

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

By Remote Participation via Zoom and In Person at The Mill, 1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Councilmembers Kim Daughtry, Gary Petershagen, Ryan Donoghue, Mary Dickinson, Marcus Tageant, Steve Ewing and Anji Jorstad

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**Call to Order**

Council President Jorstad called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council President Jorstad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

All Councilmembers were present.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Guest Business**

Introduce Tyler Ambrose, Crew Worker, Parks and Recreation

**Citizen Comments**

There were no comments from citizens.

**Council Business**

**Mayor's Business**

**City Department Report**

Planning and Community Development Q3 Report

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION.** Councilmember Ewing made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 7-0-0-0. The consent agenda included the following:

- 2023 Vouchers
- City Council Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023
- City Council Special Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023
- 2023 Budget Amendment No. 3 - Ordinance 1174
- Rescind the prior motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Coast Construction Group for the construction of the Mill Spur Restroom/Concessions Building and reject all bids

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Ordinance 1172 - 2024 Property Tax Levy**

Finance Director Stevens explained that the Ordinance authorizes the collection of property taxes on properties within the City limits up to a certified amount of \$6,500,000. Based on current estimates, Staff anticipates the actual levy will be approximately \$6,450,000. The Ordinance includes an estimated 3% increase over the 2023 highest lawful levy amount, which includes the statutory 1% increase that equates to \$59,348, as well as increases from state assessed values, annexations, new construction, and refunds.

Council President Jorstad opened the hearing for public comment.  
There were no comments on the public hearing.  
Council President Jorstad closed the hearing.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Petershagen, to approve Ordinance 1172 – 2024 Property Tax Levy. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

#### **Public Hearing No. 1: 2024 Budget Ordinance 1173**

Director Stevens presented the first reading of Ordinance 1173, approving the 2024 Budget. This is the first of two public hearings. Over the past few months, Council has been reviewing current and forecasted revenues and expenditures including property tax, City staffing plans, and related costs which are incorporated into the proposed 2024 budget Ordinance.

Council President Jorstad opened the hearing for public comment.  
There were no comments on the public hearing.  
Council President Jorstad closed the hearing.

**MOTION.** Councilmember Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tageant, to approve the first reading of the 2024 Budget Ordinance, 1173. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

**Discussion Items**

**Cedarwood Partnership**

Director Garceau gave an update to the Council on the Cedarwood building. Through an RFP process, the City has chosen YMCA of Snohomish County to partner in providing recreation services for the community. The YMCA of Snohomish County demonstrated a robust knowledge of providing community recreation services and partnerships with organizations like Lake Stevens to execute this vision.

Next steps include executing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the YMCA of Snohomish County and the City, request for qualifications for design and engineering, and funding strategies.

**Next Council Meeting**

The consensus of the Council was to cancel the November 7 workshop due to election night. The next Council meeting will be November 14, 2023.

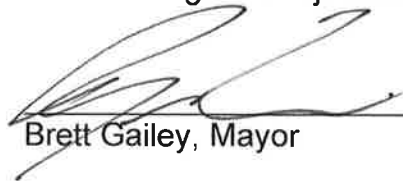
**Executive Session**

The meeting recessed to executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining for approximately 7:40 p.m. There will be no action to follow. At 7:40 p.m., the executive session was extended for an additional 8 minutes, to approximately 7:48 p.m.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION**. Councilmember Jorstad made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
Brett Gailey, Mayor

  
Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk