

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. ROLL CALL

- i. Evan Craig – Position 1 - present
- ii. Julie Ford – Position 2 - present
- iii. Billie Burtenshaw – Position 3 - present
- iv. Reed Rankin – Position 4 - present
- v. Neil Comeau – Position 5 -present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Neil motions to approve the Agenda as amended. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Reed motions to approve January 12, 2022 minutes; Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

VI. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribal Representatives

- i. Robert Howard, Demi Maltos and Nino Maltos Sr., representatives of the tribe, are present. Robert states that they are here to reestablish a relationship with the Town Council. They would like to partner with the Council to develop a good working/business relationship. The Tribe is working on updating the Mountain Loop County Store and are working on providing the Town with charging stations. The Tribe is working on restructuring the Hardware as well, hoping to bring a wider variety of products to the Town. The Tribe would also like to keep the Town aware of the great things that the Tribe are working to accomplish within the community. Dianne does state that she was speaking with Demi about setting up a meeting between the Tribal Council and Town Council. Neil asks if the charging station is going in at the gas station, Robert states that hybrid stations of gas and electric are coming soon, and the Tribe would like their business to be able to

provide those services. The Tribe is working with an architectural firm to build a facility at Castky Lake and updating the road leading back to the lake. The Tribe are planning on providing firewood, kayaks and canoes plus add docks to fish off of. The Hardware store will be adding an outdoor section that will include bikes, skateboards, camping gear and things that target the community and those that come to recreate.

- ii. Dan does state that he is working with Zply and the Port of Skagit on bringing fiber optic to Town and to make sure that services coming from the north and services coming from the west are talking so that services can connect at the county line. Robert does state that the Tribe is already working on their infrastructure for the fiber optics.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Remove Kerry Frable and ~~Kevin Ashe~~ Gary Willis from signage privileges from the Town of Darrington bank accounts and safety deposit box.
 - i. Neil motions to approve removal of Kerry Frable and ~~Kevin Ashe~~ Gary Willis from signage privileges from the Town of Darrington bank accounts and safety deposit box. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. FYI- Town Council and Planning Workshop February 24, 2022, 7:00pm, Zoom Meeting- Housing Discussion
 - i. Chris Coulier with be holding a zoom meeting for the workshop and he will provide all the data on Snohomish County and have housing capacity for our community and for the valley.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Professional Services contract with Snohomish County – Hotel-Motel Tax Fund for Visitor Analytics Co-op
 - i. Dianne explains the contract with Snohomish County. The Town receive \$7,500 from the County to fund the Contract with DATAFY.
 - ii. Dan explains the information DATAFY collects. DATAFY will share all the information with Council.
 - iii. Neil motions to approve Professional Services Contract with Snohomish County for Visitor Analytics Co-op funding and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Contract with DATAFY – to supply services associated with Snohomish County Co-op.
 - i. Reed motions to approve contract with DATAFY and for the Mayor to sign. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for the Old School Park Improvements (charging station).
 - i. This funding is only for capital improvements for parks which is why the charging station will go into the park. The Town asked for and received \$30,000. Evan asks if who hosts the station

will be in charge in maintenance. Dianne states that the host company will oversee the maintenance. Reed is concerned about having the station in the Town and it not being a source of revenue. Nino states that the Tribe will not be gaining revenue from their charging stations, except for a small amount back on leasing the area the stations will be on. The Town will bring in enough revenue to pay the PUD bill.

- ii. Neil motions to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for the Old School Park Improvements (charging station), and for the Mayor to sign. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Waste Management Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Agreement – this will include the newly annexed properties into the Town Limits.
 - i. This is just a modification to the contract which adds the new annexed properties to the contract.
 - ii. Reed motions to approve the WM Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement, and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
 5. Ordinance No. 770 final approval for the property known as the Cumming annexation.
 - i. Neil motions to approve Ordinance No. 770 final approval of the property known as the Cumming annexation and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
 6. Revised Professional Services Contract with OAC
 - i. OAC is the company that will do the site management for the civil work for DWIC.
 - ii. Neil asks if the Town already has a contract with OAC. Dan explains that the Town does not have a contract. The Town has been working with OAC through Forterra.
 - iii. Neil motion to approve Professional Services Contract with OAC and for the Mayor to sign. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
 7. Production Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars for the 4th of July fireworks display.
 - i. The contract this year went up to \$6,000.
 - ii. Nino and Demi explained that last year there was a huge firework shortage. All of the fireworks were in containers out at sea and the companies were short on drivers and trucks. Nino had to drive across the state 3 times to get fireworks for their stands. Demi states that this shortage will last another 4 years.
 - iii. Kirrsti suggests talking with the IGA to be the recipients of their round up program. Dianne will call the IGA in the morning.
 - iv. Neil motion to approve production agreement with Pyro Spectaculars for the 4th of July fireworks display and for the Mayor to sign. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
 8. Land Lease with Forterra extension
 - i. Dianne states that the Town's attorney suggests that the Council waits on approving the extension until the end of the month. The Council agrees.
 - ii. Gary Willis reminds the Council that if this project does not go through, the Town will have to pay for the 92 acre property out of pocket.
 9. Forterra Mod Pro prototype. Prototype to be displayed at Community Center parking lot March, April, May and June.
 - i. This is a prototype model of the product that the DWIC will produce.

- ii. Dan will discuss this with the Community Center Board next week to bring them up to speed. This is a councilmatic decision since it will be placed on Town property. It will be open for tours on designated days.
- iii. Neil asks if the Town is liable for any damage. Dan says that there is some legal work that needs to be done.
- iv. Reed motions to approve Mod Pro Prototype building to be displayed at Community Center parking lot. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Contract with BHC for plan review and inspection services on DWIC project.

- i. The current company that the Town has a contract with has had to back out of the project. Tim Norbick suggested BHC as a replacement company.
- ii. Neil motions to approve BHC contract per legal advice and for the Mayor to sign. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Dan has been working on the DWIC project for the most part. Today there was a Firewise Meeting that included DNR, USFS, Island Counties, Fire Department and other community leadership, discussing what these organizations can offer fire adaptive communities such as Darrington.

The civil work on the DWIC went to publish and will be published tomorrow in ??? and the Everett Herald on Friday.

Applicants must be reviewed by EDA and Dan is hoping to award in March.

Dan and Neil will be out of town for the Housing meeting; therefore, Reed must facilitate the meeting. Billie is the Alternate Pro Tem

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Neil went to the Community Transit meeting. All those running were reelected.

XI. VISITORS

Gary is asking about the clean air monitor at the school. He is concerned because there was smoke coming from burning towards the edge of town and the smoke was blowing towards the school.

Kirrsti asks if there is anything in the contract with T Mobile about a generator running day and night when the tower was down. Dianne and Dan do not think that there is anything.

Kirrsti lets the Council know that the Cemetery Board is meeting next week with some of the old board members and will have a presentation for the Council at the next meeting. She is working on setting up a meeting for a grant for the Cemetery. They have plans for a Memorial Day service. Dan does state that a veteran in the community is trying to organize a memorial hike through the community.

XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XIII. ADJOURN

- i. Neil motions to adjourn February 9., 2022 Town Council Meeting at 8:30 PM; Reed seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer