

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2019

Attending: Zach Raderstorf, Council President; Councilors Mike Bird, Greg Jones, James Miller, Steve Egly; Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk.
Guests: Buffy Rogers, Ron Evans, Joanne Kuhn Titolo, Joe Whitaker

Zach Raderstorf called the meeting to order, 6:00 p.m. Georgia Jones mentioned one additional agenda item, office copier replacement.

Town Hall repairs - The town hall floor has not been level since at least 2014, and there is evidence that settling of the building frame and floor still occurs throughout town hall but most noticeably on the southeast corner. Sections under employee workstations in the utility office are not appropriate for daily use, now believed to contribute to back pain. Improvement is needed. The carpet was partially removed to determine how deep the slab has settled and receive estimates for repair.

Three options were suggested to correct the situation: 1) build a wood floor above the slab; 2) use concrete to level the area; or 3) lift the floor slab from below. The council discussed relative cost and practicality of each. A question was asked if the Conservancy would pay for half of the repair. The Conservancy directors do not have a special session scheduled, the next meeting is May 15.

History of the building and alternatives to house the utility office and town hall functions were brought up, to explore short term and long term benefits in the decision process. The concrete leveling option appears to be the most reasonable short term solution.

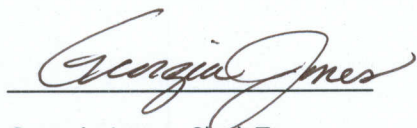
Motion by Greg Jones to approve renovations to correct the floor, up to half of an estimated project cost of \$6,000, not to exceed \$3,000. Second of James Miller, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

Office Copier -Both office copiers are about 6 years old, and at least one is now operating beyond its rated service life. Counselors agreed a purchase of equipment is preferred rather than a multi-year lease.

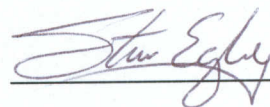
Inadequate Drainage on Warrior Drive - Guest Joe Whitaker informed the council of his efforts requesting Area Plan to help provide a solution for relief from inadequate drainage in the county ditch adjacent to his property on Warrior Drive. Ron Holladay will monitor and assist with contacts at the county surveyor's office, to move toward improvement there.

Consolidation Proposal -Zach Raderstorf inserted an item of new business, distributing and reading aloud his draft proposal to consolidate the Conservancy and Town utilities and hire a town manager. He suggests a third party review with projected expense of \$21,150. . No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn 7:15 p.m. by Greg Jones.



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



Zachary Raderstorf, Council President