

MANSON COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12-11-2018

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Blum with council members Chris Willoughby, Kathy Miller and Sarah Cushing present. George Valencia was absent. There were eight people from the public signed in.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes from the November 20, 2018 were approved. Chris motioned to approve, Kathy M. seconded and all were in favor.

Kathy B. reported that the current bank balance is \$462.26.

Justin Erickson with PUD was present and gave a presentation regarding an update and new planning phase the PUD has scheduled for 2019. The last strategic plan was done in 2015. Some of the things the PUD is looking at include expanding Broadband over the next 5 years; continuing the State Park Free Pass program, addressing Cryptocurrency usage and cost; maintaining reliability and striving for overall customer satisfaction. In 2018 customer satisfaction was 97% overall; up from 92% two years ago. Justin stated there will not be a rate increase in 2019, yet there hasn't been one in the last 7 years. They are evaluating if or how future increases will occur. The MCC has several extra copies of the presentation if anyone would like to look at it.

Kathy B. reported that she has tried to contact Sergeant Chris Forman with the Sheriff's office, however, she was not able to schedule him for this month meeting. She will invite him to the January Meeting.

Kathy M. recently attended the Manson Chamber of Commerce meeting and was asked if the MCC would write a letter of support, asking for the county to pay \$5499., the cost for two flashing speed signs to be placed on the main commercial street in Manson. The Chelan Public Works Department has said they will install them at no cost. These would be monitored by the police and they will be able to determine when the peak times for speeding occur. Kathy M made a motion to write a letter of support, Chris seconded it. 3 were in favor; 1 was opposed. Kathy B will write the letter, distribute it to the full council and upon approval, will send it. Kathy B. did state that she had offered an alternative approach to the speed matter, a solution she had seen in another community.

Kathy B. advised that she has been notified by Jeremy Jaech the current web page is set to expire and to continue we will have to pay the annual fee of \$96 for hosting it and an additional \$26 for the domain name. If we pay the web host fee by 12-18-2018, the company will waive the \$26. Currently Jeremy owns the web site and Kathy is trying to work with him to release it, so we can pay now and save the extra cost. Sarah motioned to authorized Kathy B. to pay the fee of \$96, and if necessary, the additional \$26 and be reimbursed from the money in the treasury. Kathy M. seconded and all agreed.

Robin Werner gave a brief presentation announcing that the Friends of Klate Road will be having a public meeting on January 8th @6:30, at the Manson Grange. She had flyers for the event and copies of a petition that she is circulating. Kathy B. announced that this meeting will be hosted by the MCC.

Kathy B. advised that the council needs to review the MCC By-laws and make any changes identified. George had asked that there be a workshop to work on this and it was decided that the MCC will have a special meeting on Saturday January 12th at the Fire Station. The time will be 12noon to approximately 1:30pm. Kathy B. has a document which explains the process to make such changes and will be distributing this to council members. The matters to discussed are review of the current by-laws and review of a letter Chris is creating for distribution to the Malaga and Peshastin Community Councils.

Concerns on the communication between the Community Development Department at Chelan County have been expressed. There appears to be inconsistent and untimely notices being submitted to the council. At times it makes public disclosure, discussion and a response difficult. There was discussion on how to approach this, and it was decided that the council will invite Dave Kuhl, the Planning Director and Kirstein Larsen, Planning Manager to the January meeting. This is so the council and the public may share concerns, open discussion and work on how to make the needed changes. It was also suggested that Commissioner England and the other commissioners be invited to this meeting.

There was discussion on how the MCC can be consistent to address concerns when old orchard land is being sold and moved into residential development. Discussion included concern that Chelan County is not consistently addressing this in a manner that will trigger soil testing and necessary mitigation. Chris felt this issue needs to be pushed to the county level and suggested that we reach out to the Malaga and Peshastin Community Councils and see if they would be interested in joining an effort to open discussion with the Commissioners and Community Development. Chris will put together a letter to the other communities and the council will review this at the Special Council Meeting on January 12th. How the MCC will address this in the future was not decided. It was brought up that the county needs a comprehensive ordinance to address old orchard land and soil contamination. This is a matter that is coming up more and more frequently will the growth and development in the area.

Kathy B. advised that Manson Chamber of Commerce is working to purchase land commonly called Leffler Field. The asking price is \$1,300,000 and the Chamber is asking the county commissioners for \$500,000 and the Chelan Port for \$150,000. As to who will own this land was not clear, but Manson Parks has been approached to assume responsibility for the maintenance. Who will pay to improve the land, bring in water and electricity, be responsible for the future design and ownership are unanswered questions.

Kathy M. stated it appears the Stevens property, the large parcels located across the street from Northshore Church on Wapato Point Parkway is pending sale. Someone in the audience stated there is a rumor they will be building a hotel.

The council received a letter from a local resident with concerns there is a proposal to change the zoning in the commercial district to allow residential living on the ground floor. This currently is not allowed. It was explained to her Bob Knauss had requested the council submit a letter of support for this zoning amendment. His request was related to only one parcel of land located on Wapato Point Parkway. The MCC council did not provide a letter of support for this change.

Voting for the election of two new council members closed at 7pm. The votes were counted by Amiko Severs, Carl Blum and Mike Cushing observed the counting.

George Valencia and Kari Sorensen were elected to a three-year term.

The council thanks Gordon Lester for his interest in the community and willingness to run for a position.

Kathy M. was thanked for all her years of service to the council and for all she does for the community.

Kathy M. motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kathy B. All agreed.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Cushing