

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2019

### 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. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

### IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary motions to table approval of the November 13, 2019 minutes until amendments can be made; Mary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### V. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### VI. OPEN- PUBLIC HEARING- 2020 BUDGETS

- i. No public comment

### VII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 BUDGETS

### VIII. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### IX. CONTINUED BUSINESS

#### 1. Audit is complete. Exit meeting possibly December 18, 2019

- i. Gary would like to be present for the meeting.

#### 2. Gary would like to know if the Town has heard from Ken Cook on the property agreement.

- i. No, the Town has not heard back from Ken Cook.

#### 3. Kevin would like an update on the water bank

- i. The approval process is at the Department of Ecology.
- ii. Once it is in Ecology's hands, it is on their time frame
- iii. Kevin would like the Council to really start looking at how the Town is going to set up the internal processes for the water bank.

#### 4. Kevin states that the Mountain Loop feasibility study is coming to an end and would like the Town to reaffirm its stance on the project.

#### 5. Kevin states that he has not heard anything else concerning the Grizzly Bears.

- i. The mayor states that it was reported that a grizzly bear had been caught but no word as to what happened to the bear after.

6. Kevin discusses his hope that the council will continue to push forward on the timber industry issue.
7. Kevin Discusses the bike trails. The trails have been listed to hold a large racing event.
8. Kevin asks for an update on the South Stilly project.
  - i. The mayor discusses the timber sales that will be moving forward in 2020
  - ii. Kevin would like the council to invite the new forest service District Ranger to a council meeting. He would like to have a good relationship with the Forest Service.
9. Kevin discusses the meters on Glacier Peak. He would like the council to continue to discuss this project and put pressure on the project.

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

1. Snohomish County Parks, pay flat rate for water year-round no matter amount of water used. (\$90.00) per billing cycle.
  - i. The Town, the County and the School District discussed and determined duties for each party to participate in the upkeep of the park.
  - ii. Fertilizer and topsoil will be provided by the county.
  - iii. Granite Falls is willing to donate topsoil to the rehabilitation project.
  - iv. Gary is in favor of the flat rate as long as there is an MOU signed by all parties involved.
  - v. Gary wants to make sure that that water system can be shut off in the case of an emergency, such as low levels in the tanks.
  - vi. The Mayor explains that part of the discussion that was had, was that the Town would be able to control the flow of water. The goal is to keep the fields healthy.
  - vii. The county is still disusing only have 2 fields, with the third being a multi-use field. It has been discussed that that third field could be used as an off-leash dog park during the off season.
  - viii. Gary makes a motion approve the flat rate contingent on all parties involved signing the MOU. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Snohomish County has banned plastic bags. Does Darrington want to do this?
  - i. Kevin contacted Councilman Nearing, and he has stated that the county has not taken any action on a plastic bag ban.
  - ii. Gary asks Kevin how a ban would affect the IGA. Kevin states that they would just have to change bags. Paper bags are more expensive, so there would have to look into how to handle that change.

## XI. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Snohomish County Health Board Representation
  - i. The mayor would represent Town of Granite falls, City of Arlington, City of Stanwood and the Town of Darrington.
  - ii. Gary motions to approve Mayor Dan Rankin as the representative to the Snohomish County Board of Health. Judy seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Interlocal agreement with Snohomish Health District
  - i. The Health District has decided to fund the Narcan with funding from this agreement

- ii. The Health District could not get any information from the Sheriffs on the amount of Narcan has been used in the past.
  - iii. Kevin would like to have the new sheriff to come to a Council meeting to meet the council and discuss the Narcan issue and other issues.
  - iv. Gary motions to approve the Interlocal agreement with the Snohomish Health District for \$1 per capita. Kevin seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Memorandum of Understanding with Snohomish Co. Parks, Darrington School District, DJAA on maintenance and upkeep of Whitehorse Park.
  - i. Kevin motions to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Sno-Co, School District and DJAA. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Resolution GR 310, Professional Services with Summit Planning Services, Amy Lucas
  - i. Kevin motions to approve Resolution GR 310 Professional Services Contract with Summit Planning, Amy Lucas. Judy seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

## XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Gary has a question on his October 28<sup>th</sup> on Updated Invitation for Fall Fundraiser
  - i. It was a fundraiser for the Glacier Peak Institute and the mayor did weekly updates on the fundraiser.
2. The steering committee meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November was canceled.
3. Gary asked about November 13<sup>th</sup> BOH meeting.
  - i. It was the mayor's Board of Health meeting.

## XIII. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

1. Kevin would like to say what a privilege it has been to be able to be on the Town Council and would like to thank the community and wishes the new council members the best of luck.
2. Kevin would like to say the Gary Willis has been one of the most effect council members that he has had the privilege to work with and would like to recognize him for all that he has done.
3. There needs to be a special council meeting to approve the 2020 Budget. The council decides to hold the special meeting on December 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
4. Gary would like to say that the three council members that will not be returning in 2020 had done a great job serving the community and would like to thank them for their dedication.
5. The mayor takes a moment to recognize those council members that will not be returning in 2020.

## XIV. VISITORS

1. Todd Ronning- Why has the county not removed logs under the Sauk Bridge? It has piled up and is causing erosion on the banks.

2. Todd Ronning would like an update on the water line for the Montague Ave water line project.
  - i. He is concerned about the water freezing and the open ditching.
  - ii. He asks what the standard is for the Town's right away. It is 30 feet from the center line of the road. Some roads are not in the center of the right away and therefore discretion is advised.
3. Stephen Somsen would like to address the leaving council members. He has provided a copy of his remarks.

## XV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

### 1. Accounts Payable/ Monthly Payments

- i. Judy motions to accept the list and approve payments. Mary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

## XVI. ADJOURN

Judy motions to adjourn December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Town Council Meeting at 8:40 PM; Kevin seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

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Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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