

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 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 - Absent

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. – Julie motions to approve November 8, 2023, minutes; - Billie seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.
- ii. – Julie motions to approve November 16, 2023, minutes; - Billie seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS

Gary asks about letters submitted under the first EIS regarding the reintroduction of the grizzly bears. Gary was disappointed that there was no one on the stage to answer questions in a forum where everyone could hear everyone. Dan states that is the way they operate, no discussion, argument, or rebuttal. Gary was glad to hear the tribes speak out against the grizzly bear plan. The turnout for the community was good, got good headlines. Assured that the town's letter was brought to the top. Mayor Rankin gave testimony at the Okanogan meeting and heard that a subsequent meeting there got a bit rough, possibly the reason for all the law enforcement officers in attendance at the Darrington meeting.

Gary comments that the work on the skate park is looking good, they are working through the weather, using tents and working several times past dark.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(s)

1. OAC Services Contract – Change Order Number 2 – extending the current contract dates.
 - i. – Gary motions to approve the OAC Service Contract Change Order Number 2 and for the mayor to sign. – Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Ordinance Number 785 – Rescinding Ordinance 704 Cash on Hand for the Department of Licensing.
 - i. – Billie motions to approve Ordinance Number 785 and for the mayor to sign. – Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Cash on Hand Policy
 - i. – Gary motions to approve the Cash on Hand Policy and for the mayor to sign. – Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Ordinance Number 786- 2024 Budget
 - i. – Julie motions to approve Ordinance Number 786 – 2024 Budget and for the mayor to sign. – Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services – Snohomish County
 - i. – Reed motions to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Emergency Management Services and for the mayor to sign. – Gary seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Airport Lease – Gabriela Chase – Drain Field
 - i. – Reed motions to approve the Airport Lease – Drain Field with Gabriela Chase and for the mayor to sign. – Billie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Airport Lease – Gabriela Chase – Living Space Hanger
 - i. – Reed motions to approve the Airport Lease – Living Space Hanger with Gabriela Chase and for the mayor to sign. – Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Community Transit Representative
 - i. – Billie motions to approve Reed as alternate Community Transit Representative for January 18, 2024, meeting– Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

14th Nov. attended public comment NW forest plan BACA, same day in person DEM evacuation plan. 15th Nov water lawyer to speed up water plan process, as of today he will work with Kelli and have plan mid-Feb meeting and corrections, Adam Feldt thinks can have ratified by mid-2024. Kevin Lenon & Nino Maltos to talk UGA, they were curious about the swap that includes tribal property. HMP Amy Rebecca & Jamie meeting. SnohoCo wildland fire plan. Snotrac partners meeting. Entrance audit. Jen Coe Joel Johnson 28th pushing to get CWPP for our community to open funding that is available now. Can to Cane on 12/16/23. AWC advisory committee meeting and learning event. Small Cities connectors in April & May. 11/30 lecture on carbon climate and forestry in Bellingham. Focus on farming/forestry talk. Met with Hampton, Jamie Butler US rep of SW WA running for public lands commissioner. OAC where we are with WIC and funding. DEM about flooding, daily updates. SnohoCo Tomorrow group Affordability Regional Taskforce. MAC group opioid task force. Hestival 250-person event weekend, recreational. Dirty Free Hub July event Read to Ride. SnohoCo Parks levy bond, preliminary, to support parks. AWC newly elected training.

IX. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

Gary attended a meeting at DCC with the school, they received a \$5 million grant for heating, will affect DCC. Will do away with the boilers and steam and install hot water system, will require upgrading electrical at school and DCC. To be done in 3 phases. Will make it better for heat regulation, will lose 3 parking spots for mechanical parts between 2 fire escapes. Most of the work will be done during the summer to be ready for the '24 - '25 school year.

Grant money will be used for generator to run heat for DCC and school and a commercial kitchen in the DCC. BRIC grant under the purview of FEMA. Resurface the parking lot.

Jim Hale – should there be criteria for the slab at the airport? Gary feels there should be a stipulation in the lease. Dan says we need to check the policy first and go from there and need to decide what we want to see at the airport. Evan asks about the difference between the flight line and other spaces. Jim talks about leasing all the space as effectively as possible. Discussion about the monies owed by Scott Chase. Jim asks if the lease will be renewed if Scott catches up on payment. How long after the 31st before the town will foreclose? Dan says the lawyer is working on that now. Gary mentions maybe BRIC grant funds might be used to build on slab as FEMA disaster relief site.

Josh Gibson – Cub Scouts first informational meeting at school. He spoke with Dee Bernache at the Mansford Grange about sponsoring the pack but has not been able to find an organization to sponsor for charter. He asks about DJAA, D-Strong possibly. Gary recommends the Bluegrass Grounds and Association. Dan mentions the Archery range, or possibly the Food Bank.

Jim Hale – ways to bring in education, lots of grant money. Should be able to use the airport building for educational purposes, local skills center.

X. VISITORS

Jim Hale asks about whether Larry Boyd supports the new heating system for the DCC. Gary says the system is much more cost effective.

XI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

XII. ADJOURN

- Reed motions to adjourn December 13, 2023, Town Council Meeting at 9:05 PM; - Billie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer