

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 27, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Gary motions to approve the Agenda. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. Kevin motions to approve September 12, 2018 minutes; Judy seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Water Lease Agreement Discussion

Dianne goes over the details for the next meeting on October 4th that will include Thom Graafstra the Town's lawyer by phone. The draft lease agreement is discussed. Dan asks what Kerry was able to find out at the meeting with Ecology. Kerry indicates that Golden Eagle would like to work with Ecology and get the lease agreement with the Town situated. Dan would like to establish a value on the water by contacting West Water to obtain market value for water rights. There is discussion about water rates. Kevin suggests creating another water category such as "Wholesale" or "Agriculture" rate. Kerry asks if we want to put different language in the lease about increases. Dianne will contact Tom McDonald and notify him of the suggested changes. Kevin asks if the Town has done a counter proposal. Kevin would like Dan to contact West Water Consulting firm to obtain an appraisal on the value of water rights. Dan also mentions that monitoring is not mentioned in the draft and should be outlined. There is discussion about water reporting and if this usage would be included in the yearly reporting to DOH and Ecology. Town Staff will research the reporting and verify with Ecology. Does the Town have to do a conversion of water rights? If not why? Council requests the following changes to the draft lease agreement:

- Add water lease rate change when Town rate changes and review will occur every 5 years
- Losing party pays litigation
- Paragraph 5-b pg. 3 word "reduction" – please define
- Pg.2 Paragraph 1 – "Wholesale" – define

Judy Motions to allow Town Hall to contact West Water Consulting to obtain an appraisal of the Town of Darrington water rights. Kerry Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. FYI: Waste Management Rate Increase Notice

Dianne indicates that there could be a significant increase in WM services. There is discussion about the Rate Notice that went out to all Snohomish County Residents. Dan indicates that the Town could write a letter to the Utility Commission to reject the increase for rural community. Kevin and Gary agrees with the suggestion.

3. FYI: Support Letter for Regional Apprenticeship Pathways Program

Dan indicates what the letter represents. He indicates that the program was inspired by Nate Nehring and is being worked on at the Marysville-Pilchuck School District.

Kevin motions to allow the support letter to be signed by the Mayor and sent to the Governor. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Entrance signs

Dan indicates that the metal pieces are complete and ready to pick up. Evan Craig has been assisting Dan with the wood pieces and will be working on them. Steve will need to build the brackets and that should be done in the next couple of week.

5. SEPA Notification for Fullerton Street project with Tribe

Dianne indicates that the NEPA/SEPA has been worked on with CDBG. It should be approved by the 4th, but is not guaranteed. The Tribe is requesting a monitor on the next construction bid. The SEPA/NEPA is paid for by CDBG. There is discussion about whether or not the Monitor is paid for by grant funds or the Tribe. Dan indicates that there was a cultural study done of the Town at some point.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. EPA Pilot Project – discussion

Dan asks Council if they have any comments on the discussion about a decision tool to assist in finding funding and the processes that go along with that. There is discussion about regulation and sustainability. Dan asks Council if the Town would like to participate in this program to provide insight from a rural community. Kevin suggests that it would be a good idea.

2. Siting of New Mental Health Facilities – discussion

Dan feels that it is important that Council reviews the information at hand.

3. Utility Rates and Charges – discussion

Dianne goes over the different rates and taxes that are charged to specific accounts. She goes over what the code reads. She was told that the discussion for the decision was in older minutes. She contacted the Auditor's office and received a response with the State Law. Dianne asks Council for clarification. Gary indicates that there are some homes that it would be difficult to meter because of the terrain which is why the meter is at the tank. She indicates that the Public Works Manager said it was do-able to add all

customers' homes in the area South of Town limits with meters. Dan would like to ask Steve more questions. Dianne asks Council if the water utility tax should be charged to all customers. Gary indicates if there may be a Begis Contract that states whether or not that could occur. Kevin would like to see more research done.

4. Concrete Herald Disaster Prep Guide Sponsorship- \$100

1. Kevin motions to allow the Town to sponsor the Concrete Herald Disaster Prep Guide for \$100. Gary Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Approval for the Town to accept the CERB Grant Award and to allow Mayor to sign
Dan explains that this grant would allow the Town to do a Cultural Research Survey on a parcel of land just outside of Town that could potentially host a timber based industrial area. Dan indicates there will be a presentation to Council to discuss details. Kevin asks if Forterra has opened up to the logging industry. Dan indicates that they are employing people to assist with this project and want to see CLT to work.
 1. Gary motions to accept the CERB Grant Award and to allow Mayor to sign. Kevin Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approval of the HMA Engineering Contract for Givens Avenue Street Project and for Mayor to sign
 1. Gary motions to approve the HMA Engineering Contract for Givens Ave Street Project and for Mayor to sign. Kerry Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provides Council with a calendar of his events over August-September.

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

XI. VISITORS

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL – no attorney present

- I. Time allowed: 9 minutes

XIII. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Coastal Bank Checking account signature updates
 - a. Kevin motions to remove Raelynn Jones from all Coastal Community Bank Town of Darrington and Town of Darrington Department of Licensing bank accounts and the Safety Deposit box. Judy Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Department of Licensing discussion

Dan indicated that DOL came to the Darrington office and met with Town Staff to discuss alternatives to keeping the DOL in the Darrington area. Dan indicates that the County Auditor contacted him about whether or not to keep the DOL services. The service is vital to the community but does not make enough to sustain a business. Gary asks how many employees from NCFS will possibly be trained for DOL. Dan indicates that he does not know. Dan wants to know from Council if they would like to see DOL kept at the Town offices. There is discussion about training and different ideas about hosting. Kevin would like to see the Town offices in order prior to picking back up on DOL again and he suggests to let it go. Kerry asks if there is any thought to adjusting hours of Town Hall. Dan asks what Council would like to say to the County Auditor. Gary would like to see the Town keep it. Kerry feels it should be let go. Kevin agrees and feels that the Town business is a priority.

XV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments

1. Gary motions to accept the list and approve payments. Kerry Seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURN

Kevin motions to adjourn September 27, 2018 Town Council Meeting at 9:45 PM; Kerry seconds; all in favor; motion carried.



Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer