

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 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. 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. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried

### V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Billie motions to approve September 13, 2023 minutes; Julie seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### VI. GUEST SPEAKERS

1. Adrienne Hall – Composting collaborative with other organizations
  - i. Last month the Food Bank serviced almost 400 families. Most of them are working families. They also deliver to about 17 households. 22523 lbs of food. Some of the produce that they receive is not of the quality that is edible. This is leaving the Food Bank with having to dispose of this product. If they can not find individuals with chickens to feed it to, they must throw it away. As of now, the Food Bank which is a nonprofit, is spending \$200 every two months on garbage service. The idea is to set up a composting system that will help reduce their waste. The composting coalition has spoken to the school about them being able to use a composting system. Adrienne went to a company, Cedar Grove, to see what their system is. Looking at their facility, her and her crew realized that they wouldn't be able to handle a system like that. Cedar Grove would provide a dumpster for compostable items. They would still need to determine a

way to deliver the compost back to Cedar Grove. Adrienne would like there to be a paid position so that there is someone available to process the items coming to the dumpster so that it would not become a dumping place for regular garbage. Gary asks what kind of hours the paid position would have. Adrienne would like Monday through Friday, but it would depend on how much waste they collect. Gary and Evan suggest starting it off as a few days a week or even a few days a month. Dan asks what kind of container would be used. The Town has had issues in the past with the Town's yard debris dumpster becoming a dumping site for regular garbage and would like to make sure that the waste is contained to prevent rodents from getting to it as well. Gary supports the idea, but would also like more information on the containment of the waste and a more thorough plan.

## 2. Sno-Isle Library – Executive Director Lois Langer Thompson

- i. Have been providing services to Darrington since 1946. Free Discovery Passes with Library Card. \$1.5 million in funding has been allocated by the County to Sno-Isle to provide more hot spots and laptops. The library will continue to have in-person programs. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a painting class. Ashley put some thought into the titles of the books that were selected for the book chain during the opening events. She started out with a few books about the Town's history.

## 3. Kevin Ashe – Whitehorse Baseball Fields

- i. Kevin was a group of gentlemen, Gary Willis, Rick Jones, Randy Ashe, and Jan Kittleson, that spent the summer mowing the Whitehorse Baseball Fields, volunteering their time and equipment. There is a lot of work that will need to be done to get the baseball fields back into shape. Kevin suggests that if nothing is done with the field, that the two little fields should be fixed, and the larger field should be used as the dog park. Currently one of the smaller fields is being used as the dog park. The trees need to be trimmed and the scotch broom needs to be taken care of. He would like to see a permanent bathroom out at the park, not a port-a-potty. He suggests that the Town, the County, the High School and DJAA need to get together to decide how to go forward with the fields and if there is anyone who would use them. Gary would like to see the bleachers moved over.
- ii. Kevin informs the council about a meeting about the grizzly bears on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the high school auditorium at 5:30pm. Kevin is petitioning with the county to get Swede Heaven road restriped. DARA is not meeting anymore. The group is slowly dwindling, and he would like to bring on some new individuals to take over.

## VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 1. Ordinance No. 783 – Section 2.12.090 of the TOD Municipal Code – Mayor's Salary

- i. Gary asks, in paragraph B, the last sentence about paying for insurance coverage - does that really need to be in the ordinance? Dianne says no, the sentence will be stricken.
- ii. Gary motions to approve Ordinance No. 783 – Section 2.12.090 of the TOD Municipal Code, as amended, and for the Mayor to sign. Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

### 2. Additional Continued Business

- i. Gary – Cemetery- there is a road that comes off of the highway that is hardly used. The cemetery board would like to see that road decommissioned and sold as cemetery plots. Dan explains that

there is at least one family in the community that uses that road to reach their family plots and are adamant about keeping it open. If it is not to be decommissioned, Gary would like to see that road re-graveled and maintained so that it can be used and it reduces the chances of people driving through grave sites.

#### VIII. CLOSE COUNCIL MEETING – 8:07pm

#### IX. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program Plan – 8:07pm – reopen for sidewalks – 8:16pm

1. Jim asks about Commercial St north of 530. The plan would be to have it paved, but Dan is not sure how far north it would go. Dianne states that on the transportation plan it says 600 feet.
2. Jan Kittleson asks where the money for these projects come from. Dan and Dianne explain that the Town must submit this plan every year, and when TBI opens up funding, the Town can only get funding for the projects on the list. The only issue with TBI funding is that the Town has to provide a 20% match.

#### X. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program Plan – 8:13pm – reclose public hearing – 8:22pm

#### XI. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING -2024 Property Tax Levy – 8:13pm

#### XII. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 Property Tax Levy – 8:15pm

#### XIII. OPEN COUNCIL MEETING – 8:15pm

#### XIV. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(s)

1. Resolution NO. 342 – 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program Plan
  - i. Reed motions to approve Resolution No. 342 – the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried
2. Resolution No 343 – 2024 Property Tax Levy
  - i. Reed motions to approve Resolution No. 343 – 2024 Property Tax Levy and for the council and Mayor to sign. Julie seconds. All in favor. Gary says nay. Motion carried.
3. Ordinance No. 784- Budgeted Property Tax Levied for 2024
  - i. Gary motion to approve the Budgeted Property Tax Levied for 2024 and for the Mayor to sign. Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Interlocal Agreement – Everett Animal Shelter

- i. Gary asks about services included – section C – if anyone from Town limits takes an animal to the Everett Animal Shelter, does the Town have to pay the fees – Yes, but the person surrendering the animal will have to pay a fee and the Town would be responsible for some rehoming fees and euthanasia fees.
- ii. Gary motions to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Everett Animal Shelter and for the Mayor to sign. Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### 5. Additional New Business –

- i. Gary asks if the Town was able to find out what was wrong with the well. The check valve failed. Dahlum will not change the check valve until the Town changes the pipe that goes from the pump to the check valve. Gary would like the Town to look at funding to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> well online. Dianne is writing a grant this week. Gary asks about talking to PUD about moving the power line up by the well house, so they do not have to come up to turn off power whenever there is an issue with the wells.

### XV. MAYOR'S REPORT

Wrote a letter for wild land fire plan.

Attended the first Alliance for Housing Affordability meeting.

Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting – talked about the County Comp Plan

CDBG meeting for well #3.

Met with Congresswoman Schrier, the Mayors of Granite Falls and Sultan – spoke about the grizzlies and timberland projects.

Met with Reid Shockey about the UGA swap and the Comp Plan.

Attended Sno Co leadership with the Executives Office about treatment and recovery for drug addicts.

DWIC – the last thing needed to secure funding is the Clean Air Permit. That is on Forterra.

### XVI. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Jim Hale, Airport Manager – Jim and Mark discussed moving blocks out to the cemetery.

Jim wants to put a grant together for taxi way repair and fencing. The last hanger to go up is in working order now. Scott Case is still, at the moment, the assistant airport manager.

Bob Papadakis – AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer here to support Jim and the Town.

Dianne tells the council that the fence for Dot Park will be going up next week.

### XVII. VISITORS

Josh Gibson – He has had a lot of interest from the community for Boy Scout and Eagle Scout groups. He wanted to get some input. Dianne was a ran the Boy Scouts when her boys were young and offers to discuss it with Josh.

Wyonne – Thanks the council for supporting National Night Out. Opening Erick's place October 17<sup>th</sup>, which is targeted towards older kids. Budgeting classes are starting up. Trunk or Treat October 31<sup>st</sup> at the community center. Won dinner with Sheriff Fortney and his wife in November. Dental Van will be here October 17<sup>th</sup>. Color of fall community dinner, will have auction, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### XVIII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

## XIX. ADJOURN

Julie motions to adjourn October 11, 2023 Town Council Meeting at 9:38 PM; Billie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

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Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer