

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 14, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

- i. Mayor calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Neil motions to approve the Agenda. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary motions to approve June 09, 2021 minutes; Billie seconds; All in favor. Motion is carried.

V. CLOSE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

VI. OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:01 p.m.

VII. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OPEN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:45 p.m.

IX. POSSIBLE ACTION PER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- i. Need more information.

X. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Wyonne Perault – street closures for National Night Out

- i. This will be in person. The state has provided money to promote the vaccine, and the pharmacist has brought the vaccine to ages 12 and up to town. There will be a \$500 winner this night for someone who has proved they have the vaccine. They will need permission to shut down some streets for this. There is mention of closing part of Givens Avenue, probably just to Cascade Street. Railroad will probably need to be closed as well. This will most likely be the primary parking. This event will be August 3rd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ii. Gary motions to close the corner of Seeman Street and Givens Avenue to Cascade Street, Cascade Street to Railroad Avenue, and Railroad Avenue to Seeman Street. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

XI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Forterra and DWIC – Extension of evidence of financial ability to November 30, 2021
 - i. Dan explains the DWIC is working through \$75,000,000 of funding that will take some time. It is projected between September to November 30th. Gary heard the CLT plant in Spokane shut down, and Dan confirms. He asks if this is connected, it is not. Kerry asks why the plant in Spokane closed. The company ceased all operation of all facilities throughout the entire country. This is a different company than what is planning to invest to our plant. Kevin Ashe asks who is responsible for the loan. Dan states that it is Forterra. The loan is to build the infrastructure. We own the land, Forterra owns the building, and the businesses will lease the buildings.
 - ii. Reed motions to approve extension of evidence of financial ability to November 30, 2021. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

2. Community Center Beams
 - i. Gary mentions some beams are cracked. ViAnne Sargent found enough donations to get the beams fixed. There are three companies that have pitched in. Washington Trucking, Green Haven and Hampton donated a total of \$24,688. The repairs will be done by the same company that repaired other beams last year.

XII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Interagency data sharing agreement with Office of the Washington State Auditor
 - i. Dianne says this is done every two years. It's a requirement from the State to have our audits done. This is just a new contract; it is no different than the past.
 - ii. Neil motions to approve interagency data sharing agreement with Office of the Washington State Auditor and for the mayor to sign. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

2. Mountain Loop Highway Recreation Council Letter of Support
 - i. Gary asks who is building the council. Dan believes it is the National Forest Foundation that is taking the lead on this. Gary asks if this council will be for the Mountain Loop Highway all the way through. Dan confirms.
 - ii. Neil motions to approve Mountain Loop Highway Recreation Council Letter of Support and for the mayor to sign. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

3. Washington Creative District - FYI
 - i. Dan was approached by District 38 representatives (Carolyn and Terry). Darrington Strong has contacted them, and they are talking about creating a creative district. This could possibly go from Oso to Bennettville and would have to be a municipality. That might be too big, but it can always reach out to surrounding areas. This will take time. The Town of Darrington would have to sponsor it. This would be operated by and supporting local artisans, such as farm stands, breweries, photographers, and more.

4. Job accelerator program
 - i. This is the Rise Grant; it is due April 2nd. Susan Melrose believes this is valuable to be involved in, but it will need a partnership. We have to have the partnership to be accepted for the funding.
 - ii. Kerry asks why the Town is the lead. Dan says that the first grant is more for the civil work we will have to do at DWIC.
 - iii. Neil motions to approve to join the job accelerator program and apply for the Rise Grant. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

5. Car Show street closures – Aug 21, 2021
 - i. Neil said this is the 3rd annual car show. They will need Darrington Street closed from Elwell Avenue to Sauk Avenue, and Emens street from Darrington Street to right passed the Brewery parking lot. This will be closed from 8 a.m. to potentially 7 or 8 p.m..
 - ii. Kerry motions to approve the car show street closures. Billie seconds. Neil abstains. All in favor. Motion is carried.

6. 1015 Seeman Street drain field
 - i. Dan explains there is a perspective purchaser of this property. He's afraid that the property will not hold an extension of the drain field. He wants to know if we could lease an extension of Harold Engles Park to hold park of this drain field.
 - ii. Gary motions to approve Harold Engles Park for septic. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

- i. Dan mentions he has already gone over a lot of what he has been doing. He did participate in a national panel this week about the landslide legislation that when in this year. He continues to mainly focus on the DWIC project.
- ii. Dan mentions that the T-Mobile cell tower project have become more than we anticipated. No one knew it would be so extensive and destructive. Kirsty speaks to represent 12 homes, most being over 65 years old. This project has been extremely disruptive. Dianne said she spoke with the project manager at 3 o'clock. Dan and Steve agreed it was the best decision to open the right-of-way for the equipment to be able to get out. Gary asks if we can stop the project until this is resolved. This is a much larger project than we were led to believe. Gary asks if T-Mobile will be paying for the right-of-way road. Dan says it is being negotiated. Wyonne asks if we have a stop work order if it will stop phone service. It should not; it is an expansion, not a repair. We will have a stop work order put in first thing tomorrow morning because they breached the contract.

XIV. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. Jim Hale, Airport Manager explains we have a new tenant that bought out one of the biggest hangers we have. In buying the hanger, they want to expand to put up another building. We would be leasing out 60-70% more land than we are already leasing. They are going to work out the kinks and get back to us. Jim mentions there is a diagonal waterline that makes it non-buildable. The helicopter facility offers to lease that area, and blacktop it if need be. We are trying to get the waterline moved this year, so the land should be buildable soon.
- ii. We have two planning commission members leaving effective November 1st. We have advertised for the positions. Once we have approved applicants, we would like to bring them in early so they could be brought up to speed.
- iii. Four of the cemetery board members have resigned this week, leaving only one member. We have advertised for these positions as well. Dan asks if there is still a need for a cemetery board. Gary states that the board helps the council make decisions. The plots that people own are investments, and if something goes wrong it is nice to have the board to access the situation.

XV. VISITORS

- i. Kevin Ashe, Kirsty Green, and Wyonne Perault are present. Kevin wants to talk about the water bank. He wants the council to consider a couple water rights. He hopes that someone fights this. Gary does not think it's going to stop at the Skagit water shed, it will lead into the Stillaguamish. He suggests that the Department of Ecology should be involved as well. If they do not get on board, their say on the Skagit water system is gone too.

XVI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments

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

XVII. ADJOURN

Neil motions to adjourn Jul 14, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 9:45 PM; Reed seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer