

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7:01 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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Neil motions to approve the Agenda. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried. Gary is not present for this motion.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Neil motions to approve January 13, 2020 minutes; Kerry seconds; All in favor. Motion is carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

- i. Shawn Fredrick is present, the health advisor for the Snohomish County Health District. He says their main focus over the last two years was improving the health district. One of the things they do involve Environmental Health Vision, like inspections in restaurants, grocery stores, schools, septic systems, house complaints, etc. They did have to change their system a little bit for the year 2020, but they were able to continue. The Prevention Service Division have a huge part is disease study and prevention. A huge topic in vaccines has been the Vaccines for Children Program. That program essentially provides free vaccines for those who may not have adequate insurance, and they are provided by the government free of charge. He mentions the Covid-19 response. Snohomish County had the first confirmed case is the US in January of 2020. The patient was safely transferred and they started the process of study. They've provided a lot of awareness, began drive-in testing, and much more. They've engaged in all areas needed necessary to help spread awareness of Covid-19. He states about every zip code has been

affected by Covid-19. A huge goal is if someone falls ill, there is bedspace provided in their time of need. Also, disease prevention and containment has kept track of all cases and testing numbers. In recent weeks they have noticed a decrease a need for testing, which coincides with the increased need for vaccines. There aren't enough vaccines right now. This week has been the biggest number of doses they have received, which was only about 20,000. They are working on becoming a more financially stable health district. They've worked towards creating a foundation with the goal to make it a 501C3, which allows funding sources not usually accessible. If they are able to implement all of the plans, they are hoping to provide over 1,000 vaccines a week. Many locations all over the county has stepped forward to support and allow mass vaccination.

- ii. Jim Hales asks if management change take place in the Health District Septic Division, what year will they be implemented. Shawn states he doesn't expect any management change.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Resolution GR No.324 – approval to transfer funds from the Street Fund to the Parks Fund to balance year end 2020 budgets
 - i. Neil motions to approve Resolution GR No. 324 and for the Mayor to sign. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

2. Resolution GR No. 325 – approval to transfer funds from the Street Fund to the Library Fund to balance year end 2020 budgets
 - i. Reed motions to approve Resolution Gr No. 325 and for the Mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

3. Ordinance No.762.- 2020 Year End Budgets
 - i. This reflects what our year end forward carry will be, and our deficits amended.
 - ii. Kerry motions to approve Ordinance 762, 2020 year-end budgets and for the Mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

4. Ordinance No. 763- 2021 budgets
 - i. All this did was add in all the year-end carry forward amounts to update this budget.
 - ii. Neil motions to approve Ordinance 763, 2021 budgets and for the Mayor to sign. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

5. Darrington Food Bank letter of proposal to relocate with portable trailers to the already approved airport property per Lease with the Darrington Food Bank.

- i. Lavinia Bryson is present. She's asking for approval just in case they need to move quickly. Gary states that a water line is showed on Sauk Avenue. IGA has an easement down the south side of that property. He thinks there should be some writing involved so no one in the future digs it up. Dianne said they have it already, it just wasn't included in the packet. Jim also states it's recorded with the health district.
 - ii. Gary asks how they will get power to the trailers without an outlet to do that. He thinks there should be a licensed electrician to come install something to allow them to get power. Lavinia states the food bank has had an electrician look at it, and has a State licensed electrician willing to work with them. Gary asks how long it will be temporary. She says if all goes well, maybe around 3-4 years. She's hoping nothing happens to where they don't have to move.
 - iii. Reed motions to approve Darrington Food Bank to move its operation to the already approved area on the airport. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

6. Wireless Internet pole placements – approval of sites 1,2,3,4,6 (site 5 has been already eliminated)
 - i. Dan states per conversation with Drew Bono, Drew speculates they will only use 3 of these locations. Gary asks about the pole on Montague Avenue, and he is concerned about flight line and had Jim Hale, the Air Port Manager, take a look at it. Jim states he went to Washdot and gave coordinates. Anything that has to do with 5 miles from airport that is protruding has to be looked at. The tower on Montague Avenue is okay up to 60 feet. Washdot highly recommends they put a red light at the top of the pole. They also want a form filled out for all the poles that are going up higher than the PUD poles. Then the poles will be recorded and the FAA will already know what poles are out there and where they are at. Jim Hale recommends we don't approve the permit until there is some type of writing that there will be a light and that the forms have been turned in to the FAA.
 - ii. Gary motions to approve wireless internet pole placements, sites 1,2,3,4,6. on contingent on Washdot regulations that they fill out forms, and in writing state that they will put a red light on the Montague Avenue pole. Neil. seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

7. State of WA Application to enter a Water Right into the Trust Water Right Program
 - i. Reed asks the difference between the application and the agreement. The application is for us to enter water rights into the trust program. The agreement is with Washington State Department of Ecology is to make everything work after the water is in our trust program.
 - ii. Gary asks on page 2, who is the owner of all the locations if it says no, we don't own all of it. Ecology filled this out.
 - iii. Neil motions to approve the State of Washington Application to enter a Water Right into the Trust Water Right Program and for the Mayor to sign. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

8. Final Water Baking Agreement with the WA St Dept of Ecology.
 - i. Gary asks about page 3. Dianne states we will set the time limit. Dan states when it comes to creating this water bank, he wants to do this properly with the input of our council. Reed

states that his big fear is having all of the farmland subdivided and putting as many lots in as possible, because we will never get the farmland back.

- ii. Neil motions to approve the Water Baking Agreement with the WA St Dept of Ecology and for the Mayor to sign. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

9. FYI – comments of the Draft ADU intent & Model Code – Does council have any comments that they would like us to add to the Mayors comment letter?

- i. Dan states the creator of the document didn't take rural communities into consideration. Kerry wants to know if we can see the letter before it goes out. Dan said absolutely. Jim Hale says it's been in the interest in the town for a while to have distance between houses. And with these tiny homes, they can fit into these smaller extra lots. And when the tiny homes get old and lose value, we will see a lot more undesirables moving in and lessening the quality of our town. Dan states we can't meet all the criteria to this legislation. He also states if someone builds a tiny home on their property, they cannot subdivide and sell the tiny home by itself. Jim states if it is on a different tax parcel, the owner could sell it by itself.
- ii. Gary asks when the letter is due. Dan states he is not sure. Planning Commission made input last week. There isn't a bill number applied yet, Dan just wanted to make comment how this is important to show how this will affect rural communities.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Interlocal Agreement between Sno Co and the Town for \$ 10,000.00 from REET funds to fund improvements related to building of historic industry equipment (donated logging equipment)

- i. Dan states these grants can only be used for capital improvements. We can use it to build the structure for the logging equipment to be displayed, but not for transport. Kerry asks if it will be scattered around the community. Dan said that has been a discussion here in office. Reed asks how much of our own money we might need to use to do this. If people volunteer their time for transport, the Town could reimburse their gas. There are more details that haven't been solidified. Neil asks if we can pick what we want, and Dianne was told its an all or nothing deal. Dan states if we take it all, we don't have to keep it all.
- ii. Neil motions to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Sno Co and the Town for \$ 10,000.00 REET funds for improvements related to building of historic industry equipment and for the Mayor to sign. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.
- iii. Jim asks if we have entertained the idea of a gated museum so the equipment can remain preserved. Dan agrees we need to protect smaller items, but a lot of the larger items will stay put.

2. Liquor and Cannabis Board – approval of new business in Darrington Moe's.

- i. Craig and Kaitlin Davis from Moe's are present. Dianne states there are forms council have to fill out with approval, or objection. Reed asks if it's just beer and wine, or if there will be cocktails. Craig states there will be beer, wine, and cocktails.
- ii. Reed motions to approve new liquor license at Moe's and for Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried. Neil abstains.

3. Resolution 326 establishing a Public Participation Plan for proposed changes to the future land use map.
 - i. Gary asks what the resolution actually is. Dan states this is how we received the application from Amy. The applicant applied to the Town of Darrington to change our comprehensive plan. This is the process the Town will have to go through to submit a yes or no to the docket to change the comprehensive plan. This is only for the applicant. If there was a new applicant, it would have to be a separate plan. Lavinia wanted to state she was part of a proposed rezone years ago. Workshops were a huge help with Planning Commission and Town Council to work together to read, and work through the process. Gary wants to see a map with all of our zoning, and Dianne states that we have new ones being created and will be done soon.
 - ii. Kerry motions to approve Resolution 326 establishing a Public Participation Plan for proposed changes to the future land use map. Neil seconds.
Roll call vote.
Gary no.
Kerry yes.
Billie yes.
Reed abstains.
Neil yes.
Motion is carried.

4. Resolution 327- agreement between Town of Darrington and Community Economic Revitalization Board for aid in financing the costs to create the Darrington Wood Innovation Center.
 - i. Gary asks if there is prospect to have consistent wood to keep this plant going. Dan says there will be.
 - ii. Neil motions to approve Resolution 327 – agreement with Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for the aid in financing the cost to create the Darrington Wood Innovation Center. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- i. Most of Dan's time has been put towards the lease agreement for the placement of the facility of the Wood Innovation Center. Through this process, we've contracted a building inspector to do the plan review, and site inspections as this project moves forward. We've been working towards fire marshal services, and we are hoping for a proposal soon. We are also working with DNR finalizing the triangle for access for the industrial sight. We hope to close with Grandy Lakes on the property on or before March 24th. We might need two council meetings a month for a little while until a lot of this is finalized, and then we can presume normal monthly meetings. Dan states that him and Dianne have decided to make Ivy Langston a full-time part of the team at Town Hall as a permanent employee starting March 1st.

IX. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. Reed asks if we could do a tour of the Town's infostructures and spaces. Dan states we could in March.

X. VISITORS

- i. Shawn Fredrick, Craig and Kaitlin Davis, Jim Hale, and Marree Perrult are present.

XI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments

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

XII. ADJOURN

Gary motions to adjourn February 10, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 9:30 PM; Neil seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer