

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2023

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 - Present
4. Reed Rankin - Present
5. Vacant
6. Dan Rankin - Present
7. Dianne Allen - Present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Reed motions to approve the agenda. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Availability of council members for special meeting for vacant council position interviews.
 - i. Two letters of intent have been received for the council position that has been vacated. Dan would like to have a meeting with the council and these two individuals to conduct interviews. January 19th at 6pm the council will conduct those interviews.

2. Planning Vacancy appointment
 - i. There were two applicants for Planning Commission. Planning Commission has put forth Jake Cummings to fill the vacant position. Evan asks what would happen if Jake, as a local builder, would bring something to Planning Commission. Dianne explains that Jake would just be excused from any decisions regarding his projects.
 - ii. Billie makes a motion to approve the appointment of Jake Cummings to the Planning Commission. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Letter of Agreement with Community Transit
 - i. The agreement is to broaden service to the community with different types of transportation, different times and a pilot program and a partnership with DC Direct and Homage.
 - ii. Billie motions to approve the Letter of Agreement with Community Transit and for the Mayor to sign. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Amendment Number Five Ground Lease with Darrington Wood Innovation Center.
 - i. The only change to the lease is changing the date to 7/1/2023.
 - ii. Julie motions to approve Amendment Number Five Ground Lease with Darrington Wood Innovation Center and for the mayor to sign. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. FYI – Washington Department of Transportation – Temporary Nighttime Construction Notification.
 - i. Work will be on SR 530 from milepost 48.29 to 48.65 and Montague Creek Bridge to Seeman St. Work will be done anywhere from 6/1/2023 to 9/30/2023 for 7 nonconsecutive nights from 10pm to 7am.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. January 18-19- will be at the Port of Portland. The Port was awarded grant funding for wood innovation. They have asked the Town to help with the grant.
2. In February, Dan will go to the AWC Conference in Olympia for the legislative session.

IX. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

X. VISITORS

1. Gary Willis- Are the water projects going to go out for bid soon? Yes, should be later this month. When is the work going to start on the DWIC property? Not until July. All three grants from EDA have been awarded and funded.
2. Rich Dahl – Concerns about the Dollar Tree. He would like to see a better approval process, posting of comment period, and announcements as to what is going on with projects like this. He is concerned that the Dollar Tree will put some of the businesses in

Town out of business. Dianne states that notices were posted, properties within 500 feet of the property received a letter of intent. There were comments from some of the neighboring properties.

3. Jon Allen – Concerns about the Dollar Tree. He is concerned that the motif of the building would not properly represent what the Town is about. He asks if there are certain requirements these builders must meet so their building does not become an eye-sore? Randy does point out that all the structures on that stretch of highway are also mostly metal. Rich's other concern is that the business will not last and then there will be a vacant commercial building as one of the first things people will see when they come into town. Jon would like to see conditions put forth on the aesthetics of the building that better represent the Town as a whole, such as river rock or raw timber.

XI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XII. ADJOURN

Reed motions to adjourn January 11, 2023, Town Council Meeting at 7:59 PM; Billie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer