

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7:05 PM

II. ROLL CALL

1. Gary Willis - Present
2. Kerry Frable - Present
3. Billie Burtenshaw - Present
4. Reed Rankin - Present
5. Neil Comeau - Absent
6. Dianne Allen - Present
7. Dan Rankin – Present at 7:14
8. Ivy Langston - Present

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Letter of engagement for legal services with Van Ness Feldman LLP
 - i. This was recommended by Grant Weed. We are going to prepare our own letter. The Department of Ecology has only made a draft decision. Golden Eagle will write a letter, and we will write a letter to go to the denial. We won't have a final answer until September. The purpose of our letter is to talk about our right to use our water rights. We won't be mentioning Golden Eagle in our letter. Gary and Kerry ask if this is only pertaining to Adam Gravely writing the letter. Dan states he will only do as much as we ask him to do. It is up to Council to govern what direction we want to go as we learn more information. They will not send out a letter without Town Council knowledge or acceptance. This needs to be completed fairly quickly. Dan is nervous, because as of Friday we had 15 days to get our response in. Kerry asks if we can sit on this, and wait for later. Dan explains that there is a lot of interest in this. The decision could affect pretty much all water rights in Washington state, and what could be done with them. Billie asks what our letter would look like. Dan isn't sure because we have not engaged with consultation yet. There is hope that they will amend the decision letter and change the wording in regards to water rights. Gary wants to know when the letter could be done. Dan thinks he will start working on it as soon as we allow it. He hopes it could be done by the next council meeting on August 11th.

- ii. Gary motions to approve letter of engagement for legal services with Van Ness Feldman LLP and for the mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

V. ADJOURN

Gary motions to adjourn August 11, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 7:32 PM; Kerry seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer