

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2019

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Gary calls the meeting to order at 7 PM

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Judy motions to approve March 28, 2019 minutes; Kevin seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### V. GUEST SPEAKERS

#### 1. Rick Knight – Stage at Pioneer Park

- i. Rick provided a drawing. A 10 X 10 deck. Funds are almost completely acquired. There is hopes in the future that it will be covered, but with the 10 X 10 size, an awning can be put over it until a roof can be put on it. 16 inches above ground, one step, and it is about bench height. Rick is hoping to do some landscaping around it. It will be on compact gravel. Kerry asks about the wall that it would be against. It would be against the wall of the antique shop and there would be a 2-inch buffer. Gary would like to know when Rick is planning on building it. Rick would like to build it in June. The plans will have to go to the building official. The funds will come from Darrington Strong. Rick states that he would maintain it and stain it every year.
- ii. Kevin makes a motion to allow Rick Knight to build the stage at Pioneer Park depending on approval of building inspector. Judy seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

#### 1. Fourth of July Grand Marshal

- i. It is decided that the audience will vote as well as the Council Members.
- ii. Toni and Laurence Larson won majority vote.

#### 2. Fire Works- Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> of July

- i. Judy motions to set Saturday, July 6, 2019 as scheduled fireworks town display. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### 3. Final read of Water Service Connection Policy

- i. Kerry motions to approve Water Service Connections Policy. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### 4. Gary asks about the roof on the Fire Hall.

- i. The contractor came in earlier in the day to tell us that he has purchased the materials.

5. Gary is concerned about the new gateway signs. There seems to be rust running down the back side of the concrete for the sign on the West side of town.

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

### 1. Waste Management – New Contract

- i. This contract will be for 10 years just like our last contract. Most major changes effect the customers. There will be a charge for replacing cans. Dirty cans- they will give a warning, after the first there is a fee, after the third, service will be suspended. No more glass in recycling. If there is glass in recycling after the first year, there will be a fine. Increase went into effect March 1<sup>st</sup>. There is an increase coming May 1<sup>st</sup>. It had started at 7.5% but was negotiated down to 6% by the Town taking over their mailings for the Town. Overages- there are 3 overages allowed in a 12-month period, if the customer is over their 3 allowed overages, WM will upgrade their service. They will pay the Town a 1% franchise fee.
- ii. Gary is concerned that the drivers will damage a can and the customer would have to pay for it. Dianne states that those damages will need to be reported to Town Hall and we will discuss the matter with Waste Management.
- iii. Todd asks how much the contract cost the Town a year. It does not cost the Town anything, we collect what they charge the customer.
- iv. Kevin motions to approve Waste Management Contract. Judy seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### 2. FYI – Purchasing outhouses at cemetery and airport

- i. \$260 for the new roof. It will cost \$65 a month to clean it. Having our own will save the Air port money. Purchasing a handicap accessible out house for the cemetery, after two years, would pay for itself. The Cemetery board president is on board and will bring it up at their next meeting.
- ii. Gary asks if the current company supplies the toilet paper. They do, but now we will supply the toilet paper. There is also concern about vandalism. There hasn't been much vandalism to the ones that the Town currently has.
- iii. Drew states that he could discuss the possibility of letting the Town use the out house behind the volunteer station at Whitehorse.

### 3. FYI – Letter written to Town Attorney sent to Ken Cook. Remove vehicles and building from town property in preparation of new fence going up around Well #3 property.

- i. The attorney wrote a letter to Ken Cook and it has been sent. A map of the property was provided that outlined the parcel owned by the Town. The letter states that Ken will need to contact the Attorney with what Ken's plans are to comply with these requests.
- ii. Kerry asks if it is possible to buy an easement from the Town. Gary states that there is a certain amount of land that must be clear around the well head. Some research with the health district would be needed for that.
- iii. Kevin asks how far the well head is from the corner of the shed that is encroaching on the Town's property. It is hard to judge from the map. Kevin agrees with Kerry about a potential easement.
- iv. The biggest concern is the vehicles that are parked on the property that could potentially leak fluids into the ground.

- v. Gary doesn't see an issue with an easement but there would need to be clarification with the health district.
- 4. FYI – DNR Letter of Intent for direct transfer of DNR managed trust land to the Town of Darrington (all land acquisitions must be discussed in executive session)
- 5. Sign on to Letter of Support against the USDA Secretarial Memorandum
  - i. Kevin would like to know who wrote the letter. RVCC wrote the letter. The link was sent from Anjolene Price from Hampton.
  - ii. Kevin would like a more information on what they are against that the USDA is wanting and to have more time to read through the letter before signing on.
  - iii. The Council has decided to table this item.
- 6. Kerry is curious about if there are sharps containers available to be placed to help prevent needles in the park.
  - i. The public works have sharps containers and special pickers to pick up the needles. A part of their rounds is to check the parks and keep an eye out for needles.
- 7. Kerry has brought a flyer from Arlington that lists the events that Arlington has scheduled for the summer and is wondering if that would be something that the Town can do.
  - i. This is something that Town Hall will work on.
- 8. Ernie has a concern with the Alley behind his house. There is garbage that is collecting in the Alley because there is a woodshed that had collapsed from the winter snow and it is partially blocking the Alley way. This has prevented a sheriff from patrolling the Alley and the garbage from being dumped.
  - i. The Public's Works team will check out the collapsed shed.

## VIII. APPROVAL ITEMS

## IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

## X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

## XI. VISITORS

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## XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Judy motions to approve the accounts payable. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

## XIII. ADJOURN

Kevin motions to adjourn April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Town Council Meeting at 8:18 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