

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

- i. Dan Calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES

- i. Kevin motions to approve June 28th, 2018 Minutes; Kerry seconds; All in favor; Motion Carried

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

VIII. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Approval of Resolution GR 296

- i. Kerry motions to allow Mayor to sign the Resolution 296 approving the Glacier Peak Monitoring; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

2. Approval of Contract with Golden Eagle Farms, LP for lease of water rights

- i. Dan gives briefing of discussion from last meeting. Kevin wants to start this discussion stating he was under the belief this was for a small mom and pop company, and with some research found that this was in fact a big corporation with many farms. There is discussion about the company and trust.

There is discussion about the possible rate and the current Darrington residential rate and there are some comparisons. Kevin thinks the money is low. Dianne tells council that we have bulk water sales with an established rate. Dianne is concerned is that Double Eagle Farms will pay for 25 ace ft but hold up more and the Town will not have access to the remaining.

Kevin wants to make sure all of our bases are covered for the cost of the water. Dianne suggests a base right for the rate for the 65 totals being tied up and then doing a possible usage charge for what is being used. Kevin wants to take a look at making a new category for our town water sales then negotiate different contracts.

Council is making suggestions for the contract then it will go to the lawyer for final viewing. There is question about resident water costs. Larry asks what happens with an ownership transfer. It is stated in the contract the water is not transferable and it is only staying with the property. It asked if ownership of the property changes, but the property remains the same and there is discussion. Todd thanks Kevin for finding that this was in fact a corporation vs a mom and pop organization and suggests not signing till more information is cleared. There is more discussion about how the company is operating.

Jill with Double Eagle Farms is wanting to take another run at restructuring the contract.

Kevin doesn't want to do a 50-year contract and would like to see a contract with less time. There is discussion. In the redraft of the contract council would like to see 25 years vs 50 years in the contract.

Kevin wants to see the corporations top line that they are willing to pay for water rights.

Jill wants to have a preapplication with department of ecology to maybe line up mitigation to get a better idea of what they want to do. Darrington will have a representative in the department of ecology meeting. It is discussed that Kerry and Dan will attend the meeting with the department of ecology.

Mary motions to table Approval of Contract with Golden Eagle Farms, LP for lease of water rights; Kevin seconds; all in favor; motion carried

3. Approval for Dan to sign grant application in conjunction with Snohomish County for Whitehorse Trail
 - i. Dan explains to council the grant to bring Whitehorse Trail up to trail standards and would like to bring the trail to Old School Park. Amy is writing the grant making Darrington a co applicant and due before next meeting. Kevin asks about his lease with the County. Kevin will come talk to Dan and Dianne about his contract with the County.

Kevin motions to allow Mayor Dan Rankin to sign the grant application in conjunction with Snohomish County for Whitehorse Trail; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

There is no Mayor report except Dan explains what is going on with CLT. Dan would like to set up a council meeting to bring the County, and Forterra and a Representative from the investor from CLT to give a whole workup of where they are at today.

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

1. Kerry gives an update from the AWC conference he attended along with Dan Rankin.

2. Kevin had a conference call today with Puget Sound Clear Air but cannot discuss the conversation. Mary attended a board meeting for the food bank and they are getting their application for a grant to build a new location.
3. Mary lets council know she has received a complaint about no striping down the middle of the roads.

XI. VISITORS

Jon Allen brings to Councils attention his concerns with the new property tax assessments. He would like to have council reach out to the county and voice concern for the residents of Darrington.

XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments
 - i. Mary motions to accept the list and approve payments; Kerry seconds; All in favor; Motion Carried

XIII. ADJOURN

Kevin motions to adjourn July 11th, 2018 Town Council meeting at 9:05 PM; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion Carried

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer