

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

JUNE 14, 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 - absent
6. Dan Rankin - present
7. Dianne Allen – present

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. – Billie motions to approve May 10, 2023, minutes; - Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER

- Marree Perault: requesting street closure block Fir at Elwell and Emens for National Night Out Aug 1st. Julie motions, Billie seconds, motion carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Municipal Code:

- Nuisances: second reading, 8.08.050 Gary asks for change, “without permission from property owner”. Reed approves with change, Billie seconds, motion carried.
- Animal Control: second reading, Evan motions, Julie seconds, motion carried.

- Public Peace, Morals & Welfare: Gary asks for changes, page 18 item 6, “on weekdays” & “written” removed. Reed proposes to remove July 5th for fireworks discharge and purchase. Julie approves of the changes, Evan seconds, motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(s)

- WA State Dept. of corrections expired contract to extend to May 21, 2025. Reed motions, Evan seconds, motion carried.
- WA State Cannabis/Liquor license for Whitehorse Musician’s Guild, for Dos Agaves fundraiser. Draft of letter, map of event, letter to SnohoCo Sheriff with explanation of traffic control plan. Evan motions to approve licensing, Julie seconds, motion carried.
- Verizon wants feasibility study to use town’s tower, through FAA, FCC, request time for that study with right of entry to explore property. Town’s legal counsel suggested 60 days, Verizon requests 180 days, mayor suggests restricting days and times. The council chooses 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, 120 days. Attorney approves contract, contingent upon Verizon accepting amendments. Approval of agreement with required hours, days, and length of time. Julie motions to approve, Billie seconds, motion carried.

IX. MAYOR’S REPORT

- In Finland for 10 days, delegation with DNR from Maine, Michigan, Washington, Arkansas.
- The MAC, multi-agency council, to work on opioid epidemic.
- Collaborative meeting with USFS, 2 million board feet of sale for target, looking at 11 million for the year.
- Conversations with Darrington Water Association about the future of their water system.

X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

XI. VISITORS

- Sandrah Booze, concerned with kennel codes, 30ft from property lines, does not state that animals must be for sale to be considered a kennel. She would like the neighbor to move the kennels to the other side of their lot, away from her home.
- Savannah Richter, they do not need Emens closed for Fair, non-permanent paint for vendors spots, are there more trash cans, working with Stilly Valley Chamber for Farmers Market starting next year and would like to use a town park, Harold Engles Park, could get a summer program permit.

XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XIII. ADJOURN

- Reed motions to adjourn June 14, 2023, Town Council Meeting at 8:18 PM; - Evan seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer