

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2020

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7:03 PM

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Neil motions to approve the Agenda. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

### IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary motions to approve the previous meetings minutes; Neil seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### V. CONTINUED BUSINESS

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

1. Potential Opportunity for the Town of Darrington with Water Bank involving the City of Burlington- email from Tom McDonald Cascadia Law
  - i. Kerry would like to know how much the Town would get from Golden Eagle and when it had been decided on. The council has decided on it, \$12,000 a year.
  - ii. Gary ask that the Mayor would give a little more information to the new council members. The Town has water rights off of Toby Creek and the Town has proposed leasing a portion of the water rights by acre foot for a 25-year lease. Golden Eagle and Tom McDonald are setting up a water bank. The rest of the water rights will be eligible for sale. The City of Burlington would like to lease some of the water rights on a yearly basis.
  - iii. Gary thinks that it is a good idea but would like to make sure that when the Town needs water rights for residents in our School District would get precedence over the City of Burlington.
  - iv. Kerry would like to see this go through while the Town waits to get the residences on line.
  - v. Reed would like to know more about the overall plans for the water rights.
  - vi. Gary would like to direct the Mayor discuss this with the City of Burlington. All council members agree.

### VII. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Appendix F: Landowner Acknowledgement Form – in regards to the Darrington Sauk River Park, Skagit River Systems Cooperative is applying or a surfboard grant to pay GPI for the restoration of the park. As owners of the land we need to acknowledge and approve actions.
  - i. Dan explains that the Town received 17 acres on the Sauk River between Petty Ave and Alvord St. and the Town decided to reserve that for a park. There is grant funding that Oak with GPI is working on obtaining to use to develop that park. The Skagit River Systems Cooperative will be overseeing.
  - ii. Gary motions to approve Appendix F: Landowner Acknowledgement Form and for the mayor to sign. Neil seconds. Reed abstains. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Access Easement and Agreement- a perpetual easement for ingress, egress and utilities over, under and across property owned by the Town of Darrington from Alvord Street to Dennis and Cynthia Anderson, James Morgan and Mountain Securities.
  - i. The property is the easement of Alvord. Alvord St stops at Stillaguamish Ave. There are water lines that feed an existing house and there is a property owner who is looking to build a house, that crosses these properties. This will allow the Town to maintain the water line that crosses these properties, and will allow the meters to be placed at the individual properties.
  - ii. Gary would like verification on if the meters are already on an easement. No, as it is, the meters are right by the house, which the Town is responsible right up to the meter. With this, the Town will move the meters to the edge of the property lines and the residences will then be responsible for the waterline from where the meters will be placed to their individual houses.
  - iii. Kerry motions to approve access easement and agreement and for the Mayor to sign. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

## VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The mayor discusses his calendar. Due to Covid-19, he has not attended any meetings down below. He does have a daily call to discuss the situation with the county executives, the health district, economic development and disaster response team from Snohomish County. There is another phone in meeting that he has every week to discuss the Covid-19 situation. The mayor, Gary and Billie have been spearheading another call-in meeting with leaders from the community to correlate efforts in regards to Covid-19

## IX. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

1. Gary would like to get the word out that the prisoners will not be available to mow the cemetery due to Covid -19 and that people need to be mowing their plots.

## X. VISITORS

## XI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/ Monthly Payments.

2. Gary, Neil have come in and signed the vouchers.

- i. Gary motions to approve accounts payable. Neil seconds. Reed approves, Billie approves and Kerry approves. Motion carried.

## XII. ADJOURN

Neil motions to adjourn April 8, 2020 Town Council Meeting at 7:43 PM; Billie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

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Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer