

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

i. Reed motions to approve October 13, 2021, minutes; Gary seconds; All in favor. Motion is carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Snohomish County Health District – Ragina Gray – Public Health in the Community

Ragina Gray is the director of environmental health at the Snohomish County Health District. She is present to share some data trends in Snohomish County and Darrington.

She goes through paper copies of her slide show.

Gary asks if Ragina knows how many Narcan have been used in the Darrington School District. She is unsure but can get the data. Dan does state that zero had been used in 2020.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

VII. CLOSE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 7:17 pm

VIII. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 Property Tax

If the Town raises the tax 1%, the community tax will increase \$2,667.52.

Bridgett asks if the tax has been raised every year. Yes, it has been raised every year.

IX. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:20pm

X. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT –

7:20pm

Last years plan for streets is:

Darrington/Sauk to Squire Creek Road overlay

Clear Creek Road

Trail St extension to Mt Loop

Commercial Ave north from Seeman St giving access to the bus barn

Riddle Lane

Elwell – Darrington to Trail

East Cascade

Seeman Street – from Montague east.

Sidewalks and Curbs

Darrington St W

Fullerton Ave

Mt Loop Highway

Elwell Ave – Darrington to Fir

Cascade Street W

Commercial Ave

Madison St

S. Montague Ave

Emens Ave N/Hwy 530

Kirsti Green asks for verification on what part of Seeman Street because her section of Seeman St. has not been updated. She is concerned about why the Town is getting funding for sidewalks when the Town does not have the man power to keep them clean. Bridgett does state that the sidewalks separate pedestrians from vehicles and some of the streets and Town are too wide causing drivers to drive too fast.

XI. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING -7:27pm

XII. OPEN REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 7:28pm

XIII. APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Ordinance 765 – Property Tax Levy for 2022 tax year

- i. Reed motions to approve 2022 property tax levy. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Airport Lease with Essential Flight Operations LLC – lease area in secured fenced in airport property

- i. Neil motions to approve the airport lease with Essential Flight Operations LLC, and for the Mayor to sign. Kerry seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Landowner Agreement – Town of Darrington landowner and Skagit River System Cooperative – Sauk River Park
 - i. This is to eradicate noxious weeds and replant native plants. It took them about a year and a half to get the funding and now they need the agreement.
 - ii. Reed asks for clarification on the statement saying that they are to maintain until funding is used and then the Town would be in charge. Dan explains that the maintenance will be passed to GPI
 - iii. Reed motions to approve the Landowner Agreement between TOD and SRSC and for the Mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 329 – 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan
 - i. Gary is asking about East Cascade. The council had discussed in the past turning that into a parking lot. Dianne explains that funding is not available for creating parking lots but leaving it as a street, the Town can expand the street to include parking. Gary would like planning to look at possibly doing that and discuss it with the council. Dianne explains that the Town does own the area that is considered parking. Gary would like to see signage put up since there are a lot of people that like to park in and around the park to use the Library Wi-Fi.
 - ii. Kerry was wondering how many ADA Ramps could be fixed with the \$60,000 in funding. Dianne explains all the ADA Ramps on these streets are not in compliance.
 - iii. Kerry motions to approve the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Amendment number 2 to Ground Lease with DWIC – extension to February 28, 2022.
 - i. Forterra has secured the first loan for part of the construction of the DWIC facility. They are trying to secure the second loan. They need the extension on when they start their lease payments to secure the second loan.
 - ii. Gary motions to approve Amendment number 2 to Ground Lease with DWIC and for the Mayor to sign. Neil seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIV. MAYOR'S REPORT

Dan has been on the budget ad hoc committee for the Health District. They presented it to the board of directors, and they have accepted it.

Dan has been working on the legislative ask for the DWIC. The budgeting for this project was done in 2019 and does not line up with 2021 prices/economy. Engineering for DWIC should be complete on November 22nd. It will go to EDA for review and come to Town and Council to review. It will be presented to the Council in December. They are expected to go to bid in February.

XV. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

XVI. VISITORS

Kirsti Green is asking about the Cemetery board meetings. As a new member, she just would like to make sure she hasn't missed any meetings. There is discussion on putting flags on the headstones for Veterans Day. Kirsti would like to put them out on Veterans Day.

Kirsti also informs the council that the smell from the marijuana plant was bad today and is wondering if there is a number that the community members can call. Dan recommends the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Gary does state that down in Arlington, there are several plants by the airport, and you can never smell them.

Kirsti would also like to see the fake branches put on the Tower.

Bridgett was wondering if she could decorate Old School Park with her extra/donated holiday lights.

Dianne informs council that the State Audit starts November 29th.

Interviews for the planning commission are on Wednesday November 17th and Thursday November 18th. Gary would like to be present at the Wednesday interviews. Billie will be at the Thursday interviews. Neil will be at both.

XVII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

1. Accounts Payable/Monthly Payments

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

XVIII. ADJOURN

Neil motions to adjourn November 10, 2021 Town Council Meeting at 8:07 PM; Reed seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer

