

# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

### 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 - Absent
4. Reed Rankin - Present
5. Gary Willis - Present
6. Dan Rankin - Present
7. Dianne Davis - 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. – Evan motions to approve January 10, 2024 minutes; - Gary seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

### VI. GUEST SPEAKER – Taylor Luneiu – The Wilderness Society – Sauk River Park

1. Requesting Community outreach support – increasing access to outdoors and restoration at the end of Seeman St., 4 parcels owned by the Town and 1 by Seattle City Light. GPI used the bridges that were there to access for educational purposes, bridges are gone, and access was lost. GPI is working to create a trail system, requires permitting, and is an ongoing process. TWS has been helping to coordinate communications between the different pieces. There is also some funding they have available WWRP Grant late summer or early fall, from State for recreation projects. Need to create a master plan, they have found architectural firm. Week of March 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8th to come to town, tour the area, town meeting. Qualified Darrington to be pre-approved for grant. Shockey has been added project to the Comp Plan. Taylor shares 2 requests from the Town:
  - A. Public space to host event for discussion.
  - B. Survey for the public, assistance from town to distribute.

Late April to have a rough draft to RCO. Dianne raises the concern about the maintenance of the park and the limited resources that the town must take on the job. Per Taylor, because it's in the Wild and Scenic River corridor, may be able to access Federal dollars as well.

### C. CONTINUED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance Number 787 – Approving 2023 Final Budget
  - i. – Reed motions to approve Ordinance No. 787 – Approving 2023 Final Budget and for the mayor to sign. – Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- b. Ordinance Number 788 approving 2024 Budget
  - i. – Gary motions to approve the 2024 budget and for the mayor to sign. – Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary – Hazard Mitigation Plan, per Dan time for grants are passed, HMP is in process but will not be finished until 2025, town will be annexed into that plan and then we can apply for grants.

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

- a. Pyro Spectaculars Inc. – Production Agreement for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display.
  - i. – Reed motions to approve Production Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars and for the mayor to sign. – Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- b. Resolution Number 342 – Policy and procedures to Control and Direct the use of Fuel Credit Cards.
  - i. – Gary motions to approve Resolution No. 342 – Policy and procedures to Control and Direct the Use of Fuel Credit Cards and for the mayor to sign. – Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- c. Resolution Number 343 – Policy on ACH/Electronic Funds Transfers
  - i. – Julie motions to approve Resolution No. 343 – Policy on ACH/Electronic Funds Transfers and for the mayor to sign. – Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- d. Staff Report and Recommendations from Planning Commissioners for council approval of High Mountain Landscaping for preliminary sub-division plat of parcel 32092300204300

## APPEARANCE OF FAIRNESS COLLOQUY

Prior to staff presentation of this quasi-judicial matter, it is important to determine whether the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine requires any member of this body to refrain from deciding the matter. In light of that requirement, I will ask you some questions before we begin.

1. Does any member of this Council have knowledge of or have conducted business with either the proponents or opponents of this application? **No**
2. Does any member of this Council either have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in the outcome of this proceeding? **No**
3. Does any member of this Council know whether or not their employer has a financial interest in the property or area which will be impacted by the decision in this proceeding? **No**
4. Does any member of this Council live or own property within 300 feet of the area which will be impacted by the decision in this proceeding? **No**
5. Does any member of this Council have any special knowledge about the substance of the merits of this proceeding which would or could cause the Councilmember to prejudge the outcome of this proceeding? **No**
6. Is there any member of this Council who believes that he or she cannot sit and hear this matter fairly and impartially both as to the respective positions of the proponents and the opponents in this proceeding? **No**
7. Has any Councilmember had any ex parte contacts concerning this matter? **No**
8. Is there any member of the audience who because of the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine wishes to disqualify any member of the Council from hearing this matter? **No**
  - a. – Reed motions for approval/disapproval of High Mountain Landscaping Preliminary Sub-division plat application and to execute the notice of decision subject to conditions stated in the staff report and for the mayor to sign. – Julie seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Interagency Data Sharing Agreement – Washington State Auditor – this agreement allows the Town of Darrington to exchange confidential information with the Auditors office.
    - i. – Reed motions to approve the Interagency Data Sharing Agreement with Washington State Auditor’s office and for the mayor to sign. – Evan seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary is proud of water system accomplishments.

### E. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Housing mtg.
- Talking with C-RECC about rural childcare, licensing help
- MOU to ILA with SnohoCo about Whitehorse Park to define responsibilities and use
- Interest in capital project ideas to pursue funding

- CWPP mayor on committee to foster plan

## F. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

## G. VISITORS

Taylor shares that the FS has expressed interest in creating workforce housing in Darrington, possibly replicating a project in Colorado.

## H. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

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

## I. ADJOURN

- Evan motions to adjourn February 14, 2024, Town Council Meeting at 9:07 PM; - Julie seconds; all in favor; motion carried.

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Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dianne Davis, Clerk-Treasurer