

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

1. Gary Willis-Present
2. Kerry Frable-Absent
3. Billie Burtenshaw-Present
4. Reed Rankin-Present
5. Neil Comeau-Present
6. Dan Rankin-Present
7. Dianne Allen-Present
8. Kim Thoms-Present
9. Ivy Langston-Present

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. Neil motions to approve October 14, 2020 minutes; Reed seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

V. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Dan closes the regular council meeting at 7:02 pm. Gary motions to close the regular council meeting, Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

VI. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 Property tax levy

- i. Dan opens the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm.
- ii. Gary asks how much public is attending. Ivy and Susan are present.

VII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

- i. Dan closes the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

VIII. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Dan opens the regular council meeting at 7:04 pm.

IX. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- i. The Community Transit meeting Gary attended was a Zoom meeting and Gary was present. Gary wasn't sent any information and he had to contact Rachel for the proper information. They elected councilman Sid Roberts from Stanwood. Gary talked to him and he was a perfect fit.
- ii. Gary discusses the Community Center floor. They hired ALS to repair the floor and they did a fantastic job. They leveled the old flooring and glued it on top of concrete and it looks great. There wasn't enough to finish the kitchen but the contractor had old flooring he was able to sell to the community center to finish the kitchen. The propane company will be coming up to hook the stoves back up next week. The floor cost \$8,000, which is less than they were expecting. Gary says the Community Center worked hard at fundraising to afford this. He says it would be nice if Town Council would consider helping the Community Center since the Town owns the building. Gary also states the berm will be a problem because when it is plowed the snow will fall on the other side and melt in. We need to keep an eye on it, but the berm does look professionally made. Dianne says with the funds we received for Covid help, they could fill an application to receive reimbursement for their profit loss due to Covid. Gary asks if the money could go towards the floor. Dan says if they add what their profit loss from the beginning of the Covid shut down, they could apply for help. Gary asks when it would need to be finished, and Dianne said by the end of this week. Gary will talk to the Community Center about applying. Gary also asks if they will need a business license to apply for the Covid funds. Dianne said as long as they are a 501-C3 they just need to apply with the Department of Revenue and register as a non-profit organization within our community. Gary said they were worried about getting taxed as a business, and Dan said they won't as long as they are registered as a 501-C3. Reed asks how much we have left and when it needs to be spent. Dianne explains we have \$15,000 left that needs to be spent by the end of this month. We gave the family support center \$4,000, and the food bank \$6,000. Neil motions to give Darrington Community Club up to \$6,000 for Covid related impacts to their 501. Reed seconds. All in favor. Gary abstains. Motion is carried.
- iii. Gary asks where we are at with the Darrington collaborative. Dan said they are working at a BA the Seagulson Finny block. We were put back to work two weeks ago. We have put in a years' worth of work. The whole point of getting their projects out of the way is so next year they can dedicate their staff to the North Forks Stilly. They are hoping by 2022 there will be a timber sale. The EA is for 60,000 acres.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Ordinance 755, establishing the distribution of 2021 property tax revenue
 - i. Gary asks what the cost would be to the increase.
 - ii. Reed motions to approve Ordinance 755 establishing the distribution of 2021 property tax. – Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Ordinance 756, 2021 Property Tax levy with an increase of 1%.

- i. Dianne says the cost per household is approximately \$4.38. It's due this month, we need each council member to sign. Gary said he won't be able to sign by Monday. Dan asks if he can meet up in the evening to sign. Gary agrees.
- ii. – Reed motions to approve Ordinance 756, 2021 Property Tax levy with an increase of 1%. – Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Ordinance 757, Amending Chapter 17 – Accessory Dwelling

- i. Dan explains this ordinance has been in our books but it has been over cumbering, so they've simplified it. Snohomish County Health District will have to approve any new bedrooms in accessory dwelling. Dianne said this is more of a definition to be used towards a tiny home as long as it doesn't have an axel. Gary asks for Dianne to explain paragraph 9D. Dan explains that a detached garage or carport with an accessory dwelling cannot exceed 1500 square feet without a baring. They didn't change anything except on D. Gary asks on paragraph D if it is saying you can put a dwelling on a zero-lot line. Dianne said in a medium density area.
- ii. Reed motions to Approve Ordinance 757, Accessory Dwelling Units and Uses. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval for HMA Engineering to do the engineering work on the awarded 2019-2020 CDBG grants (Trail Street Waterline, Mountain Loop Highway Waterline, Darrington Street & Elwell Ave Waterline). - Request for Qualification closed Oct 30, @ 3pm.

- i. Dianne explains the companies that have submitted their applications.
- ii. Neil motions to approve and award engineering contract to HMA Engineering for 2019-2020 CDBG waterline projects. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- iii. Reed asks if there is anything we can do to help the post office. Dan explains he is having more discussions with USPS in Colorado and Washington. He has not gotten an answer. He is having a conference tomorrow with our congresswomen to see what she has found. He's trying to keep the conversation alive. An inspector came after the flood and he discovered something, we do not know for sure. Postmaster explains they don't have any details and were told to close the doors. They have one tent, and Public Works has provided a tent to protect from the weather conditions. Gary is bothered because no one is asking for proof of identification to receive mail. He thinks they should create an ID process for it. Dan is going to talk to the postmaster to try and make it a protocol.
- iv. 7:42 Neil sends a message via chat to let the council know that his computer was going to reset.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

- i. We have a loan agreement that is sent off to our legal counsel. It'll be presented to our council at the November 24th meeting. On the December meeting we need to be prepared for the discussion of annexation after the property closes.
- ii. Susan says we are breaking ground in spring. In January the permits will be submitted to the town, and March or April we will be finalizing.
- iii. Dan continues to participate in Mayor meetings.

- iv. Reed asks how and if there is a plan to pivot to involving education for the youth and our people to be ready for these jobs now and in the future. Dan explains that it's being discussed.

XII. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. No discussion.

XIII. VISITORS

- i. No discussion.

XIV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/ Monthly Payments.

- i. Gary motions to approve the accounts payable/ monthly payments. Neil seconds. All in favor.
Motion carried

XV. ADJOURN

Gary motions to adjourn November 4, 2020 Town Council Meeting at 8:06 PM; Neil seconds; all in favor; Motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer