

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. ROLL CALL

1. Evan Craig - Present
2. Julie Ford - Present
3. Billie Burtenshaw - Absent
4. Reed Rankin - Present
5. Neil Comeau - Absent
6. Dan Rankin - Present
7. Dianne Allen - Present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Reed motions to approve the Agenda with amendments. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Julie motions to approve September 14, 2022 minutes; Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER

1. Snohomish County Health District – Environmental Health Director, Ragina Gray
Ragina Gray is present from the Health District. She discusses some statistics for environmental health, customer service, and prevention services in Darrington and the county. January 2023, the District will become a Department within the County. Reed asks if there is anything the District is hoping to do by becoming a part of the County? Ragina says that it is mostly to help support health and streamline resources county wide. Jim Hale if the Department under the county would still be run by PDS. Ragina states that the District is just “moving” in the county as a department. No one is going to lose their job and they are staying in the same building. Kevin asks about funding. Ragina states that a majority

of their funding comes from fees collected from permits and that they get a lot of grant funding. To her knowledge financing is not going to change much.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Darrington Wood Innovation Center LLC – Amendment #4, Ground Lease
 - i. Reed motions to approve Amendment #4, Darrington Wood Innovation Center LLC Amendment #4, Ground Lease, and for the Mayor to sign. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Proposed 150ft monopole communications tower – do we want to be a consulting party?
 - i. Council decided not to be a consulting party.

2. Witch Dance Parade – Monday, October 31, 5:00pm.

Tentatively close:

~~Givens – from Alvord to Riddle~~

~~— Riddle – from Mt. Loop to Givens~~

Alvord – from Givens to Mt Loop

- i. Reed motions to approve closure of streets for annual Witch Dance Parade. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Snohomish County – Agreement to Relinquish Real Property Interest.
 - i. Julie motions to approve the agreement with Snohomish County and for the Mayor to sign. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

- ~~4. RJ Group – Term Sheet Agreement – To further economic development on the Darrington Wood Innovation Center property.~~

- ~~i. motions to approve the Term Sheet with the RJ Group and for the Mayor to sign. seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.~~

5. Reed brings up that the council members received an email from the library to see if one of the council members would want to be a board member for the North Counties Communities Collaborative. Wyonne from North County Family Services is present to explain the invite and what the Collaborative is working on. They are working to get transportation for the senior and disabled members of the community. The transportation would be available for everything that they would need, whether it is transportation to doctors' appointments or just out to lunch and a movie. They hold a meeting the first

Wednesday of every month at noon. This member would be able to report back to the council what the Collaborative is doing.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Dan met with Community Transit. They want to put together a collation of community members. Dan took their representatives around the Town so they would get a better understanding of what is needed in the Town as far as other options for transportation for the community.

Will be meeting with Chris Cullier with affordable housing. Dan is looking to build that relationship more with Chris especially with the comp plan update.

Dan and Dianne will be meeting with some planners to go over fee schedule and the planning commission processes.

Dan has been talking to the execs office about when it increases their officer's salaries by over 19% and how that will affect the Town and the Town Budget come 2024.

Well #2 – parts to fix the well should be here beginning of November.

Old School park bathrooms were shut for the winter on 10/3.

With the Library construction, they are going to remove the landscaping that is right up against the building and will not be putting it back. There will be planters. The landscaping on Sauk will be removed as well.

Looking for proposals for a new roof on the warehouse at the airport.

Shut offs – There will be a new system. Hang the door knocker and shut the water off at the same time. Once the bills are paid or payments are arranged, they will be turned back on at 2pm. Anyone who pays after 3pm will be turned on the next morning.

Work on the Slide Memorial – they will start that work as soon as Monday.

Mayors & Business Leaders Coalition for Public Safety – the high points right now are the Blake decision and legislature passed in 2020

Dan and Reed participated in the HART Meeting on Monday – no new big news.

Dan and Andy Anderson went up to Maple Falls and Reece's low boy moved the steam donkey to Andy Anderson's property.

Dianne informs the council that the surplus items have been posted for sale.

The yard debris site at the airport has been closed temporarily. It may be relocated but it will be opened again in the spring and then they are talking with Hampton to go back to taking wood debris.

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

XI. VISITORS

Wyonne – The health department has given North Counties funding to prove science-based information. North Counties is not sponsoring the Witch Dance parade or Trunk or Treat. October 22 is the Show of Hearts. It is 2pm-4pm. She is hoping that some of the council members will be there.

Gary Willis – There is an article in the Seattle Times that the Snoqualmie Tribe pulled grant funding from Forterra and he would like to know how that would affect the funding for DWIC. Dan says that USDA is sticking with the awarded funding. There are Tribal and Forterra Lawyers working together on a path forward. There is a nondisclosure agreement with USDA and Forterra. Dan has been talking with Forterra to make sure the Town is not involved in this except for a letter of support. Gary is concerned that if the Tribe feels misled, it will become difficult for DWIC and any other mills to get wood for their production. Kevin is concerned that this issue will make people question Forterra.

Gary asks if Dan knows if there will be another meeting for Glacier Peak monitoring. Dan says that as of now, there is no meeting scheduled. A student at the University of Idaho did a survey and is compiling that information and turning it into K-12 curriculum. Monitoring is slated to start in 2023. There will be discussion in the spring and then they are thinking that they would be able to start installing the monitors in August, after the snow recedes.

Gary asks how many people have used the charging station at the Old School Park? There were between 3-5.

Kevin Ashe would like to restart the discussion about improvements to the 14 miles of the Mt. Loop Highway that is all gravel.

Kevin asks if there is news on grizzly bears. Dan says that he hasn't heard anything in a long time. Kevin asks for an update on the water bank. Dan says that it is in litigation which includes about 17 Tribes vs US Golden Eagle. Kevin is concerned that the Town will lose its excess water rights and that the Swinomish Tribe will take control of the watershed.

Kevin states that he goes online to check vacation spots and a lot of cities and towns have live cameras that show the highlights of the town. Kevin thinks that that Town should look into having something like that that shows the mountains surrounding the Town.

XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XIII. ADJOURN

Reed motions to adjourn October 12, 2022 Town Council Meeting at 9:05 PM; Julie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer