

POULSBO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Erickson; Councilmembers Livdahl, Lord, McGinty, McVey, Musgrove, Phillips, Stern.

Staff: Finance Director Booher, City Clerk Fernandez, Planning & Economic Development Director Boughton, Public Works Superintendent Lund, Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey, Health, Housing & Human Services Director Hendrickson, Engineer I Roberts, IT Manager Stenstrom

MAJOR BUSINESS ITEMS

- * * * Payable Disbursements for April 2020
- * * * April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval
- * * * April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval
- * * * Annual Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointments
- * * * Lodging Tax Program Review
- * * * Resolution No. 2020-10 RCO-WWRP, LWCF Grant Funding for Play for All at Raab Park
- * * * Resolution No. 2020-11 8th Avenue Culvert Resolution for RCO Grant Application
- * * * PERC Feasibility Study Project Management Contract
- * * * COVID-19 Response Business Recovery Plan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as presented.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** Lord.

Motion carried.

3. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

City Clerk Fernandez read the following emailed citizen comments into the record:

Daniel Sluys, on behalf of the Historic Downtown Poulsbo Association (HDPa), wrote against changing the flow of traffic, removing parking, closing streets, and letting businesses move out onto the sidewalks and parking stalls. He requested the City

support businesses with procuring PPE, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies and the installation of hand washing/sanitizing stations for the public.

Kristin Klassert wrote opposing expanding retail shops onto sidewalks and/or street, and paid parking in Anderson Parkway and St. Olaf lots and along Front Street. She supports a parking garage or new parking on Jensen.

Doug & Risa Owen wrote in support of Dan Sluy's comments and wanting local elected officials to proactively advocate opening Kitsap County as soon as possible.

LeAnne Musgrove wrote opposing reducing parking stalls and charging for parking, and requested support in getting hand sanitizer, masks, and cleaning supplies. She supports Dan Sluy's comments.

Karen Beers, Paula Burchill, Kelly Clark, and Steve Komar wrote requesting the City proclaim June 14 as "North Kitsap High School Class of 2020 Day" in Poulsbo, and support a procession for graduates from 3:30-5:30 p.m. along Hostmark and Caldart.

Marion Sluys wrote opposing the ideas government has had and currently have for local businesses and asked that businesses be let to do the right thing.

Elisabeth Moseng wrote in opposition of paid parking downtown and closing Front Street to thru traffic.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Livdahl gave a heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2020. In response to the citizen comments, she is not in favor of paid parking currently because she does not feel it is anyone's best interests. She acknowledged, though, that the City has a parking problem, and they must do something about it. They need to be realistic, and it is going to cost all of them something.

Councilmember Lord encouraged the Mayor and Council to designate Sunday the 14th as a day of honoring the 2020 graduates. Also, she is aware of all the comments regarding potential changes, and she applauds the Mayor for all her business reopening ideas. She notes that not all ideas are doable.

Councilmember McGinty discussed the Mayor's proposed recovery plan in Finance Administration Committee, and while he appreciates everyone's concerns, there are some things they will need to look at in the future. Parking has been a problem in downtown Poulsbo for 50-60 years. While they have had ideas to fix it, they have never been able to fund it. Councilmember McGinty thanked everyone who submitted comments. Regarding the Class of 2020, he is in favor of the proclamation and

potentially the procession, but he would need to be reassured that it is not going against the Governor's recommendations, along with the district administration and superintendent's guidance.

Councilmember McVey thanked everyone who submitted comments. He would support a proclamation for the graduation, but he would need to be assured a large-scale procession would not be going against the Governor's orders and it is supported by the district administration and superintendent.

Councilmember Musgrove congratulated the Class of 2020, and he would consider the event and proclamation. He is sad that the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, KEDA, Executive Director, John Powers, is retiring. He attended the state auditor's entrance conference. He also noted that the Governor has moved forward to state that Kitsap County can apply for Phase 2 in the recovery plan, but the County has to delay applying because an employee at a long-term care facility tested positive for COVID-19. They must wait for the medical report to make sure it does not affect the application.

Councilmember Phillips supported the high school seniors recognition proposal. He recently met with Tizleys' owner, and she showed him how she is planning to re-open, and noted they needed help acquiring PPE. As for parking, he thinks they should wait until COVID is over. It has been a problem for a long time, but no one wants to pay for it. He encourages people to share their ideas, and he commends the Mayor for her ideas to help businesses.

Councilmember Stern applauded Mayor Erickson for her paid parking ideas. He sees the parking problem as a good problem to have because people want to come to Poulsbo, but they must figure out how to solve it. He pointed out that Martha and Mary had to forgo their in-person auction, but they are having an online auction, which started on May 16 and goes to May 31, and he encouraged people to support them.

Mayor Erickson shared the Department of Health's guidelines for the County to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2. While she is hopeful, she is not sure how the case discovered at Retsil will play out.

Mayor Erickson pointed out that the Business Recovery Plans, which she will discuss later in the agenda, were her ideas and not the Councils'. She noted that no decisions would be made tonight, she has no intention of changing/closing Front Street, and all her ideas were her best intention.

a. Department Head Comments

Engineer I Roberts noted that Johnson Parkway bids open Friday, and about 16 contractors are interested in the project, so they are hoping for some

competitive bids. The Finn Hill project is proceeding, they have done quite a bit of clearing.

Finance Director Booher received information and discussed at the Finance Administration Committee about how to proceed with getting their funds from the State's portion of the CARES money. They went over some of the requirements of that funding, and they are working on processes to get in the queue for funding.

Housing, Health, and Human Services Director Hendrickson reported that the Poulsbo Cares initiative continues to help people impacted by COVID. The City is working with Gateway Fellowship, Fishline, Empact Northwest, Kitsap Community Foundation, and many private and business donors. Volunteers have donated hundreds of hours. She is also working with a group of doctors on how to safely reopen the community and with Fishline to see if they can receive CARES funding for emergency food funding.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c.

The items listed are:

- a.** Payable Disbursements for April 2020
- b.** April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval
- c.** April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Lord, **Seconded by** McGinty.
Motion carried.

6. BUSINESS AGENDA

a. Annual Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Appointments

Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey presented the agenda summary, noting per Resolution No. 2013-07 the City Council shall appoint the five public members of the committee and review the membership of the LTAC each June to make changes as appropriate. The 2020-2021 LTAC slate includes: Two members from businesses required to collect the tax (Joye Barnett, Poulsbo Inn and Tracy Wall, Downtown Poulsbo Charming Cottage); two members from organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded by these taxes (Steve Swann, Port of Poulsbo, and Greg

Enright, Cultural Arts Foundation of the NW); and one elected official who serves as the chair (Councilmember Ed Stern)

Motion: Move to approve the five members of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for 2020-2021 as presented: Joye Barnett, Tracy Wall, Steve Swann, Greg Enright, and Ed Stern.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McGinty, **Seconded by** Lord.
Motion carried.

b. Lodging Tax Program Review

Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey gave an overview of Poulsbo's Lodging Tax Program, including historical information, allowable uses, and policy review. She shared in 2017, the City Council reiterated LTAC funds should be used for marketing efforts in the City of Poulsbo but also may include city expenditures supporting tourist related activities that might otherwise be covered in the general fund.

The 2021 grant process will open again in mid-June, applications are due by August 1st, and the LTAC will review the applications and make recommendations to the Community Services Committee, and then it goes to City Council.

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 grant winners have been asked to reduce their funds by 15%, which will help the fund's bottom line.

Councilmember Musgrove referred to the 2017 affirmation of LTAC policies, emphasizing who "may" apply. He said the Council always complies with the State's guidance for LTAC funds distribution, but with more focused requirements than loosely permitted by the State. This policy sharply focuses the funds specifically towards uses that promote overnight stays ("heads in bed"). The policy has been applied every year. No qualifying application would be denied, maintaining the focused purpose of overnight stays. The policy is critical and a self-sustaining funding source where the Poulsbo economy benefits from tourism much more from overnight stays, and the lodging provides the tax.

Councilmember Livdahl asked Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey, since grants are awarded in arrears and because many events have been canceled this year, if there will be carryover funds not used. Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey stated that it depends on what happens during the next seven months. There will be fewer events, which means that money won't be spent, but revenues will also be down.

Councilmember Stern questioned whether City department overhead should be considered when they directly support activities. He notes that in the past, where some activities were not fully funded, and some of it went to the City, some of the

charitable benefits of these activities, such as the 3rd of July, could cut back on scholarships. He is also interested in learning more about the new hotel that is supposed to go in at College Marketplace. Thirdly, Community Services Committee created a reserve policy. They waived part of that during the Great Recession. He's not sure what they can do once the COVID-19 isolation lifts. Should they focus more on "shoulder events," trying to drive more activity into Poulsbo during the "off-season"?

Councilmember Livdahl stated that the LTAC kept the "shoulder seasons" in mind when awarding funds. The big events are a given, but they put a lot of emphasis in trying to support marketing efforts in the other seasons outside of summer.

Councilmember Musgrove doesn't know if this is the correct time to make changes to the LTAC given the changes that are happening with COVID. But he would like to hear short-term tweaks if they could help with COVID. Moving forward they will see how things fall into place on their own with the effects of downturn economy and the big events that didn't happen.

Councilmember Lord said if we have diminished revenues there will likely be fewer applicants next year. She wondered if there would be a way to handle the fund in a flexible way to leave some flexibility for next year as things are sorted out.

Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey noted that one thing they can look at is a second list or a second amount, which the Council could review in January to give additional awards.

Mayor Erickson asked if the Council is going to consider funding some of the City services next year for Public Works and Police overtime for the events.

Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey answered that the Police department was awarded money on the 2020 Carryover, but she thinks the previous time the City applied was in 2015. The City has absorbed the costs.

Councilmember Musgrove noted that if the City wants to apply, they should apply. They are eligible and can be ranked and sorted.

Councilmember McVey asked if the committee gives support to the same organizations each year, or do they support new organizations as well. Councilmember Livdahl answered that traditionally, a lot of the same people apply. Last year they received a lot of applications, and some of them were new and they were considered. Last year, the committee had \$130,000 to grant, and they received twice the amount in requests, so they had to make some tough decisions.

Councilmember Stern asked about the reserve policy and if it should be maintained or used (established 15 years ago by the Council, not required by the State). Councilmember McGinty said it was created for the Centennial Anniversary event, and then for requests that came in late for start up entities. Those requests have not been forthcoming for quite a while.

Finance Director Booher said this fund falls in the Financial Management Policy, and we need to maintain 12% of the operating revenues. The Council can say they want to allocate the funds so certain requests when they are developing the budget.

Councilmember Lord said it is not a lot of money, but it could be used for a big celebration party once COVID has settled down.

c. Resolution No. 2020-10, RCO-WWRP, LWCF Grant Funding for Play for All at Raab Park Resolution

Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey presented the agenda summary, noting the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) requires an authorizing resolution with every grant application. This application is for funding assistance through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (Local Parks) for the Play for All at Raab Park project. If successful, these grants will provide funds to develop a fully accessible playground at Raab Park in partnership with the Poulsbo-NK Rotary Club, Kitsap Community Foundation, and the community. The grant will be matched using community fundraising, other grants, and a budget request in the City's 2021-2022 budget cycle.

Motion: Move to approve the RCO Resolution, a resolution that authorizes submitting application(s) for grant funding assistance for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund Project(s) to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board as provided in Chapter 79A.15 and 79A.25 RCW, WAC 286, and other applicable authorities.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McVey, **Seconded by** McGinty.

Discussion: Councilmember Musgrove realized this is authorizing them to apply for a grant, and while he realizes that they can reject the grant later if they decide. He asked what the grant total and the match amount is. Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey answered that the grant total is about \$750,000. They are asking for half from each grant. She confirmed that the amount could change, depending on how much money the North Kitsap Rotary is able to raise. She will be coming forward with a financial request in the 2021 budget. The total amount could change dependent on

whether we get one or two grants, and the community fundraising. Final approval would be through a contract. It would be between a \$50K-\$100K request.
Motion carried.

d. Resolution No. 2020-11, 8th Avenue Culvert Resolution for RCO Grant Application

Engineer 1 Roberts presented the agenda summary, noting the Engineering Department received Council approval in December 2019 to apply for a Recreation Conservation Organization (RCO) grant for the South Fork Dogfish Creek Culvert Replacement, also named 8th Avenue Culvert, project.

The proposed grant is for \$400,000 and the City match is \$88,700. Funding is anticipated for 2022-2023, and the City match is from City reserves. This project is currently in the Storm CIP.

The grant intake application was submitted on 01/15/2020, and the final grant application is due 05/29/2020. The RCO Resolution is a necessary component in the application process. The RCO Resolution has been reviewed and approved by City Attorney Jim Haney.

Councilmember Musgrove reported this was discussed at the Public Works Committee and they recommended approval to the Council.

Motion: Move to approve the RCO Resolution giving authorization for the City to apply for the South Fork Dogfish Creek Culvert Replacement (8th Avenue Culvert) grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution on behalf of the City.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Lord, **Seconded by** McGinty.

Motion carried.

e. PERC Feasibility Study Project Management Contract

Planning & Economic Development Director Boughton presented the agenda summary, noting the City Council, through its action on December 4, 2019, initiated an interlocal agreement with the Kitsap Public Facilities District (KPPFD) to implement a feasibility study of a regional events and recreation center to be located on City-owned property on Reliance Street in the College Market Place. The property was set aside for parks and recreation uses as part of the Olhava Master Plan.

Earlier this year, the City issued a Request for Qualifications from qualified firms to provide project management services to assist City staff on the development of the feasibility study. A selection committee was convened that reviewed the Statement of Qualifications and selected three firms to interview. At the conclusion of the interviews, it is the unanimous recommendation of the selection committee to enter into a contract with Perteet Inc. for project management services.

The source of the funds for the contract will be reimbursed through the Kitsap Public Facilities District as set forth in the approved interlocal agreement.

Councilmember McVey asked who the Councilmember on the committee was, and Councilmember Phillips answered that he was on the committee.

Councilmember Phillips applauded PED Director Boughton and Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey, they had great Zoom meetings, and the group unanimously chose Perteet.

Motion: Move to approve a professional services contract between the City of Poulsbo and Perteet Inc. for project management consulting services for the Poulsbo Event and Recreation Center (PERC) feasibility study, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** McGinty, **Seconded by** Musgrove.
Motion carried.

f. COVID-19 Response Business Recovery Plan

Mayor Erickson presented the agenda summary, noting the City's response to open our businesses in safe ways and provide safe spaces for our citizens. The plan outlines ways to provide businesses more physical space, a proposal to develop additional bicycle lanes/shared use areas for walking by narrowing travel lanes, and general requirements and prevention ideas for workplaces.

Mayor Erickson noted that there is a large older population in Poulsbo that businesses must gain back trust. Also, all her business-related suggestions are voluntary, and the City would not force businesses to participate in moving some of their businesses to the sidewalk. It expands businesses' physical space.

She clarified, though, that the City has no intention of closing Front Street.

While Mayor Erickson suggested paid parking, the City will not move forward with that idea at this time. Everyone has heard complaints about parking, and her plan would give the net money earned from paid parking to the HDPa recovery fund for the first two years (to help keep the businesses healthy during this economic downturn), then the money earned after that could be used for a parking structure. She is concerned about the downtown core and she does not see anyone discussing how the businesses will get more customers.

Mayor Erickson moved on to discuss restriping some streets to decrease lane sizes to increase walking spaces. Another idea is making Fjord Drive a one-way street from Hostmark to 6th Ave.

Councilmember McVey commended the Mayor for putting her ideas forward, and he appreciates her listening to her constituents. He strongly supports the one-way on Fjord between Hostmark and 6th. He noted that Public Works Committee is working on longer term solutions, and he would also be interested in discussing the paid parking issue later through a partnership with HDPa.

Councilmember Livdahl has informally solicited the Lions Park neighborhood regarding the possible one-way change. She got a range of opinions, but most people were in favor of the idea. There were more concerns from the citizens on 6th regarding speeding.

Councilmember Musgrove asked businesses for ideas that differ from the Mayor's proposal that do not violate ADA or removal of benches, pots, or planters. He's also not sure why Fjord is in the business recovery plan or how it would be funded. It does not seem to be a direct connection to business recovery. He said Fjord is being worked on in the Public Works Committee. He asked how traffic revisions would be funded.

Mayor Erickson explained that Fjord was included because the whole underlying idea of her plan was in creating space (physical distancing). More space for businesses and pedestrians. It is more of a COVID response plan. She is very worried about the magnitude of the recession. As far as Fjord, she would like to talk about striping policies at the next meeting. People are walking in the streets. The change on Fjord would be paid with CARES money.

Councilmember McVey said he appreciated Public Works Committee working on long-term solutions for Fjord, but right now they need the additional space to keep pedestrians safe.

Councilmember Musgrove appreciated that, but the number of people walking will reduce as people go back to work in a few weeks. We want to be careful about knee jerk reactions to COVID, which is limited in duration, when we need both immediate and long-term changes. He said there are a lot of requests for CARES money, he is not sure this funding would be the best use on Fjord right now, when there may be better uses for it.

Mayor Erickson said this was going to be discussed at Economic Development Committee next week.

Public Works Superintendent Lund said he is a big proponent for the Fjord project. It is needed.

Engineer I Roberts suggested doing an update to the traffic model before changing the report, and Mayor Erickson asked him to get it going for the following meeting.

Councilmember McGinty said people are not doing normal things right now for walking and driving habits. The models will come out different. It may be very challenging. Mayor Erickson said she doesn't see this changing for a long time, and this is our new normal.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Committee: Councilmember Livdahl reported that they were given a PERC update and discussed the grant funding for Play for all. They heard the Parks & Recreation opening plan. Right now, they are estimating Phase 3 starting June 23rd. Parks & Recreation will be opening the building soon just for registrations, and they have been working on sanitizing protocols. The p-patch at Raab Park has successfully stayed open during COVID, and a handwashing station will be installed there. The city attorney is working on an updated waiver to reflect current events. There are six Parks projects going out to bid during the first week of June. The committee also received a short update on the hotel being built because of the proposed Vista Pathway, which would run along it. The construction had not begun before the government shut everything down, so they are currently not allowed to work on the hotel. They can apply for a waiver through the state, and the City supports them because the Vista Pathway is a benefit.

Councilmember Lord noted that Parks & Recreation Director McCluskey and her staff have extensive guidance/protocols for opening their building for public registrations, and they're hoping to have the doors open June 8 to 19.

Finance-Administration Committee: Councilmember Stern reported they discussed funding for behavioral health program and an effort to get junior partners to become more active and have an independent stance. They reviewed the state auditor entrance exam. The audit will hopefully wrap up at the end of July, with the exit results probably in September or October. Lastly, they also discussed CARES funding.

Councilmember McVey added that they had a conversation regarding purchasing PPE for businesses as part of the COVID recovery plan.

Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee: Councilmember Musgrove reported they are gathering information as quickly as possible. For instance, perhaps provide a stockpile of food and other things for the food services, such as Fishline.

Public Safety/Legal Committee: Councilmember Phillips reported the committee met for the first time that year, and he was elected chair. They first discussed the July 3rd investigation process. There are two unaffiliated investigators who will conduct interviews. They will forward their recommendations to the Chief, and the process normally takes 30-45 days. The committee discussed amending PMC 2.60.060, declaring an emergency proclamation. Judge Tolman discussed the court system and impacts of calendars. They started using Zoom. There are issues with jury trials and how to do those due to the small courtroom, along with due process issue of witnesses and face coverings. Lastly, they discussed the Police Strategic Plan.

Public Works Committee: Councilmember Lord reported they received the status of building permit activity (which has slowed down), and currently only includes existing construction/emergency construction. New building permits are being reviewed, but they're not being issued yet. The priority is on essential projects. There are about nine building permits ready to go and about nine that are awaiting review. It was a slow first quarter, and there are fewer available lots to build on. Permit application turnarounds are probably going to slow. Revenue impacts are down, but capital projects are still in the works. They discussed staffing issues and needing a Project Coordinator in Engineering. The committee discussed traffic speed limits; specifically, they discussed how to change the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on North Viking Avenue. They also had an extensive overview of the sewer pipe replacement agreement with Kitsap County for sewer treatment update. It will be an expensive project.

Councilmember McVey noted they discussed the opening for the Project Manager position, the only open position a few weeks ago was a Police Officer position. He wonders if there will be a temporary hiring freeze.

Mayor Erickson stated that the position is directly related to the grant-funded Noll Road project, and they haven't determined anything yet.

8. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Erickson stated there will be an emergency board meeting on May 28th with Kitsap Public Health District next week to apply for Phase 2 variance.

9. CONTINUED COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

City Clerk Fernandez read the following emailed citizen comments into the record:

Dan Sluys wrote asking the City to provide what has been requested (PPE, sanitizer, cleaning supplies) and no more. This would give a helping hand and create a bond between the City and local businesses.

Stephanie Sluys wrote sharing Facebook feedback she received from 27 individuals regarding paid parking downtown and removing parking on Front Street to open up the street for pedestrian use.

Tess Doornink wrote she was opposed to any paid parking requirement and the idea of closing Front Street to cars.

Lisa Moseng wrote she was opposed to paid parking downtown.

Andy Buck wrote he opposed the proposed changes of street closures, rerouting traffic with one-way streets, removing or reallocating parking spaces, and putting in parking meters.

Mayor Erickson asked due to how many comments were left to be read into the record, and how late it was in the evening, if the Council wished to forego reading the rest of the emails and have them provided to them for review.

Motion: Move to print the remaining citizen comments out for the council for review.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Livdahl, **Seconded by** Lord.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Musgrove asked that the comments that were expected to be read into the record tonight be reflected in the minutes.

The following comments were received by the Clerks Office by 4:30 p.m. and were asked to be read into the record; however, in lieu of reading them, will be provided to the Council for review:

- Charles Reinhart wrote sharing he opposes installing parking meters and closing off Front Street. He felt removing the electrical wires would make a huge difference and asked for an update on the completion timeline of the Indian Hills Recreation Area.
- Jenny Dolton wrote she does not support parking meters being installed downtown.
- Suzanne Forbes wrote parking meters would diminish her desire to frequent downtown businesses.
- Carrie Goller wrote she is opposed to charging for parking, closing streets or taking away parking, and allowing merchants to spill out into the streets or parking area.
- Kaylee Russell wrote she opposed paid parking downtown and suggested ticketing speeders on Fjord/Lemolo if revenues needed to be generated.
- Deanna Elkins wrote she was opposed to blocking off Front Street.
- Leslie Banion wrote asking the City to keep Front Street parking free and do not close it to traffic.
- Erika Wheeler wrote opposing paid parking downtown.
- Jonathan Rowe wrote in opposition to parking meters and closing off Front Street to traffic and parking.
- Sierra Cagle wrote opposing paid parking and closing Front Street to traffic.
- Suzanne Selfors wrote she was 100% against the installation of parking meters downtown and closing off Front Street. She would like to see parking areas created for employees to free up parking for customers and tourists.
- Aidan Sievertson wrote in opposition of the proposal to meter parking downtown as well as removing parking from Front Street and closing Front Street to thru traffic.
- Janis Habner wrote that she does not feel creating paid parking is a good idea at this time.
- Dawn Larson wrote to express her opposition to paid parking downtown.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Livdahl appreciated the business owners and citizens speaking up. She hopes they will continue to do so on less contentious issues. She said for the record no one was proposing shutting down Front Street. She didn't know how that rumor got

started. They do need to keep talking about how to solve the parking problem with creative ideas after they get past this critical point.

Councilmember Lord thanked everyone for weighing in and wished everyone a wonderful Memorial weekend.

Councilmember McGinty appreciated the Mayor's ideas and citizen responses.

Councilmember Musgrove thanked the public for all comments and good ideas. There is no lack of ideas and he appreciated the input.

Councilmember Phillips echoed Councilmember Livdahl's comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Move to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Stern, **Seconded by** Musgrove.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhiannon Fernandez, CMC, City Clerk