

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Kerry motions to approve October 25, 2018 minutes; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

- i. CLT Working Group
Explained Cross Laminated Timber and how it is used in the industry.
Discussion was had.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- i. Hampton Noise Complaint – Letter, attorney Graafstra response

Gary stated that he worked for Summit Timber for 25 years prior to Hampton purchasing in 2002, the saw mill has run for at least 25 years at night. The town needs the saw mill and we can not afford to have the mill leave the community.

There are several elements that come to play.

Attorney recommends that the Town changes the code.

Mayor recommends that the council drafts a directive to give to the clerk to change the code before the next council meeting.

Several years ago, there were noise complaints that the sheriff researched the decibel ratings. If a conversation can be had without having to raise your voice, they are in compliance

Gary makes a motion to draft an ordinance that will protect Hampton, and other industrial companies; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried

ii. Golden Eagle contract and West Water report.

West Water sent a proposal today, 11/14/2018

West Water's report has not been shared with Golden Eagle yet. Attorney agrees that the \$200 price is in the ball park. Right now, the water is running from \$175-\$225. Golden Eagle is offering 200. \$200 today will not be applicable a few years from now, on a 25yr contract. Before, it was a lower rate, but a percentage increase every year.

New contract from Golden Eagle, there is no price adjustment.

Cost \$20-\$25k to set up the water bank that we are asking them to do. It would be about an addition \$16 an acre foot. Brings you closer to the high mark of assessed value.

Better off if we agree to the \$200 as long as there is an increase adjustment.

Regular water prices are to be re evaluated every 5 years. It would be beneficial to have this re evaluated at the same time.

They will pay no more or no less than our residential and commercial customers.

Has not been evaluated in 3 years. Believed to be January of 2015.

Report says that the commercial index is an increase at an average of 5% every year.

Gary suggests \$200 a month with a 4% increase every year.

Section 8 paragraph E – concern about “providing mitigation water for other uses of water outside of the Town’s water services” – this is worked with ecology department.

Ecology argued the point that there should not be a net loss. We should not have lost them, and we should have argued for them at the time. 70% goes back into ground water, we should have only loss 30% but we loss 50%. Surface water rights and a surface water issue.

Septic is recharging the aquafer

In Washington state, you can legally use barrels for water catchment.

In dealing with the contract – 1 council member saying \$200 with 4% increase. \$8 increase per acre foot, for 60-acre feet in the first year. After 5 years they will be paying \$243.32 per acre foot. They will be paying roughly \$2599 total

Can they pull out of contract? - not without notification

- a. Gary makes motion to have clerk send a proposal for \$200 a month per acre foot with a 4% increase per year; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

iii. Entrance signs- almost ready to be put in. Need to be glued up, moved to another shop for finish and need someone to come up and put the lettering on them. Are the ecology blocks going to affect the water line? – No.

- iv. Mark is getting his CDL. Rick is on call. Once Rick goes into retirement, discussion will be had with Granite Falls to have their water specialists to help overlook the water projects. Water specialists that works with the Water trust out towards Hampton, and we are checking to see if they have the right qualifications to help with our water. Mark is already taking classes for water certification. During the interview process, Mark was hired with the understanding that he would be working under Rick's supervision.
- v. Well #3 Survey – Skagit surveyors where the ones assigned to survey it, but it has not been put on their roster. Applying for a grant for security fencing around the well. The survey is so we can have the property perimeter in the chance that we do not get the grant, so a fence can be build anyway.
- vi. Urban Growth Boundary goes all the way out to 235th substation road. Planning commission is working with the county to draft the new boundary lines for the UGA. To take in the ball fields.
- vii. Why aren't the military flags up? – They are taken down after labor day. They were bought with donated funds that came from people who want them up to honor Veterans during Veterans Day.
 - a. Gary makes a motion to keep the flags up from Memorial Day through Veterans Day, and that if the flags are damaged, they are replaced from city funds. Kerry seconds; Question- why can't they fly year long? Potential damage. Research will have to be done to see about potential replacements for when the flags are damaged. Suggested that a zig-zag pattern be put around the edge of the flag to keep them from tattering. It would be nice to have them 24/7; All in favor; Motion carried.
 - b. Flag at half staff- do we lower the armed forces flags as well? -Just American Flag.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- i. Department of Licensing sending a worker here the last Friday of Nov (30th) and Dec (28th) to run DOL services. Will see what the response is to go into 2019.
 - a. An offer from Snohomish County to retain one machine, and a personnel will bring all the supplies for the days.
 - b. They will be working a normal working day, 10am-2pm at no charge to the Town. They retain the fees.
- ii. New post master. Terri and the Town are working to relocate the mail box.

VIII. APPROVAL ITEMS

- 1. Approval for the Town to accept the Addendum No. 1 to Annexation Agreement with Sno-Isles Intercounty Rural Library District
 - i. Motion to accept the Addendum No. 1 to Annexation with Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library District and for mayor to sign
 - ii. Library director is meeting with the board 11/15 so she will be able to bring up any comments and concerns.
 - iii. The issue has been that they have been billed for maintenance and facility costs for their half of the building. There were concerns for what their cost where and what they were being billed for. The new contract solidifies these maintenance and facility costs, and those within their boundary of the building
 - iv. Mary motions to approve; Kerry seconds; All in favor; Motion carried

2. Approval of the Real and Personal Taxable Property Tax for the year 2019
 - i. Motion to approve the Real and Personal Taxable Property Tax for the year 2019 and for council and mayor to sign
 - ii. Taxes are up to a vote by the council, usually 1% every year. How many years have this been approved? At least 17years, as long as Gary has been on the council and from what he remembers.
 - iii. Hampton takes the brunt of the tax
 - iv. \$2,548 increase for the year.
 - v. Gary motions to approve; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried
3. Snohomish County Parks has put a line item in the budget for Whitehorse Park and would like a letter of benefits that the community receives from the park. They are looking to add camping, bathrooms and other facilities.
 - i. Mary motions to approve the mayor to write a letter, Gary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

- i. Meeting with Buck Marsh. In the year 2000, there were over 600 kids in the school district-K-12.

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. Senior Center – there is a big puddle in the back-parking lot. The sewer system needs to be fixed.
- ii. Senior Center would like to see if they can have angled parking to prevent the customers from parking in puddles.

XI. VISITORS

XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

- i. Kerry motions to approve the accounts payable; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried

XIII. ADJOURN

Kerry motions to adjourn, November 14, 2018 Town Council Meeting at 9:30 PM; Mary seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer