



Town of Skykomish
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Mon March 12th, 2018
5:00 PM

Members Present: Members Present were Henry Sladek, Shelly Farnham, Todd Brunner, and Frank Martin.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Tony Grider led the pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

Amend/Approve Agenda: Agenda re-arranged to put Garbage Appeal Decision Request first, address Hazardous Mitigation Grant Report – Town Engineer Report and GNCR Use Agreement at the next meeting, and add discussion of Tractor Repair, and Wheelchair Ramp Repair. Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve the agenda, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

Approval of January 8th Council Meeting Minutes: Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve the minutes. Council Member Shelly Farnham seconded, all in favor.

Approval of January Claims: Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve claims, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

Mayor Report:

No Mayor Report this month.

Hazardous Mitigation Grant: Steve Larner answered questions about the need for pump repairs at the lift station. A seal leak indicates repair or replacement is needed. Council Member Henry Sladek motions to approve, Council Member Todd Brunner seconded, all in favor.

Garbage Appeal Decision Request: Town Member Bonnie McCausland petitioned the Council to forgo her monthly garbage fee as she currently does not produce enough garbage for weekly pickup and only uses once a month, if at all. Mayor Tony Grider has decided not to make an exception. Council Member Henry Sladek provided the rationale that making one exception puts the entire system at risk. Council Member Shelly Farnham would like to further investigate the impacts of allowing garbage collection fees to be waived. The Council decides to let Mayor Tony Grider's decision rest.

Town Council Letter to WSDOT Regarding FLAP Grant Final Report: The Council would like to see softer working in the last 3 paragraphs of the draft. Council Member Shelly Farnham would like to see a reiteration of expectations at the end of the letter. Official addressee(s) have yet to be determined. Suggestions also included talking with Mark Leth before sending and to put some emphasis on thanking WSDOT for getting the grant and their hard work whilst admonishing the department that did not do their job.

Community Assistance Planning Team Grand, Shoreline Master Plan Update & Transportation Improvement Plan Update: BHC is doing Shoreline Master Plan Update, paid for with a Department of Ecology grant. Comprehensive Plan updates are not being paid for. A technical assistance team (CPAT) is willing to help, additional support from BHC would be an additional \$10,000 - \$15,000.

Comprehensive Plan Funding Request- BHC: More information is requested by the Council such as what the comp plan requirements are, when it is due, who does it, and typical cost. Does the CPAT involvement have to coincide with the work authorization to complete the comprehensive plan? No vote by the Council.

Garbage Ordinance Request: Ordinance 8.15.050 will change container capacity to not exceed 32 gallons each. Weight of the container must not exceed 40 pounds. Ordinance 8.15.060 will include a clause listing holidays the town does not collect garbage. Collection will occur the following day. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to approve, Council Member Henry Sladek seconded, all in favor.

Commercial Water Meter and Septic Tank Connection for Skykomish Hotel: The town shall pay the water connection fee, approximately \$2000, for the Skykomish Hotel. Council Member Todd Brunner recuses himself from the decision as he is the current contractor renovating the hotel. Council Member Henry Sladek motioned to approve, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

Strategic Economic Development Funding Request: Up to \$5,000 is requested to hire someone to develop an RFP for procuring further funding to strengthen the economic development of our town. Council Member Todd Brunner found a surplus of \$10,000 in the general fund which should be able to cover this expense. Council Member Frank Martin would like the opportunity to vet any potential candidates, so Mayor Tony Grider is to bring bids and consultants to the Council for authorization. No motion is taken.

Tractor Repair: The Council needs an additional week or two to review the numbers. No motion is taken.

Wheelchair Ramp at USPS Lease Building: The cost of this work is fully refundable through an insurance claim against the contractor who admits fault in hitting the ramp. The Council would like to see two additional bids. No motion is taken.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Council Member Todd Brunner motioned to adjourn, Council Member Frank Martin seconded, all in favor.

Alan Grider, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sage Bryden, Deputy Clerk

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