

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2018

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Kevin motions to approve the Agenda. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

### IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Judy motions to approve May 9th, 2018 minutes; Kevin seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### V. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Snohomish County Emergency Management/ USFS – Glacier Peak Preparedness: Jason Biermann, Peter Forbes

Kevin explains the importance of information on Glacier Peak and eruptions and assisting the communities with being prepared. Peter Forbes goes over the Cascade volcanoes and the historical aspect of them. Glacier Peak would be more of an explosive volcano like Mt. St. Helens was, rather than a slow moving lava volcano like those in Hawaii. The USGS came to the USFS and proposed adding more seismic monitors on the volcano that could help in aiding in earlier warnings if needed. He goes over the environmental project timeline. They hope to have a final decision by the end of October. Kevin asks about opposing groups and asks if there is a way to find out who they were. Peter explains that it is public record. The Wilderness Act is an opposing group. Kevin feels that someone should address the Wilderness Act and that public safety is important.

Jason Biermann goes over the plan that government agencies would work with if in the event that Glacier Peak does erupt. He goes over the different programs that the Snohomish County Dept of Emergency Mgmt. has been working on with planning, groups, and other agencies to assist in public awareness and preparedness. Kevin would like to see the map shared with the public and the school district and to get the public ready as much as possible. Jason suggests contacting the senate for pushing for more support on the senate bill 4475. He can provide meeting information for the public to attend so they can get public input. Kevin would like Council to send a support letter for the monitors for the volcano and to draft a resolution.

Kevin motions to have the Town Council send a letter of support to the USFS for the seismic monitoring system and to draft a Resolution. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Peter Forbes USFS

The USFS will partner with the National Forest Foundation and one of their programs is Treasured Landscapes. The Forest Leadership team chose the Mountain Loop and Suiattle for the project. They will go to corporate partners and help raise money to assist with the projects.

## VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

## VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Cascadia Law Group – Proposal for Water Supply for Seasonal Irrigation on Cockerham Island Farm

Tom McDonald introduces himself and his team. He goes over the proposal and the information that is provided. He would like to see Council move forward with an agreement with the Town. John N. introduces himself and is part of the management team for the Cockerham Island Farm. He goes over the crop information for the farm and the pursuit of obtaining water rights for irrigation as they look to grow the farm and expand. Their product is distributed and sold locally. He goes over the water measures that they have taken and the integration of the water systems that they utilize for the farm. He would like to get into a relationship with Darrington and work cooperatively with the Town for water rights.

He indicates that the proposal is for 25 acre feet with average precipitation and up to 65 acre feet for particularly drier seasons. There is discussion about the terms and the lease contract. He would like to see the Council motion to proceed with putting together a contract to propose at the next council meeting. Kerry asks if any of the other communities nearby have been looked at. Tom indicates that the rights aren't as strong as Darrington and the max quantity is being utilized at the other communities and provides limitations to their capacities. Kerry asks why the 25 acre feet would not be leased. Tom indicates that it is a certainty that they have secured the 25 acre feet for when they go to the bank. Kevin provides his opinion regarding the water rights. He indicates that he is not in favor of selling the water rights, however he is not opposed to leasing with a long term lease option. There is discussion between Tom and Kevin. Dan asks about seasonal usage, how tied up would the 40 acre feet be if used? He gives a detailed explanation. Rick asks how much water is used on a daily basis on the 80 acres. He indicates that it is a small fraction. There is discussion. Kevin asks if they are against a lease agreement. Tom indicates that if Council agrees to move forward with a lease proposal then they could get a draft proposal. Rick feels that it would be in best interest of the Town to put the water in the bank and utilize the 25 for the lease. Judy and Kerry are also comfortable with a lease option. Kevin recognizes that this could potentially be a good experience for the Town.

- i. Judy motions to pursue a lease agreement with US Golden Eagle subject to the terms established by the Town. Mary Seconds. All in favor. Motion Carried.

2. FYI: DNS and Land Disturbing Activity Permit – Mouse Creek Drainage Improvement Project  
It is an FYI on what Snohomish County is doing with the Mouse Creek issue.
3. FYI: AWC Conference Yakima, June 26-29<sup>th</sup> AWC Annual Business Meeting June 28<sup>th</sup> at the conference
4. FYI: Snohomish County Public Works seeking two (2) qualified volunteers to serve on ADA Public Right-of-Way Citizen Advisory Group
5. Snohomish County Parks seeking letters of support for the Youth Athletic Facility grant from RCO  
At Whitehorse Park  
Kevin Motions to allow Mayor to sign the letter of support for the Youth Athletic Facility grant. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Grand Marshall Discussion  
Gary Willis is voted by majority vote as Grand Marshall with Lavinia Bryson as the secondary if Gary is not able to attend.
7. Waste Management: Service Day changes starting August 2018  
FYI to residents on service day changes. Watch for the notification letter to be submitted by WM.
8. CERB Planning Grant for Cross Laminated Timber  
  
Dan goes over the information regarding this grant. He has been working with Snohomish County as well on this which would provide a feasibility study on the supply change and to update the business plan for cross laminated timber. The grant would be \$50,000. He goes over ideas that the grant would include.
  - i. Kerry motions to allow Town Staff to submit grant application and for Mayor to sign. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Red Top Tavern live band proposal for July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - i. Kevin motions to allow the Red Top to host a band on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Red Top Tavern from 9 PM – 1 AM in the beer garden. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. WA State Dept of Liquor License Approval – Red Top Tavern
11. WA State Dept of Liquor License Approval - Mountain Loop Country Store
12. WA State Dept of Cannabis License Approval -Green Haven

## VIII. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Waste Management: Extraordinary Recycling Rate Increase – Amendment to Exhibit A

- i. Kevin Motions to approve the Amendment to Exhibit A for the Extraordinary Recycling Rate Increase motion to allow Mayor to sign. Mary Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dan would like Council to discuss what they would like to see in a judicial candidate – Kevin would like to see the representing party on the voting ballots for judges.

## IX. MAYOR’S REPORT

Dan provides a Mayor’s Report for Council.

## X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

There is a grizzly bear meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> with the Snohomish County Council. The Darrington Days Celebration is coming along very nicely according to Mary.

## XI. VISITORS

Jim Hale has been working on a runway inspection for the Darrington Airport. The inspection did not go well for the taxiway portion, however the Town would qualify for a grant to do an overlay. There have been airport inquiries and they are working on setbacks.

## XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

Kerry motions to accept the list and approve the payments. Judy Seconds. All in favor. Motion Carried.

## XIII. ADJOURN

Kevin motions to adjourn June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Town Council Meeting at PM; Judy seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

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Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer