Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, November 24, 2020

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Matt Coppock, Steve Hahn, Greg Jones, Mary Jo Totten. Also attending: Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones. Guests: Colin Sullivan, Colin Dale, Dave Buck, Joe Kline, Bill Jones, Andrea Agree, Steve Egly

James Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. This meeting is to review details of important projects involving Butler Fairman Seufert and talk through priorities.

Battle Ground Development Guide - The development guide document was previously distributed and the consulting engineers attended to answer questions. Georgia Jones has questions about the new permitting forms that are provided and how to track the progress of projects to ensure compliance. Miller asked if a committee to include Jones would meet with BFS and work through the questions. Matt Coppock and Greg Jones volunteered to meet on November 30 at 4:00 p.m. The document will be discussed at the December 14 meeting with the intent to approve the final form. When calls or email regarding development are received in the office, they will be routed to the appropriate department, consulting engineer or permitting authority. A record of the contact will be made in the office call log for follow-up.

Main Street Storm Water - The Conservancy District is planning a project to install a larger water pipe under part of Main Street next year. Colin Dale provided a map of the storm water system, created to consider improvements for Tomahawk Lane, so council could envision what might also be needed on Main Street. Matt Coppock requested cost estimates so the council could determine if work in the Main Street section would be feasible.

Hawk's Nest Lift Station - Colin Dale received assurance from the owner of the pipeline that the suggested routes for a new sewer force main would be acceptable, provided installation meets their specifications.

Town Hall Project - James Miller asked the council to comment if they consider it necessary to seek a new town hall facility. Steve Hahn cited foundation issues in the current building. Matt Coppock mentioned a larger space for the police office and vehicles, and parking space for council meetings. Mary Jo Totten envisions a larger meeting space that can be shared with other organizations. James Miller mentioned air quality, as there have been mold issues in the past, but also said that may be less of a concern now that there is an air cleaner installed. Steve Hahn added that the treasurer's office needs more space.

If a town hall would be possible, Miller asked what location would be appropriate: a site in the historic town or a location near the highway zone. It was agreed that the historic area would be desirable, but the lot size may be critical to provide for needs now but also allow expansion in the future. Greg Jones mentioned his communication with a developer who could be contacted about a building space.

Motion to adjourn 6:30 p.m. by Mary Jo Totten, second of Matt Coppock.

Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer

James Miller, Council President