

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

- i. Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary motions to approve August 11, 2021 minutes; Kerry seconds; All in favor. Neil abstains. Motion is carried.

V. Close Regular Meeting – 7:05pm

VI. Open Public Hearings – 7:05pm

1. Cumming Annexation –

- i. Kirsti noted that it would be nice to have the public hearings and council meeting information to be posted to Facebook going forward.

2. Town of Darrington Annexation – formerly DNR property

- i. The annexation will include the property purchased from DNR and the Airport Property.
- ii. Kirsti asks what the plan is for the properties. Dan explains that the DNR land was purchased to give access to the property that the Wood Innovation Center is going to be built on.

VII. Close Public Hearing – 7:10pm

VIII. Open Regular Meeting -7:10pm

IX. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Adrienne Hall – LTAC grant

- i. Adrienne discusses what the LTAC grant is. Adrienne is looking for approval for the Town to apply for the grant for tourism. She discusses that See Source will collect data and compile reports from tourists. She explains that the council can pick 7 points of interest for the Town to receive data on so that the Town can improve its tourism. The company can tailor any type of report the Town would want. The highest number of individuals that come to the county during the summer months are under 40 and are into activities such as hiking and mountain biking. Gary asks what the time frame is that they collect the data? They are continuously collecting data and can go back 3 years. Adrienne explains that once the Town receives the grant, See Source would only need about 10 days to get the information together.

X. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Kirsti asks if there was anything decided for the cemetery board. There have only been two applications. There are 4 positions opened.
2. Gary asks about the open planning commission positions. There have only been two applicants for planning as well. Dan would like to wait until October to appoint new planning commission members.
3. Dan asks the council if they would like to wait a little longer to see if there would be anymore applicants for the cemetery board and they would like to.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adrienne Hall – LTAC grant

- i. Neil motions to approve submittal of LTAC grant and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

2. Adrienne Hall – LTAC grant with Sultan

- i. Adrienne presents a Hiking Trail booklet to the council that has been discontinued. Sultan would like to take the lead on writing a grant to have the booklets reprinted and the information updated. If the County does not want to reprint, the conspiring Cities and Towns can put in more information that pertains more to those Cities and Towns. The County gave a quote but Adrienne believes that they will be able to get it for less than what the County quoted. Adrienne is looking for approval to join with Skyvalley, Granite Falls, Sultan and Arlington to submit an LTAC grant to have the booklets reprinted.
- ii. Gary motions to approve submittal of LTAC grant in conjunction with the Town of Sultan and for the mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

3. Snohomish County REET grant – Old School Park Charging Station

- i. The Town applied for funding for a charging station, a bicycle repair station and dog/water fountain for Old School Park. The Town received \$10,000. The charging stations are \$23,000 so the Town would have to provide \$13,000 to put one in. The watering station was \$5,900 and the bike repair was \$1,600. The bicycle repair has an air pump and tools to make repairs.
- ii. Gary asks if the Town would be able to come up with the \$13,000. Dianne says that the Roads fund would be able to provide the \$13,000.
- iii. Gary would like to see the Charging station because the governor is pushing for more clean energy and zero emissions. Dianne believes that if the Town waits until 2022 REET Grant funding, that the Town would have a better chance of getting more money for the charging station because the governor is pushing for zero car emissions. Gary would also like to use the data from the LTAC grant as part of the REET Grant for 2022 to get a charging station
- iv. Neil motions to approve the Snohomish County REET grant for a watering station and bicycle station in Old School Park and for the mayor to sign. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

4. 2014 Snohomish County Grant (Oso Slide money) \$6,507 still left of the 4 million. - How do we want to spend? Striping? Or Darrington Street overlay?

- i. The estimate for striping the Mt. Loop is \$4,529.28
- ii. Gary asks if there is enough left over if it could be used for signs. Dianne explains that the street signs have already been taken care of.
- iii. If the Town could have done the overlay, the Town would have gone for TIB funding and would use this left-over money as a match but the county is not doing chip sealing.
- iv. Kirsti asks if the triangle at the junction of Fullerton and SR 530 was county. It is not. She explains that that triangle needs to be painted.
- v. Kerry asks about striping the streets in Town. The maintenance crew does have a striping machine and have been striping the streets.
- vi. Gary makes a motion to use the money left from the 2014 Snohomish County Grant to stripe the Mt. Loop. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. USGS Glacier Peak Monitoring - Telemetry Proposed Sites

- i. The monitors need to have a direct line of sight to transmit in real time.
- ii. The three sites that they have in mind are well #1 on the south side of Town, River Time Brewery, and the T Mobile Tower at the west end of Seeman St. They would like the Council to discuss all three sites, but they would prefer well #1. Cadin did say that there is room in the well house but the frequencies would need to be different from the Town's well telemetry.
- iii. Gary likes the idea of using Well #1. He is concerned that the Town may decide in the future to sell the Brewery since it had been discussed in the past.
- iv. Gary asks if there is a timeline. Dan explains that Mt. Rainier is getting their equipment before Glacier Peak, so he believes 2023.

- v. Neil does not like the idea of the Brewery having the equipment because of the lease the Brewery has with the Town.
- vi. Neil motions to approve Well House #1 site. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Dan discusses the progress of the Darrington Wood Innovation Center. The hope is that the groundbreaking would be January. Dan has a verbal settlement from WSDOT on the entrance to the site and he has requested and is waiting on a written settlement.

Gary asks if there would need to be a turn lane put in at the entrance. Dan states that it would be up to WSDOT.

XIII. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

1. Gary reports on the Community Center's Farmers market over the weekend. He states that the market generated \$12,000 for the Community Center. Gary believes that there were 10 or more vendors.
2. The windows for the foyer will be delivered next Monday and will be installed next Thursday. It is a \$29,000 project.

XIV. VISITORS

1. Kirsti asks what the Town's plans are for the Tower. While she was on vacation in Arizona, she noticed that there were branches put on the tower to make them more aesthetically pleasing. She is concerned that the Tower is going to depreciate the value of her home. She is wondering if the Town could get branches for the tower or who would be able to do that. She is wondering what the guidelines are to rent space on the tower. To rent space, an application would go before the Council for approval. She is requesting the information on what kind of radiation the tower emits.
2. Kirsti asks about the standards for placing headstones and placing remains in the cemetery. There was confusion when her father has passed and the past weekend there was a service just like the one, they were hoping for when her father passed. She asks what the process is. Dianne and Kim explain the process and that the issue that her family had is eliminated by the current process.
3. Jon asks if the information gathered from the tourism program is sold to a third party or if the Town would see individual names and numbers. Dan and Dianne explain that no, the Town will not receive detailed information.
4. Jon would like to know the Council's opinion on proof of vaccinations. Dan explains that the Town of Darrington is not perusing mandated vaccines for its employees. Jon is curious on the local governments position on the issue of vaccines and the potential need for vaccine cards. Dan states that the Town does not want to entertain anything that is radical and prevent the Town from receiving grant funding. Reed states for

himself that anything that involves heavy legal fees will likely be avoided by the council.

XV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments

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

XVI. ADJOURN

Neil motions to adjourn September 08, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 8:21 pm PM; Billie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer