

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting - By Remote Participation via Zoom & in Person at The Mill Building

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. Mayor Brett Gailey

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Council President Gary Petershagen, Kim Daughtry, Ryan Donoghue, Marcus Tageant, Kymm Shipman, Steve Ewing and Anji Jorstad.

5:30 p.m. Council Group Picture for Community Transit

6:00 p.m. Call to Order

Mayor Brett Gailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brett Gailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

All Councilmembers were present.

Approval of Agenda

Council President Petershagen asked that a storm report from Public Works Director Halverson be added to the agenda.

MOTION. Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Donoghue, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Guest Business

Community Transit Microtransit Pilot Program

CEO Ric Ilgenfritz and staff spoke to Council about the new pilot program in Lake Stevens.

Introduce Returning Officer Wayne Aukerman and Community Services Officer Margaret Cooper

Introduce Parks Maintenance Worker Nathan Grueber

Citizen Comments

Andrea Wright, Lake Stevens Sewer District Commissioner. Andrea spoke to the Council about the sewer utility tax discussion on the agenda.

Nathan Packard, Lake Stevens. Nathan also spoke to the concerns with a sewer utility tax.

Council Business

City Department Report

Storm Report

Director Halverson and Parks Director Garceau reported to Council.

2024 WCIA Risk Review and Audit

Risk Manager Roth reported to Council.

Consent Agenda

MOTION. Councilmember Tageant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

The consent agenda items were as follows:

- 2024 Vouchers
- City Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2024
- WSDOT Mutual Aid Agreement - Public Works Emergency Response Assistance
- Main Street Improvements Project Construction Contract
- Interlocal Agreement with the Everett Animal Shelter Fee Increase

Discussion Items

2024 Budget Amendment No. 3

Director Stevens reviewed the detail of Ordinance 1193, amending the beginning and ending balances, revenues and expenditures in the funds set forth in the ordinance. This Ordinance will come back for action on December 10, 2024.

Community Services Officer Position

Police Commander Thomas discussed the need to update the current Community Service Officer position to include park ranger duties. This item will need come back for a budget amendment at a future meeting.

Sewer Utility Tax Discussion

Finance Director Stevens explained that each year, as part of the budget process, the City assesses revenue streams including utility taxes. The addition of sewer and stormwater utility taxes has been reviewed annually. Once again, during the 2025 budget process, the recommendation to add a tax on sewer utility providers was discussed. Council engaged in a discussion. This item will be brought back to the Council with further information on December 10, 2024.

MOTION. At 8:00 p.m., Councilmember Donoghue made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to extend the meeting for approximately 25 minutes. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

Executive Session – Confidential Session per RCW 42.30

The meeting recessed to Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition for approximately 15 minutes, until 8:22 p.m. There may be action.

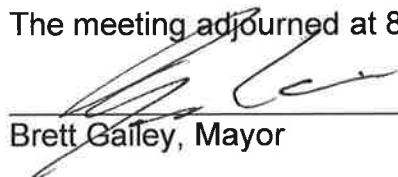
Reconvene to Regular Session

The meeting reconvened to regular session at 8:22 p.m. There was no action.

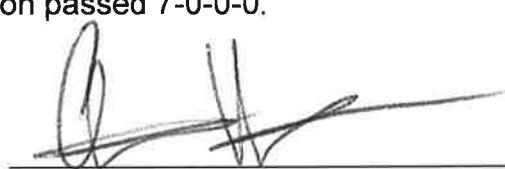
Adjournment

MOTION. Councilmember Tageant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ewing, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

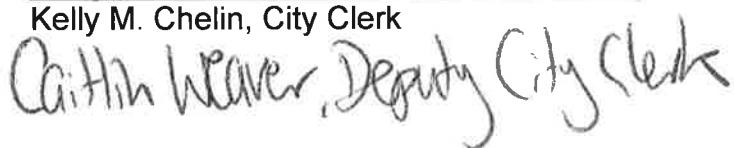
The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Brett Gailey, Mayor



Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk



Caitlin Weaver, Deputy City Clerk