

## **City Council Minutes – September 9, 2019**

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Mayor Pro Tem Matt Miller called to order the Anacortes City Council meeting of September 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Anthony Young, Carolyn Moulton, Bruce McDougall and Matt Miller were present. Councilmembers Ryan Walters and Brad Adams were absent.

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Announcements and Committee Reports**

Oath of Office: Police Officer Evan Mowrer: Police Chief John Small introduced new Anacortes Police Officer Evan Mowrer. Mayor Pro Tem Miller administered the oath of office to Evan Mowrer.

Oath of Office: Firefighter/Paramedic John Siedler: Fire Chief David Oliveri introduced new Anacortes Firefighter/Paramedic John Siedler. Mayor Pro Tem Miller administered the oath of office to John Siedler. Mr. Siedler's wife pinned his badge.

Proclamation of National Senior Center Month: Mayor Pro Tem Miller read a statement proclaiming September to be National Senior Center Month in Anacortes to recognize the special contributions of Senior Activity Center participants and the special efforts of the staff and volunteers who work every day to enhance the well-being of the older citizens in the community.

Anacortes Senior Activity Center Administrator Sally Hill thanked the city for the proclamation and acknowledged ASAC Foundation members, meal program manager Amanda Miller, and ASAC volunteers who were present. Ms. Hill reported on the ASAC's very popular Aging Mastery Program and its programming for Fall Prevention Week held September 23-27, 2019. She shared promotional handouts for both events. Ms. Hill also noted that the ASAC had now been under city management for two years. She thanked Administrative Services Director Emily Schuh for her guidance during the transition and thanked the mayor, City Council and her departmental colleagues for their support of the ASAC.

### **Public Comment**

Brian Wetcher, 814 26<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the bike park proposal and the concept of good governance in Anacortes. Mr. Wetcher said that Council had tacitly agreed that this was an acceptable use when it instructed Mr. Lunsford to proceed with the permit process and keep Council informed. Mr. Wetcher suggested that Council either explicitly reaffirm that decision or spare staff and the community and taxpayers the time and effort to continue the permit process. Mr. Wetcher reported on the large number of comments on the proposal that were considered at the regular meeting of the Forest Advisory Board the prior Thursday. He said some commenters were vilifying staff for pursuing the bike park project on their own in opposition to the will of the community. Mr. Wetcher said that was not the case and that the Forest Advisory Board had found the use within the comp plan guidelines and referred it to Council as a citizen initiative, not a staff initiative.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McDougall, to approve the following Consent Agenda items. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- a. Minutes of September 3, 2019
- b. Approval of Claims in the amount of: \$836,161.19
- c. Contract Modification: City Hall Remodel Project - Demolition & Construction #19-054-FAC-004
- d. Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Skagit County #19-150-FBR-001

The following vouchers/checks were approved for payment:  
EFT numbers: 94508 through 94547, total \$801,575.91  
Check numbers: 94548 through 94570, total \$32,452.91  
Wire transfer numbers: 255134 through 255522, total \$1,542.39

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Municipal Fiber Update**

Municipal Broadband Business Manager Jim Lemberg presented the monthly update on the fiber initiative, referring to his slide presentation which was added to the packet materials for the meeting. His report included a financial update, an outside plant update, an active network update, and a personnel update. Mr. Lemberg also discussed the economic value of keeping internet subscription fees circulating in the local economy and reported on very successful speed tests of the internet service at the Anacortes Public Library, the first installed customer of the new city fiber service. Mr. Lemberg responded to councilmember questions about the expected timeline for offering service in the pilot areas and explained the pending pole attachment agreement with PSE that was required. He previewed marketing materials for the pilot areas and fielded councilmember questions and suggestions about the marketing. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Lemberg when the library would discontinue its internet service with its previous provider.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller invited members of the audience to comment on this agenda item.

Steve Anderson, 4710 Kingsway, noted the network was staying with IPV4 vs. IPV6. He also suggested that the promotional materials disclose the taxes, fees and other charges that would be added on top of the advertised monthly pricing.

Mr. Lemberg explained that internet service was not taxed so there would be no additional charges to customers beyond the advertised price. He also explained that the city purchased 1024 IPV4 addresses but that it also had a huge number of IPV6 addresses which it would use wherever possible, using IPV4 addresses only where necessary.

Jeremy Carter, 3607 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if city fiber service would be subject to a monthly usage cap. Mr. Lemberg replied that it would not and that city fiber was not a usage based service.

There being no further business, at approximately 7:06 p.m. the Anacortes City Council meeting of September 9, 2019 was adjourned.