

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 8, 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. Gary Willis - Present
6. Dan Rankin - Present
7. Dianne Allen - Present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Julie motions to approve February 8, 2023 minutes; Billie seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. Gary asks where the Town is with the waterline projects. The bids came in overbudget so Dianne has petitioned CDBG to increase the funding for each project in February and she has not heard back. Without approval, the Town can not award. Gary asks if the Council has permission to award with the contingency on the approval of increased funding.
2. Gary asks about the grizzly bears. There was an article that he did not agree with that he had recently read. He asks if the Town has heard anything about another meeting and would like one in town. Nothing has been scheduled but Dan says that they were not going to come back to the public until May.
3. Reed asks if there have been people that have signed up for the email list for the Comprehensive Plan. Dianne says that there are about 17-20.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(s)

1. Municipal Code Title 20 – Parks and Recreation – First Reading

- i. 20.04.160 – Gary asks to have park drives specified and asks if that means that children can not ride their bikes through the grass. He doesn't see why it would cause an issue and would like to have bicycle and tricycle stricken out. The council would like to have park boulevard replaced with park pathways.
- ii. Gary would like to see more signage for having dogs on leash. There is a persistent problem with individuals locking their dogs in the tennis courts and not cleaning up after their dogs. It is suggested by a citizen that a portion of the park be established as a dog park.
- iii. For 20.04.200 – Gary asks the council if marijuana should be prohibited in the parks along with alcoholic beverages. Discussion was had about county and state law that bans smoking of marijuana in public places.
- iv. 20.40.210 – “as maybe” needs to be fixed.
- v. 20.40.200 – 10”pm”
- vi. Reed asks if Gary would like to see more signage that provides information on the rules and regulations of the parks. Yes he would.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. The maintenance crew has started to set a priorities list for the coming warmer months.
2. EDA as the largest funder for DWIC – the Town is getting closer and closer to having access to that funding. Dirt work is still slotted to start in July.
3. Tim Johnson – Hampton's Mill Superintendent - Gave permission for the town to restart the wood collection program starting the weekend of May 6th which is the Community Cleanup. It would be run by a seasonal employee. The yard debris dumpster that the Town provides was removed due to the large amount of garbage being dumped on site. The maintenance crew is trying to come up with a solution to allow the Town to continue to provide that service.
4. Dianne, Dan and legal council met to discuss that there are negotiation between Golden Eagle and Ecology for the water bank. There is no information on those negotiations. The Town is still in limbo. These negotiations does not include the Town water bank.

IX. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

1. Gary did talk to community transit about the pilot program and will have a meeting on March 23rd. Lynnwood has a pilot program called Zip Shuttle and has been getting good results and input. Gary wants to know if this will provide more buses up in Darrington. Discussion was had.

X. VISITORS

1. Wyonne – NCFS – working with organizations to get an adult dental van up in Town. It sounds like May is their first date. The van can service up to 6 people. This is for those that do not have dental benefits.
2. NCFS has started its good to be kind – 12 months of kindness.
3. Dr Seuss night March 9th at the school.
4. Eric's Place – out of school program. About 12 kids coming every Tuesday and Thursday.
5. NCFS needs approval for their Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at Heralds Engles Park.
 - i. Gary makes a motion to approve NCFS to hold their Easter Egg Hunt at Herald Engles Park on April 8th. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.
6. NCFS is going to be doing National Night out this year, Tuesday, August 1st. They will need approval for closing Fir Street between Elwell and Givens, right in front of Kid's Place. Wyonne will come back to council closer to the event to have finalized information.
7. Savannah for Darrington Strong Events Committee – Proposal for Darrington Day, July 22, 2023. It would be held in Old School park with vendors, food vendors, live music and children's activities. Still working out details before coming to the council with a final proposal. There are several other festivities going on in Town that weekend. One of the issues that Dianne is concerned with is emergency vehicle access. Savannah will be back in April with more information.

XI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XII. ADJOURN

Billie motions to adjourn March 8, 2023 Town Council Meeting at 8:30 PM; Evan seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer