

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 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. Dan Rankin - Present
7. Dianne Allen - Present
8. Ivy Langston - Present
9. Kim Thoms - 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. Gary motions to approve November 24, 2020 minutes; Neil seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### V. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- i. Gary read the letter from Congresswoman DelBene about the post office, and was impressed. He still believes they should be asking for identification to receive mail, but he's glad they are fixing the building. Dan states they are hoping to have the lobby open by Friday.
- ii. Gary asks if the town has decided to write a letter to the Forest Service about the Stilly Project. Dan states we are going through conversations with our lawyer about what it entails to be an intervener.
- iii. Gary asks about the Water Bank, and if we are going to see it in spring of 2021. Dianne states that they are still gathering comments from the tribes and it's still in Ecology. Gary wants to know if there is anything to do to push it along. Dianne isn't sure but she will look into it. Kerry asks if we can have a timeline from Ecology.

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

1. Ordinance 759 – distribution of property tax for 2021 budgets
  - i. Neil motions to approve Ordinance 759 and for the Mayor to sign; Reed seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.
  
2. Contract agreement between Town of Darrington and HMA Engineering – for 2020-2021 CDBG water projects
  - i. Gary motions to approve Contract agreement between Town of Darrington and HMA Engineering for the 2020-2021 CDBG water projects and for the Mayor to sign; Neil seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.
  
3. Ordinance 760 – New Municipal Code Chapter 12.05 “Franchise for use of Right-Of-Way”
  - i. Reed motions to approve Ordinance 760 – New Municipal Code Chapter 12.05 “Franchise for use of Right-Of-Way and for the Mayor to sign; Neil seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.
  
4. Ordinance 761 – Amending Municipal Code Title 17 relating to Wireless Communication Facilities and Small Cell Facilities
  - i. Reed asks if they are required to plant trees only if we ask. Dianne said yes.
  - ii. Neil motions to approve Ordinance 761 – Amending Municipal Code Title 17 relating to Wireless Communication Facilities and Small Cell Facilities and for the Mayor to sign; Billie seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.
  
5. Board of Health Representation
  - i. Reed motions to approve Mayor Dan Rankin to represent the Town of Darrington on the Snohomish County Board of Health and for Dianne to sign letter; Neil seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried. Gary abstains.

## VII. Close Regular Council Meeting

- i. Dan closes the regular meeting at 7:26 pm.

## VIII. Open Public Hearing on Tib 6-Year Transportation Plan

- i. Dianne explains that the plan is the same as 2019. This plan is given to WA State Department of Transportation. We have to submit it every year.

## IX. Close Public Hearing

- i. Dan closes the public meeting at 7:31 pm.

## X. Open Regular Council Meeting

- i. Dan opens the regular council meeting.

## 6. Resolution GR 323 – TIB 6-year transportation plan

- i. Gary would like to move the Trail Street Project above Commercial Avenue Project.
- ii. Gary motions to approve Resolution GR 323, TIB 6-year Transportation Plan and for the Mayor to sign; Billie seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.

## XI. MAYOR’S REPORT

- i. Dan mentions again that the Post Office is about ready to open.
- ii. Dan brings up Covid-19 as of today. We are critically watching the numbers. Numbers are high.
- iii. Gary watched the Zoom meeting for the town of Hamilton. They are planning to build a new town across from the original town. He asks if the CLT facility can produce material for the Hamilton Project, and Dan said yes.

## XII. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. Gary went over to the new campground, and he is impressed. He does wish they would put up a sign, sort of like a map for the sites and everything that will be out there. Dan said he would e-mail Sharon Swan about it.

## XIII. VISITORS

- i. Harrison Kuo from Lynnwood has two comments. Firstly, he talks about the Destination Darrington website. He thinks there is some broken links. Dianne states we are contracted through Earth & Sky, and we are getting no response from them. We only have limited authority on our side, and we can’t fix those issues. Our contract is over with them after December. Harrison volunteered to help fix the website. He also asks if Darrington has considered getting a “.gov” website. Dan explains all the “.gov” are taken, and we can’t pay the price to obtain one.
- ii. Drew Bono states he has a few comments in the chat. Jon Allen states he has a comment in the chat. Harrison Kuo gives us his email.
- iii. Drew shows his appreciation for the Covid funding for the Fire District. They were able to buy new tablets. He also appreciates the Public Works staff for flushing the hydrants. He appreciates the city staff and council for the attention they have put towards the post office.
- iv. Jon Allen suggests we give our businesses a plaque to express thanks and recognition for being essential businesses during the Covid pandemic.

## XIV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

### 1. Accounts Payable/ Monthly Payments.

- i. Neil motions to approve the accounts payable/ monthly payments; Billie seconds; All in favor; Motion carried. Gary abstains because he didn’t look at the vouchers.

## XV. ADJOURN

- i. Neil motions to adjourn December 7, 2020 Town Council Meeting at 8:01 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