

JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 PM

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

III. OATH OF OFFICE

Newly elected Town Council members oath taken and sworn in.

- i. Evan Craig – Position 1
- ii. Rob Requa – Position 2

IV. ROLL CALL

1. Evan Craig - present
2. Rob Requa - present
3. Billie Burtenshaw - present
4. Reed Rankin - present
5. Gary Willis - present
6. Dan Rankin - present
7. Dianne Davis - present

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Billie motions to approve the January 14, 2026 agenda. Rob seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Gary motions to approve December 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, minutes; Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Burial Services at the Town of Darrington Cemetery are now available on weekends for an additional fee. Details to be posted and updated on the Town's website.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for WA State for Intrastate Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN)
  - i. Motion to approve the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for WA State for Intrastate Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) and for the mayor to sign. Gary motions to approve Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement; Evan Seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.

2. Reece construction change order #10 – added limited release of work.
  - i. Motion to approve Reece Construction change order #10. Rob motions to approve Reece change order #10; Evan seconds; all in favor; Motion is carried.
  
3. Agreement with Hale Milligan and Associates – Engineering services for the Well #3 Waterline Project.
  - i. Motion to approve the agreement with Hale Milligan and Associates for engineering service on the Well #3 waterline project. Gary motions to approve the agreement with Hale Milligan and Well #3. Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.

## IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Three Seismic monitors on Glacier Peak will be finished being installed by later 2027. The old monitor was updated last year.
2. Darrington currently receives 0.25 from real estate excise tax, most all other cities receive 0.50, Dan and Dianne are looking into how to increase Darrington's to the same.
3. Update on the Sauk River Discovery Park. The City of Seattle currently owns the property the park would be built on. The sale of the property to the Town of Darrington under the current new law requires Seattle to offer the property for sale first to the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe. Mayor to update as he receives further information.
4. Sauk-Suiattle Tribe is working on getting emergency road funding to help get the Forrest Service Road 26 wash out fixed in order for Tribal members to be able to access their cemetery.

## X. COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- i. Council to vote on the Mayor Pro Tem two-year term. Council elects Billie Burtenshaw to continue to be Mayor Pro Tem. Gary Motions to approve Billie Burtenshaw as Mayor Pro Tem; Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.

## XI. VISITORS

1. McKenzie Boyd representing the Darrington School District with information regarding the Proposed school levy and reminding community members to vote by February 10<sup>th</sup> 2026. For more information on the current and replacement levy visit [www.darringtonschools.org/2026-epo-levy-information](http://www.darringtonschools.org/2026-epo-levy-information)
2. Dee Bernache & Kerry Higgins representing the Mansford Grange raising awareness of the 250<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States of America. The grange is planning numerous activities around the Town and would like help/ideas & participation from all who would like to.

## XII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL

- i. Gary motions to accept the list and approve accounts payable payments. Evan seconds; All in favor; Motion is carried.

## XIII. ADJOURN

Evan motions to adjourn January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026, Town Council Meeting at 8:07 PM; Reed seconds; All in favor; Motion carried.



Dan O. Rankin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianne Davis, Clerk-Treasurer