

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES

April 27, 2011

Mayor Robert Eaton called the April 27, 2011 Leavenworth City Council Retreat meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Robert Eaton, Peter DeVries, Tibor Lak, Michael Molohon, Elmer Larson, Robert Francis, Cheri Kelley Farivar and Larry Meyer.

Staff Present: Joel Walinski, Dave Schettler, Chantell Steiner and Connie Krueger.

Mayor Eaton and City Administrator Joel Walinski welcomed the Council to the annual budgeting retreat and noted that the draft agenda would proceed in an open format for discussion. Administrator Walinski reminded the Council that he would like to look at this meeting for the purposes of the 2012 budget as well as thinking about the future of Leavenworth five to twenty years from now. Mayor Eaton noted that it would be important for Councilmembers to start networking with legislatures, granting agencies and other constituents and community leaders to help further the growth from a long-range perspective.

Council proceeded to openly discuss ideas, goals and objectives that included the following:

Building Relationships, Infrastructure Improvements, Community Safety, Short-term vs. Long-term Goals, Policies, Annexation, Community Projects, Tourism Related Capital Improvements, Focusing on Forward Movement, Community Pride, Education, Downtown Revitalization (painting, alleys, etc), Parking, Commercial & Economic Development, Level of Service, Incubator Businesses, Facilities Management, Public Works Equipment and Operations, Snow Storage and Removal, and Outside Contracting for Services.

Council reviewed the goals from the previous year and enhanced them as the following:

- Enhance Tourism, Beautification and Promotion of the City's Bavarian Theme
- Enhance User Friendliness of the City
- Maintain & Enhance Quality of Life and Economic Stability for all Community Members
- Citywide Infrastructure Improvements
- Pursue Additional Economic Development Opportunities

Discussion continued on various capital planning and other miscellaneous items including the Icicle Station Phase II project, providing restrooms at Icicle Station, Link Trolley's and the opportunities and challenges pertaining to parking with the Department of Transportation lot.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

APPROVED

Robert C. Eaton, Mayor

ATTEST

**Chantell Steiner
Finance Director/City Clerk**