

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary motions to approve September 08, 2021 minutes; Kerry seconds; All in favor. Motion is carried.
Gary motions to approve September 15, 2021 minutes; Kerry seconds; All in favor. Motion is carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Tom Barkholz – Botchi Ball Court

- i. Tom is absent. Dan explains that Tom would like to have a Botchi ball court put in at Old School Park. The Special Olympics may have funding to help support the project. Gary thinks that it would be cool to have a court up there. Tom is trying to find funding but just wanted to know what Council would think about having a court put in. Gary would like the project to be supervised by the Town.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Resubmittal of Water Plan to Dept. of Health with changes

- i. Dianne explains that the changes that were made were minor but they were what the Department of Health had requested.
- ii. Dan would like the water attorney to review that plan before it is submitted.
- iii. Kerry motions to approve the resubmittal of the Water Plan to the Dept. of Health contingent on review by the water attorney. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Gary lets the council know that the windows in the foyer of the Community Center have been replaced and that ViAnne painted them. They look good, they did a good job and were able to stay within budget.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Appointment of New members to the Planning Commission

- i. Gary feels that someone that has been in the community longer than 2 years should be appointed to the Planning Commission. And he is wondering if the commission members should live in Town limits. Dan explains that the commission is open to anyone that is in the Darrington School District. The Town advertised the open positions back in June and these two were the only ones that applied. Dan would let council push the appointments back another month but would like to see the appointments made soon because the commission has to review the comprehensive plan in 2022.
- ii. The council would like to wait another month before making appointments.

2. Appointment of new members to the Cemetery Board

- i. There are 4 positions to fill and three applicants.
- ii. Reed motions to approve appointment of members to Cemetery Board. Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
- iii. Kirrsti asks about Billie Lee's application. She has a filled out application but has not turned it in yet
- iv. Garry makes a motion to appoint Billie Lee to the Cemetery Board contingent on Billie Lee turning in her application. Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Ordinance No. 765 – Annexation of DNR property into the Town limits.

- i. Gary motions to approve Ordinance No. 765 and for the Mayor to sign. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Gary commends the Community Center Board for all the work they have done this year raising funds and getting the windows and beams fixed. The gutters on the building need to be repaired or replaced. Gary would like to see the Town pitch in to help repair or replace the gutters. Next year, they are going to have more beams fixed. Dianne states that it would be best if the Town can put it in the 2022 budget.

5. Gary would also like to see new chairs for the Council Members.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Dan has been working with other city/town mayors on what they would like to work with the county on with available funding. They would like to see the funding go towards mental health and substance abuse and the homelessness issues. The County has already earmarked funding for childcare, food security, behavior health, housing availability, development gap in young children, ect. The first few have already been passed by county council.

First meeting for DWIC

The engineers for the civil work will have a bid package ready by mid-November. EDA has two weeks to approve it. Bid process starts in January.

IX. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Jim Hale, Airport Manager is present to tell the council that he has appointed people to the new Darrington Airport Advisory Committee. Dianne does explain that for a committee, the council has to appoint committee members. Jim explains why he has chosen each person. All of his candidates have background in aviation. To be able to have meetings without taking minutes, he has decided that he will just use these individuals as consultants. He just would like to inform the council of the individuals he would be working with to help improve the Town's Airport. Jim introduces Scott Chase who is the new tenant of the Whitaker hanger, which is the biggest hanger at the airport. Scott would like to lease three hanger spots that intrudes on a fenced area. He wants to put a commercial grade, temporary, fabric tent to use for storage. Dianne asks Scott that if he is doing any work in that area, that he fills out a volunteer application so that the Town is not liable.

Scott and his wife own Essential Flight Operations, LLC, which is an agricultural crop spraying business that uses a helicopter. They both are pilots, instructors and have been in the business for about 15yrs. They used to be located at the Arlington Airport and decided to move up to the Darrington Airport because the Arlington area has expanded so much. They would like to put more hangers. The hangers, they would be renting out to other individuals/businesses. Dianne wants to make sure that these sub leases are handled properly. Currently, they are trying to establish their operations. Gary asks if the product that they are planning to store hazardous materials in the tents. Scott says no, they get the product on site and then spray it out. Kerry asks their time frame. Scott says that for the yard that they would like to start that right away. Gary suggests using the ground up asphalt for the road to the area. Jim and Scott have volunteered their time to use the asphalt to grade the road. Kerry asks about having to move the waterline. The Town is already planning on moving the waterline and has almost all the materials to do it but lack the manpower and time at the moment.

- i. Gary makes a motion to allow Essential Flight Operations to lease the fenced area contingent on lease review. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. VISITORS

Kirrsti Green would like to thank the Town for painting the island at the junction of SR 530, Fullerton St. and Seeman St. Dianne lets Kirrsti know that the maintenance crew is looking to get reflective cones for the island too.

Kirrsti does state that the weed processing plant's fumes are permeating into the houses two blocks away and has become bad. Dan has stated that he has talked to the owner, and he

stated that he was going to fix it and it hasn't been fixed. Kirrsti is wondering how the Town holds these businesses accountable and what the recourse is. There should be protocol and consequences. Scott does state that the smell is also strong over at the airport and is concerned at how that reflects on his business.

XI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments

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

XII. ADJOURN

Reed motions to adjourn October 13, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 8:35 PM; Gary seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer