

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

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. Gary motions to approve October 9, 2019 minutes; Kerry seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

V. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Mary makes a motion to close the regular Council Meeting. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. OPEN – PUBLIC HEARING- USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunity for new maintenance vehicle

- i. Mary makes a motion to open the Public Hearing for the USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunity for new maintenance vehicle. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- ii. Dianne speaks to the USDA grant that the Town will be applying for.
- iii. Discussion was had by council.
- iv. No public comment.

VII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunity for new maintenance vehicle

- i. Gary makes a motion to close the Public Hearing on the USDA Rural Development Funding Opportunity for new maintenance vehicle. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. OPEN – PUBLIC HEARING- 6 Year Transportation Program Plan

- i. Kevin motions to open the Public Hearing for the 6 Year Transportation Program plan. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- ii. Why is Trail St. extension so high on the list? For emergency purposes, currently there is only one way in and out of Trail St.

- iii. Gary would like to see #6 Seeman Street- from Montague East switched with #7 East Cascade Street.
- iv. It is discussed that the public and Council would like to see Elwell Ave from Darrington Street to Trail Street on the list, preferably set at #6, East Cascade at #7 and Seeman Street – from Montague East to #8.
- v. Discussion was had.

IX. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - 6 Year Transportation Program Plan

- i. Mary motions to close the Public Hearing for the 6 Year Transportation Program Plan. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. OPEN- PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 Town of Darrington Property Tax Levy

- i. Gary motions to open the Public Hearing for the 2020 Town of Darrington Property Tax Levy. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- ii. Jessica Coleman normally votes against tax increases, but she does agree with the property tax levy for the Town. She is comfortable with how the Town handles the income that stems from such increases.
- iii. Discussion was had.

XI. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING- 2020 Town of Darrington Property Tax Levy

- i. Kevin motions to close the Public Hearing for the 2020 Town of Darrington Property Tax Levy. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XII. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Kevin motions to open the regular council meeting. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIII. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Marree Perrault- Presentation on Prevention and Community Survey

- i. November 20th there is a program that discussed the prevention programs in the community, and she is here to invite any and all who would like to come.
- ii. Some of the focuses will be youth and adult substance use.

XIV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. National Prescription Opiate Litigation- Do we want to be a part of the negotiation class action lawsuit?

- i. Gary would like the Town to participate.
- ii. Kevin is concerned about participating in the suit. He does not want to lay all the blame at the feet of the corporations when there are others who should be held responsible. He is also concerned that there is big money involved and that the Town would not necessarily benefit from participating.
- iii. Discussion was had.

- iv. Gary motions to participate in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. Mary seconds. All in favor. 3 approved, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

2. Board of Health – Narcan Distribution Program- Does our town plan to continue supplying Narcan to officers after December 31, 2019?

- i. The mayor has tried to find out how much Narcan is used in Darrington and the Board of Health does not have an answer. Kevin is concerned with the liability and accountability of the situation and concerned that no one seems to have an answer.
- ii. The Narcan that would be purchased, as it became close to expiration, they would be moved to a different area that would have a higher chance of using it.
- iii. Gary would like to know if the Town participates in the program, any Narcan that is used outside of the school district, who would pay to replace it? The Board is looking for support across the county for the program and would like the Town to buy into the program.
- iv. Kevin would like to know the estimated cost of the program.
- v. Mary motions table the discussion on if the Town should supply Narcan to officers after December 31, 2019. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Permissive Encroachment Agreement

- i. Gary would like to know what would happen if the owner sells the property? The agreement would dissolve with the sale of the property.
- ii. The building can stay, but no improvements can be made. If it is taken down, it can not be put back up.
- iii. Kevin is concerned with when the property was built and if the owner was aware that they were building on Town land. If the owner was unaware, then he feels that the Town should be more lenient on the owner.
- iv. Well protection is what is driving the fencing project. The corner of the building in question is within the 100 feet protection buffer.
- v. The well is currently offline, and Kevin would like the owner to continue to have the rights to maintain that portion of the building until the well is scheduled to be put online.
- vi. If the owner refuses to sign, he would have to draft a counter proposal.
- vii. Discussion was had.
- viii. Kevin motions to approve Permissive Encroachment Agreement as amended and for the mayor to sign. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Kevin discusses the mountain bike trails and a discussion he had with a group of bicyclists that had come up.

5. Kevin attended the feasibility study for the Mountain Loop on November 7th. The popular option of the people that had attended was the 18-foot paved roadway. The 4 options are to do nothing, re-gravel and crown the road, paving an 18-foot-wide road, and paving a (34?)30-foot-wide pave road. This is all funded through federal highways.

- i. Discussion was had.

6. Kevin wanted to know if the meters have been installed on Glacier Peak.

- i. No, but the funding is there. Currently, Mt. Hood is installing their meters, the program is waiting to see how the Mt. Hood project goes and to use their data and their project plans to determine the best way to move forward.
7. Gary discusses the decision on DOL.
 - i. Gary, Diane and the Mayor sat down with the Auditors towards the end of October. Unfortunately, the numbers do not support bringing back the service to the office and the regulations that are in place do not work for the Town office.
 - ii. The Auditor's office is currently tracking the numbers for the current services provided the last Friday of the month and are contemplating going to two Fridays a month.

XV. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Annexation –

- i. The council must grant the mayor permission to start the Annexation process which is a feasibility study.
- ii. The Town is looking at bringing the Cemetery and Airport expansions into Town limits plus the potential land acquisition.
- iii. Gary makes a motion for the mayor to start the annexation process. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Approval to Submit EDA- Economic Development Administration grant funding

- i. This funding will go towards land acquisition and improvements to the property.
- ii. Kevin motions to approve submittal of Economic Development Administration grant. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Approval to submit application to CDBG application for Darrington Street/ Elwell Ave Waterline Project.

- i. Ranked #1 project desired to be done.
- ii. Gary motions to approve the submittal of CDBG application for Darrington Street/ Elwell Ave waterline project. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

4. Approval to submit application to CDBG for Mountain Loop Highway Waterline project

- i. Ranked #3 project desired to be done.
- ii. Kevin motions to approve the submittal of CDBG application for Mountain Loop Highway waterline project. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval to submit application to CDBG for Trail Street Waterline project.

- i. Ranked #2 project desired to be done.
- ii. Gary motions to approve the submittal of CDBG application for Trail Street Waterline project. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval to surplus CB antenna

- i. Kevin motions to approve to surplus the CB antenna. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVI. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Approval of Resolution of #308 – 6 Year Transportation Program Plan
 - i. Kevin motions to approve, as amended, Resolution #308, the 6 Year Transportation Program Plan and for the mayor to sign. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approval of Ordinance #749- 2020 Town of Darrington Property Tax Levy
 - i. Gary motions to approve Ordinance #749, the 2020 Property Tax Levy. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Resolution #309- Public Participation Plan for Proposed changes to the Urban Growth Boundary
 - i. Amy discusses the UGA boundary swap. There is land within our UGA that prohibits growth because it is state, privately or tribally owned land and the swap will allow the Town to hit its growth target.
 - ii. Kevin motions to approve Resolution #309 for the Public Participation Plan for Proposed changes to the Urban Growth Boundary. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Can-To-Cane Holiday Food Drive- Block off Givens Ave. from Seeman St. to Cascade St. on December 7, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm.
 - i. There will not be a parade, but they will still have the tree lighting and Santa will be at the lighting. After the tree lighting, Santa will be over at NCFS for pictures.
 - ii. Gary motions to approve the street closure on Givens Ave. from Seeman St. to Cascade St. on December 7, 2019 from 6pm-8pm. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Community Center Broken Windows
 - i. It would benefit the Town to pay for the repair out of pocket and receive a discount for no claims being filed for the year.
 - ii. If the Town pays for the windows, would the Community Center Board seek reimbursement from the guilty parties to pay back the town for the damages.
 - iii. Kevin motions to pay for cost of repair instead of turning into insurance, with the stipulation that if any reimbursement is made from the guilty party it will be paid to the Town. Mary seconds. All in favor. 1 abstained. Motion carried.
6. New position - full time maintenance 3rd person.
 - i. Discussion was had on the benefits of having a 3rd maintenance person.
 - ii. Gary's concern is that 5 months out of the year, there won't be enough work.
 - iii. Kevin is hopeful that the County and the Town can come to an agreement for the North Mountain Baseball fields and the Town will be able to utilize the 3rd maintenance person to help with the upkeep of the fields.
 - iv. Mary motions to create a 3rd person full time maintenance position and permission to advertise for the position. Kevin seconds. All in favor. 2 approved, 2 opposed/ Gary Willis opposed. Mayor votes for approval.

XVII. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Kevin motions to close the regular council meeting. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Open Executive Session – 9:44pm
2. Close Executive Session – 9:58pm
 - i. Kevin moves to close the executive session. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIX. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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XX. MAYOR’S REPORT

XXI. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

XXII. VISITORS

XXIII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XXIV. ADJOURN

Gary motions to adjourn November 13th, 2019 Town Council Meeting at 10:48 PM; Mary seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk / Treasurer