayor Eaton discussed with Council the benefits of the shared Resource Conservation Manager Program and the Interlocal Agreement. He stated that the purpose of the program is to assist cities and counties in establishing and implementing long-term energy efficiency strategies in the buildings sector. Mayor Eaton explained the grant has already been awarded whether the City accepts participating or not.

Study Session adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

**APPROVED**

**ATTEST**

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**Robert C. Eaton**  
**Mayor**

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**Chantell Steiner**  
**Finance Director/City Clerk**