

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

March 25, 2021

### 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

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Dan would like to move the public meeting to after approval of minutes. Kerry motions to approve the Agenda with amendments. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

### IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Neil motions to approve March 10, 2021 minutes. Kerry seconds; All in favor. Motion is carried.

### V. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Dan closes regular council meeting as of 7:03.

### VI. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING MEETING – Annexation of 93.6 acres into Town Limits

- i. Adrienne Hall asks if the purpose of annexing the property is for housing. Dan states it isn't. It is an industrial sight and will continue to be an industrial site. Adrienne is all for the annexation.
- ii. Jon Allen asks what the proposed use will be for the land. Dan answers that it will be used to build the Darrington Wood Innovation Center. Jon asks if there is a manufacturing concept here. Dan says yes. Jon asks if there an is educational aspect. Dan said there would be in a mass wood area. It will be bringing education about mass timber and forestry. Adrienne is the CTE chair at the high school. She is part of linking career aspects for future jobs and

education with the Wood Innovation Center. They will give kids exposure to what is available in town for future jobs to avoid a commute.

- iii. Jon Allen asks if there is blueprints or drawings made for the center itself. Dan states the project is private, and the Town of Darrington is only on the civil side, not the architectural side. Jon Allen states the 92-acre annexation is a lot of land and wonders if the blueprints are going to need that much. Dan states that right now it will be 30 acres (+,-) being developed now. 30 acres (+,-) for future development. Then 32 acres (+,-) near the Whitehorse Trail are set aside for conservation easements of exploration and education. Jon Allen asks for clarification on the definition of annexation. If we are going to add 92 acres to the Town, then do we have to take away 92 acres from the Town. Dan states the annexation process goes back to the GMA (Grown Management Act), the growth boundaries of the town. After the GMA was established, the Town created the UGA (Urban Growth Area) that the town could potentially grow into. We can expand throughout the UGA. The Town can “annex”, or grow into portions of our UGA. It takes around 60% of landowners in the area for it to happen. In this case it is only town owned land in this section of the UGA. If we expand our UGA in one area, that is when we have to take away from another area.

## VII. CLOSE PUBLIC HERING MEETING

- i. Dan closes the public meeting at 7:17.

## VIII. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Nikki Thompson is an attorney from the offices of Weed, Graafstra, & Associates She goes over the highlights of the day in the office. The office has been working with the town with the Darrington Wood Innovation Center. Today there was a hiccup. The office has decreased staffing level due to Covid-19. They don't have recording numbers just yet for the new ordinance. It has been delivered to the County. She anticipates to record tomorrow, but Dan wanted her to explain there will be a 5-day grace period for ordinance to set. Gary asks if it will be recorded within the 5-day grace period and Nikki replies most likely. Gary asks if it is business days or calendar days. Nikki states it will be calendar days, and if it needs to happen, Dan can call a meeting if it doesn't record by Monday.

## IX. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Rescind Contract with Pacific Rim Code Services – for building inspection for DWIC project
  - i. Dan states they have reviewed all the contracts, and the easiest way to move the projects forward to rescind this contract and go through the RFSQ (Request for Statement of Qualifications) process.
  - ii. Gary motions to rescind contract with Pacific Rim Code Services. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

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

1. Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Emergency Management Services – extent the current contract for another 3 years.
  - i. This has been in place for a number of years. All the mayors of Snohomish County are on the board of directors for emergency management and Dan attends the meetings regularly. They are very helpful and activated for not just Covid-19, but during the heroin epidemic, natural disasters, and even the 2014 Oso mudslide.

- ii. Gary states they also helped funding the electric reader board. Dianne states she doesn't have the amendment yet but we can either approve it now, or table it for the amendment. Gary asks if the fee will be the same. It will, but the time period would be different. Gary asks will hurt to table it, and Dianne confirms it won't
    - iii. Gary makes a motion to table until the amendment. Neil Seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.
2. Pasado's Safe Haven – do we want a discussion with them to bring animal services in Darrington?
  - i. Dianne states there was an email from the Snohomish County sheriff, he wants to know if we are interested in starting a conversation with Pasado to provide animal services that Snohomish County Animal Control does not provide. There was an incident that Snohomish County could not do, and Pasado was able to help out. If we start the conversation it could make Pasado easier to come in. Gary asks how many incidences there has been, Dianne only knows of the one. Gary asks if it has to do with abandonment, Dianne concurs, and a lot of the time they deal with large animals. Neil thinks a good idea to spark the conversation, Gary agrees it won't hurt. Council agrees.
3. Contract with Department of Commerce – CERB
  - i. We have submitted everything a week ahead of time and the contract arrived this week.
  - ii. Reed motions to approve the contract with Department of Commerce – CERB and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor, Motion is carried.
4. Lease agreement with new owners of Darrington IGA to lease 20,000sf septic tank drain-field.
  - i. Dianne believes it was asked to put this on the agenda, but after speaking to the previous owners, it isn't ready for the agenda yet. Kevin Ashe, one of the previous owners is present. Kevin states the lease agreement has been sent out to the new owner, council could approve it now, or we can table it for the next meeting. We are waiting for the agreement to be signed by the new owner. Kevin states they have a 5-tank septic system at the store. They didn't have enough property for it when it was put in, so they lease some of the airport property to have room for this. Kerry asks if the square footage also includes the reserve drain field, Kevin believes so. Kevin also notes that the system is inspected twice a year, and it is recorded with the county. The water is very clean, and is referred to as “drinkable”.
  - ii. Gary motions to approve the lease agreement on continuance that the new owner signs the lease agreement. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.
5. Resolution No. GR 328 – MRSC Rosters Model Small Public Works, Consultant, and Vendor Roster
  - i. Dianne explains that during the course of this construction, she thought we were part of the MRSC roster, but we aren't. To do so, we have to pass a resolution, a contract, and a fee. This will allow us to not only pull from entities we know of in the area, but we can pull from the roster state wide in contract. We can only join twice a year, so if we get in by their May deadline, we can use this by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gary asks if the businesses on our roster can move onto this roster, and if we will be telling our vendors. Dianne states they would be and we are sending notice. It is open to vendors all the time, but only to municipality twice a year. Gary asks when we are sending out the notice. Dianne says they will be going out with the July? 1<sup>st</sup>

tax forms. Kerry asks if we are pulling off the new roster for the CLT. Dianne says no, we already have multiple positions out to bid. Gary is hoping some of the locals will be able to get some of the business through the making of the CLT project.

- ii. Reed motions to approve Resolution GR 328 – MRSC as the Town of Darrington’s official roster host. Approval for Mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

6. Contract with MRSC to host the Town of Darrington’s Small Works and Consultant Rosters

- i. Dianne explains this is just the contract that goes along with the resolution 328.
- ii. Neil motions to approve the contract with MRSC and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

7. Approval to submit federal appropriations request to Representative Susan DelBene – PUD fees

- i. Discussion was held.
- ii. Some of the requirements the town has for industrial use, we can lessen part of the landscaping. Dan thinks we can still pull this off with the 8 million if we don’t receive this funding, but it will help.
- iii. Gary motions to approve submittal request to Rep S. DelBene office for PUD fees and for the Mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

8. Notice of liquor license application – Darrington Supermarket

We have to approve a new applicant, and sign to give our approval.

Reed motions to approve the Darrington Supermarket liquor license. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

9. Approval to submit AARP Livable Communities grant application – due April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – (trail on CLT property

- i. We are asking to submit a grant for development of the trail through the CLT property. It will go from the road by the cemetery to Whitehorse Trail, and will continue to Whitehorse Park. The trail is part of the CLT property, and since we are over with the PUD budget, Dianne is looking for funding for this aspect elsewhere
- ii. Neil motions to approve the submittal of AARP Livable Communities grant application and for the Mayor to sign. Reed seconds, All in favor. Motion is carried.

10. Ordinance No. 764- annexation of Town owned 93.6 acres previously known as the Grandy Lakes property

- i. Neil motions to approve Ordinance No. 764 - annexation of 93.6 acres of Town owned property and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

## XI. MAYOR’S REPORT

- i. Lots of work has been put in to get ready for closing, and getting funding requests together the last two weeks since our last meeting. We can have two separate fire marshal contracts for building purposes, and inspection purposes.
- ii. Gary asks if we are in Phase 3 for Covid-19. Gary asks if April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in person. Dan states it won’t. Because some people might not be comfortable coming to an in-person

meeting, we would have to have an electronic play to include the people. We don't have the equipment to do so. Only Lynnwood is in person now because they have created an access channel. Gary asks if we will have in person meetings by phase 4. Dan is hoping so. The planning commission has requested to go in person by May. With the 50% compacity in the council chambers, it allows 10 people. Dan states we might still need to provide an electronic play, so planning commission will probably remain on Zoom.

## XII. VISITORS

- i. Jon Allen tunes in about the MRSC. He asks if this is a roster that we can choose services from and if its available to everyone. Dan says yes. Jon asks what kind of instrument or vehicle is coming to let our local businesses know to get on that roster. Dan states that a notice is going out with every business & occupation tax form in July.
- ii. Elliot Omerick is present, he asks about the annexation location. Dan states that there will be a new access road built by the cemetery.

## XIII. ADJOURN

- i. Gary motions to adjourn March 25, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 8:14 PM; Neil seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

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Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer