

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Gary motions to approve the Agenda. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary would like the minutes revised. Gary motions to approve November 4, 2020 minutes; Reed seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Approval of contract with Snohomish County Corrections for jail services
 - i. Reed motions to approve jail services contract with Snohomish County Corrections and for the mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Darrington Community Center Club request for financial support. – Funds to come out of Dept. of Commerce COVID-19 funding.
 - i. Gary states the revenue has gone way down because of covid. They are still having to pay all their expenses without their regular revenue coming in. Mikey Coleman found a leak in the

roof while she was cleaning. It was found early enough, so there was no damage, but now they have to pay for a roofer and continue to maintain the building. They need the Covid funding.

- ii. Neil motions to donate \$6,000 to the Darrington Community Center Club from the Dept of Commerce COVID-19 funds. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Gary abstains.

3. Darrington Fire District 24 request for financial support. – Funds to come out of Dept. of Commerce COVID-19 funding.

- i. Gary motions to donate \$5,499.85 to the Darrington Fire District 24 from the Dept of Commerce COVID-19 funds. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Darrington Food Bank request for additional financial support – Funds to come out of Dept. of Commerce COVID-19 funding.

- i. Since Covid the communities need for the food bank has increased, but the volunteers are in the weather due to the fact the food bank has to have a drive thru system because of social distancing. They had to get a carport costing 1,200. They also needed to purchase reflective vests. Gary would like to see them reimbursed with the Covid funds. Adrienne states they have tripled the amount of people the food bank assists. On Monday they served 200 turkey dinners, including the deliveries to the seniors. She is thankful for the carport and the vests. She's contacted deputy Wilson about the traffic on 530. It's cold, a lot of the senior volunteers had to warm up in their cars. They would be thankful for any help we can provide. She also states they need cones, and better signage to direct the drive thru system. They are relying on donations and grants to keep this going. Neil wonders how much they are asking exactly. Gary would like to see the food bank receive \$1,700. Reed states the food bank deserves the most funding because they are one of the biggest needs right now.
- ii. Billie motions to donate \$6,000 to the Darrington Food Bank from the Dept of Commerce COVID-19 funds. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried. Gary abstains.

5. Loan Agreement between Town of Darrington and Forterra NW (Commerce Bank) for the purchase of the real property parcel number 32091400200300 located on SR 530.

- i. Gary motions to authorize acceptance of the Assignment of the Option Agreement with Forterra for the acquisition of the Grandy Lakes property and authorize entry into loan and lease documents subject to final negotiation, review and approval by the Mayor and Town Attorney. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.
- ii. -motions to approve loan agreement between Town of Darrington and Forterra NW (Commerce Bank) for the purchase of the real property parcel number 32091400200300 located on SR 530 and for the mayor to sign. -seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Discussion of the 2021 Budgets.

- i. No discussion.

VI. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING -2021 BUDGETS

- i. Dan opens the public hearing.
- ii. No comment from the public.

VII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

- i. Reed motions to close the public hearing, Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Approval of Ordinance 758, establishing the budget for 2021

- i. Gary asks if the county is still paying for the fertilizer for the parks. Dianne isn't sure about the fertilizer, but she doesn't believe we purchased it. Her discussion with Parks was about a flat rate for the water. They've used more than expected, so we need to reevaluate after winter. They aren't too happy about it. Dan states the only park we were responsible for is mowing. According to the ILA we are not responsible for fertilizer. Gary worries since they are upset about the water situation, they might want to say something about how expensive the fertilizer is.
- ii. Neil motions to approve Ordinance 758 establishing the budget for 2021. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- iii. Gary asks about the North Forks Stilly sale and why there is protests. Dan states the lawsuit pertains to several things. They argue that the analysis for the BA was not complete enough for the protection of protected species and fish. The conservation community are not happy about the lawsuit. Gary asks if the Town could write a letter to support the sale. Gary also asks how long this could tie the timber sale up. Dan doesn't think it will make it through circuit court.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

- i. Dan talks about the mayor's exchange from yesterday. Some cost estimators are formalizing the budget for the wood innovation center, and it looks like we are going to stay within our budget. Our legal group is aiding the Town of Darrington to make sure we are getting what we plan for.

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. No discussion.

XI. VISITORS

- i. Adrienne thanks the town for supporting the food bank. She also states Monday's turkey dinner event was covered by the Everett Herald.

XII. ADJOURN

- i. Neil motions to adjourn November 23, 2020 Town Council Meeting at 7:50 PM. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer